

January 29, 2010

### Dates to Remember:

Jan 31 - **JPII Open House** Catholic Schools Week begins  
Feb 1 - Spirit Day  
Feb 1 - Celebrate Service Day  
Feb 2 - Teacher Appreciation Day - say something nice to yours!  
Feb 3 - Parent Appreciation Day  
Feb 4 - Student Appreciation Day—book sale in cafeteria \$.25 ea.  
Feb 5 - Grandparents/VIP Day - starts at 1:00 in church  
Feb 8 - Progress Reports go home  
Feb 9 - Can Day  
Feb 9 - 5th grade to Starbase  
Feb 9 - Bishop Miede Music Fest for 6,7 and 8th graders  
Feb 10 - Papa John's Night  
Feb 10 - Parent-Teacher conferences 6-9 p.m.  
Feb 11 - Noon Dismissal  
Feb 11 - Valentines Day Parties (Preschool's at 11:00)  
Feb 11 - Parent-Teacher conferences 12:30 - 5:00 p.m.  
Feb 12 - No School K-8 (Preschool in session)  
Feb 12 - PTO Skating Party 5-7 p.m.  
Feb 12 - Bishop Miede Pizza Party 6:00 p.m. for 7th and 8th graders  
Feb 15 - President's Day No School Pre-8

### Mass Schedule

Fri. Feb 5 1:00 p.m. Both priests will say Mass & 6th grade plans  
Thurs. Feb 11 Fr. Ken says Mass and 1st grade plans it.

### Catholic Schools Week Activities

We have great plans for the week of Jan 31st - Feb 5th. Here are some:

**Sunday Jan 31** - Open House 9:30-1:00 Please come through the school with your family and friends!  
11:00 Mass - please plan on attending at either parish. All students attending please wear uniforms. Let's show the parishes what great students we have!  
\*Students attending SPX mass are encouraged to join the Youth Choir. The rehearsal for youth choir begins at 10:30 a.m.

**Monday Feb 1** - Celebrate Service! Kickoff assembly in gym with a guest speaker. We'll start our service project: Tower of Towels

**Tuesday Feb 2** - Teacher Appreciation Day. Say thank you to your favorite teachers!

**Wednesday Feb 3** - Parent Appreciation Day. We love our parents! Watch for special "stuff"!

**Thursday Feb 4** - Student Appreciation Day. Dress down day for all students. Book sale in the cafeteria—all books \$.25  
Read in in the gym with our school family and... Surprises!

**Friday Feb 5** - Grandparent/VIP day. Meet in the church for Mass at 1:00 followed by a few skits and songs. Collection for Haiti relief at Mass. After Mass go to classrooms and see what's new at JPII.

### Spelling Bee at JPII

We had an exciting Spelling Bee at John Paul II on Tuesday, January 26th. All our Contestants did a great job.

Congratulations to our school contestants:  
4th grade: Olivia Boling Minh Nguyen  
alternate: Anthony Ceja

5th grade: Alyssa Sanz Bridget Hannon  
alternate: Megan Schulte

6th grade: Sean Miller Shannon Sutherland  
alternate: Daniel Huynh

7th grade: R.J. Jordan Wes Mendenhall  
alternate: Christian Steger

8th grade: Harley Astorga Elizabeth Gress  
alternate: Bailey Conklin

The last 2 standing were:

1st place - Olivia Boling  
2nd place - Harley Astorga  
alternate: Minh Nguyen

They will compete in the Johnson County Catholic Schools Spelling Bee held at Bishop Miede High School on Tuesday, February 2nd at 12:30. Congratulations and best of luck!!

### Caught Ya's

Great job to these students who were caught showing patience at school. We're glad to see it!

AJ Brady	Xavier Urbina	Max Mayerle
Harley Astorga	Mia Falcon	Kindergarten
3rd grade	4th grade	YEAH!!

### Collection for Haiti

Remember the collection at the All School Mass on Friday, February 5th will be a collection for Haiti. You may bring in money early and we will hold it at the school until that collection if that helps you remember!

### Catholic Schools Week Celebration at QHR & SPX

Please join John Paul II as we celebrate Catholic Schools Week on January 31st at the 11:00 Mass. We are asking for the students to wear their school uniforms to Mass to represent our school. Students attending Mass at St. Pius X are encouraged to join the Youth Choir by sitting by the choir section and arriving at 10:30 to rehearse.



# PTO News!

## Notes from the Counselor

The Parent Institute had some good notes to share:

Schools are responsible for teaching your child. But schools can't do their job if your child is absent. Learning builds day by day. A child who misses a day of school misses a day of learning.

Being late for school hurts a child's learning, too. A student who is 10 minutes late every day will miss 30 hours of instruction during the year!

Children can copy notes or make up an assignment, but they can never get back what's most important: the discussions, the questions, the explanations by the teacher and the thinking that makes learning come alive.

## Papa John's Night Winners

The class with the most participation last month was Mr. Owsley's 4th grade class. Congratulations! They get a pizza party and the school earned \$57.37 THANKS!

## Thank You To Be In the Newspaper!

We received a letter of thanks from Children's Mercy Hospital for the donation the STUCO made. As a result of that donation John Paul I Catholic School will have our name listed as a Holiday Hero in *The Kansas City Star* on Superbowl Sunday, February 7, 2010. Way to go STUCO!

## Check Out the PIT

The Parent Information Table has some interesting things on it again! There's listing of classes for parents, PTO upcoming events and comment cards for past events, Cub Scout project updates and personal achievements by some of our students. Stop by during Open House and see what's new!

## Chili Bingo Update:

We served over 100 people, we had many winners in our bingo games and raised money for the PTO. Thanks for all those who attended. Special thanks to the many volunteers: Patricia and Aaron Manning, Jana Manning, Laura Owsley, Rika Ryan, Christine Silman, Susie and Ron Mayerle, Anne Borders, Lori and Paul Franke, and the St. Pius X Men's Club. The Golden Crockpot Winner was Ken Boling!!!

**Thank you** for sending in your Box Top labels! Over 40 students returned sheets. Don't forget we collect Campbell's Soup labels, Tyson A+ Labels, Best Choice and Box Tops. Check out [www.boxtopsforeducation.com](http://www.boxtopsforeducation.com) site for more information.

**Highlights from our last PTO meeting:** We renewed our 15 year contract with Linweld Inc. They supply our helium tank and with Innsbrooke they supply our trash bags. The Husky Hustle raised \$2,366.00, Holiday Shoppe raised \$1,856.00 and our Teachers received \$2,250.00 this past December. The current PTO Budget report is available. All PTO papers can be found in the PTO box in the front office. Upcoming events are the skating party Feb. 12th, Lenten dinners in March at both parishes. We need help filling 2 chair positions; Spring Fling Chair and Nominating Chair. E-mail Jill at [sonic1us@yahoo.com](mailto:sonic1us@yahoo.com) for more information.

## PTO Skating Party

The re-scheduled Skating Party is February 12 from 5-7p.m. at SkateWorld at Shawnee Mission Parkway and I-35. Admission is \$5.00

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**JPII Spring Flower Sale**

The flower sale continues! Are you selling the flowers?! Don't put it off!

**Help with Flower Sale after Masses!!!**

As part of our flower sale we are needing students to sell flowers after the Masses at each parish. These sales will go towards your family goal! Please contact the office if you are interested in selling after a Mass on the weekends of February 6-7 and 13-14.

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