

March 27, 2009

PTO NEWS

Dates to Remember:

March 27 - PTO fish fry at SPX
 March 30 - Chat'n'Chew Mrs. G's 1st grade
 March 31 - Confirmation at SPX
 March 31 - Spring Pictures - dress up (no jeans)
 March 31 - Student Lenten Penance Service 9:00
 April 1 - Uniform shorts may be worn
 April 1 - Talent Show Permission Slips due
 April 2 - Chess Club
 April 2 - 3rd grade fundraiser: pizza lunch
 April 3 - Middle School Mixer in JP II gym 7:30-10:00
 April 3 - PTO Lenten potato/pizza dinner @ QHR
 April 5 - Palm Sunday
 April 6 - Spirit Day
 April 6 - PTO Meeting (dinner at 6:00, meeting at 6:30)
 April 8 - All School Mass at 8:15
 April 8 - Papa John's Pizza Night
 April 9 - Dramaturgy 11:00
 April 9 - Noon Dismissal - Holy Thursday
 April 10 - No School/No Child Care - Good Friday
 April 12 - Happy Easter!
 April 13 - Easter Break - No school/no child care
 April 14 - Classes resume
 April 14 - Chat'n'Chew 1-O
 April 14 - Talent Show Practice 2:00—bring costumes!

Mass Schedule

Friday, April 3 Fr. Cullen has Mass & 6th grade plans
 Wednesday, April 8 Fr. Ken has Mass & 5th grade plans
 Friday, April 17 Fr. Cullen has Mass & 4th grade plans - with breakfast following for their parents.



Talent Show

In order to fit in a practice run for the talent show and finish up Kansas Assessments we are MOVING THE TALENT SHOW DAY. It will be **April 17 at 1:30** with the practice on April 14 at 2:00. Permission slips must be signed and returned by April 1 to participate. This is a fun activity for students, but no one is under any obligation to participate.

Mixer

The last middle school mixer of the year will be on April 3rd from 7:30-10:00 in the JP II gym. The cost is \$5 per student and all the usual rules apply!

Basketball Uniforms

PLEASE return your child's CYO uniform to the office now! Only half of the uniforms have been returned. Please return the uniform, freshly laundered and in a bag with the child's name on it. There are also half of the coaches that have not returned their gym key and game balls to the office. Please remember to return these things next week!!!

Chat'n'Chew News

Students must have read the book to participate in meetings:

March 30 - Mrs. G's 1st grade, *Zack's Alligator*
 March 31 - 2nd grade, *George the Drummer Boy*

If you are available to help out show up 5 minutes before lunch-time!

We need parents to bring dessert items for the Lenten dinners. Please bring any dessert items to school anytime during the school day listed below:

SPX is on Friday, March 27th
 QHR is on Friday, April 3rd

Mark your calendars for the next PTO Dinner & Meeting on Monday, April 6th. The meatball spaghetti dinner starts at 6pm and meeting at 6:30. Babysitting is provided. Join us in the JP II Cafeteria.

News from the Counselor

Characteristics of a Mature Family

(taken from Counseling Connections - Therese Kearns McKechnie, LCSW)

Mature families are able to meet life challenges and find ways to regroup and rebalance themselves. Some of the characteristics they seem to have in common are:

- * Expressions of appreciation.
- * Spend time together.
- * High degree of commitment to the family (traditions and rituals).
- * Productive communication patterns where people are heard.
- * A philosophy that guides, a belief system a way of finding meaning.
- * Conflict resolution where compromises can be made.
- * Acceptance of individual differences and interests.
- * Sense of humor.

Papa John's Pizza Night Winners

Thank you to all who participated in the last pizza night. The school raised \$49.11 and the class winning a free pizza party is Mrs. Janner's 3rd grade! Way to go!

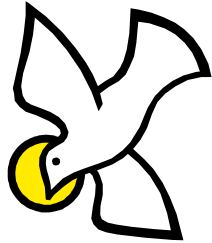
Pizza Lunch

Thursday, April 2 is a fundraiser lunch for the 3rd grade to go to Earthworks. There will be NO HOT LUNCH served that day. The only lunch is Pizza - and each student must bring money that day for the pizza or a COLD Lunch!!! Thanks for your support.



Musical

There will be a bake sale after all Masses at St. Pius X this weekend to raise money for the musical. The middle school will be putting on a production of Annie, Jr. on April 23. Please help support the excited stars.



Congratulations

To all our 8th graders who made their **Confirmation** this week or next. We're proud of the effort, the service, and the prayers they completed along the way to receiving the Holy Spirit. They are:

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| Jessica Abels | David Amer |
| Katie Arnote | Braeden Bradshaw |
| Leah Brown | Kate Chaney |
| Alex Dennis | Sarah Drake |
| Shannon Gentry | Natalie Hauber |
| Theresa Hegstrom | Dane Janner |
| Emory Lacy | Hannah Lickteig |
| Morgan Maloney | Alexis Manthei |
| Morgan Mendenhall | Jefferson Merys |
| Rachel Nowak | Ulises Ogaz |
| Le3ah Quick | Alex Ragland |
| Olivia Rodman | David Shimmel |
| Catherine Strayhall | Roland Vaca |
| Emma Welch | Dean Wheeler |

TreasureFest

An event that is being held to benefit the CEF (Catholic Education Foundation) is taking place on May 3, 2009 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. at the new Kansas City Power & Light District. It is called TreasureFest-God's Family Gathering of Time, Talent, and Treasure. It is a celebration of fine arts in Catholic schools and recognizes the importance of the arts as well as a Catholic education. All of the schools in the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas have been asked to participate in this event.

Treasure Fest will consist of student performances, both vocal and instrumental, followed by a Catholic rock band, The Thirsting, from Vancouver, WA. There will be a special guest performance by KC's very own nationally renowned jazz artist, Ron Gutierrez.

In addition to the concert, there will be an art display showcasing work from several of the KCA Archdiocesan schools as well as vendor booths and food specials for those attending TreasrueFest.

Mrs. Mahoney and I have decided that our Middle School Choraleers which consist of 38 middle schoolers will be performing to represent JPII. More information will be coming soon. Student performers and teachers will receive complimentary PARTICIPANT tickets that will be distributed in advance. Additional tickets are \$10.00 per person or \$25.00 per family pack which includes 4 tickets.

Please be aware of this event and date, especially if you have a middle school student who is part of our choraleer group. I really think it will be a wonderful event, one any of our parents and families would enjoy. I'm so excited to be celebrating the arts!!!



JPII PTO Fish Fry & Mac and Cheese

Join us for a Lenten Dinner

Friday, March 27, 2009

5:00 - 7:00p.m.

St. Pius X Church Basement

Adults \$6.00

Seniors & Children \$5.00 (3 yrs & younger free)

Families (4+) \$20.00