

March 5, 2010

Dear Families,

*The word for the week is...TESTING! The students and teachers are psyched at being able to showcase all of their hard work. This week we completed the reading 3 part tests and began the math part 1 test. As soon as the results could be seen, we couldn't get on line fast enough to view them. We are extremely pleased with the scores we have seen thus far!! It has been exciting also to see the enthusiasm and spirit the kids have shown. It truly is a joy to be a part of all of this. You should be very proud. I know I am very proud of my faculty and staff for caring as much as they do and I am thrilled for them to be able to see the results of their hard work.*

*Thanks to everyone who participated in the flower sale. From what we can tell, 51% of families participated. We are happy with the dollar amount generated and can only dream about how good the numbers could have been had we had 100% participation. Hopefully, some of those families who didn't purchase flowers will buy them at the public sale in May while they last.*

*We're glad to see March and we hope with it comes warmer weather and more days of recess outside!*

*Blessings, Susie English*

### Dates to Remember:

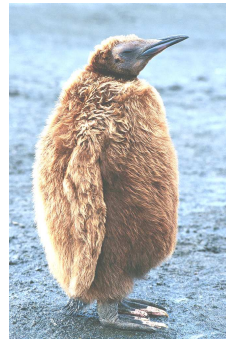
March 5 - PTO Lenten Dinner at QHR  
March 7 - SPX Confirmation 2:00 p.m.  
March 7 - QHR 2nd graders attend 9:00 a.m. Mass please  
March 9 - 5th grade to Starbase - Graduation day!  
March 9 - Can Day  
March 10 - Enrichment classes for 3rd & 4th grades  
March 10 - Chess Club 3:15 p.m.  
March 10 - Papa John Pizza Night  
March 12 - End of 3rd quarter - Noon Dismissal  
March 12 - 8th grade vs. teachers volleyball game!  
March 15-19 - Spring Break!!  
March 22 - Classes Resume  
March 22 - Registration Packet for 2010—2011 due  
March 23 - Penance service 9:00  
March 26 - Stations of the Cross 2:00  
March 28 - QHR 2nd graders attend 11:00 a.m. Mass please  
(April 6 - First day to wear uniform shorts!)

### Mass Schedule

Fri. Mar 12 Fr. Cullen says Mass & 6th grade plans  
Fri. Mar 26 Fr. Ken says Mass & 5th grade plans

### Registration Packets

Did you get your packet? If not please contact the school office as soon as possible. Class sizes will be determined after the March 22 due date. We have had quite a few families enroll on-line! Hopefully that made it easier for you. Remember your registration **fee** must be paid to complete the process and to secure your student's space in the classroom.



### Testing Continues

We have made it through the first week of testing! Thank you for getting the students here well fed, with a good night's sleep, and avoiding the appointments for a week! The testing will continue Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this coming week. So, same rules apply! We are sure the things the students have learned this year will come shining through.

We have COOL Students at JP2!

### Science Olympiads Soar!

We had GREAT results at the Science Olympiad Competition. Twenty middle-schools in the area participated (most much larger than our school!) and all of our students were OUTSTANDING! Here are our medal winners:



#### 4th place - Airplane:

Gretchen Burchstead & Elizabeth Gress

#### 4th place - Pentathlon:

Jack Gress, Elizabeth Gress, Jordan Setzkorn, Caitlyn Sutherlin

#### 2nd place - Experimental Design:

Jack Gress, Caitlyn Sutherlin, Jordan Setzkorn

#### 1st place - Battery Buggy (car)

Nick Corkill & Thomas Lundine

Mrs. Brown gives all the credit to the students. Sometimes they convinced *her* to stay later and keep working on their projects! There were also students that were not on the team that stayed some nights and worked with their classmates. We would like to thank them for their contribution too. They were: Nathan Hauber, Daniella Taylor, Nico Marquez, & Ben Burchstead. Thank You!

This really becomes a team effort. Thank you all for your support and encouragement. Mrs. Brown, take a few minutes to yourself sometime this week and just smile and breathe!

These prayers were handed out by the 8thgrade at the All-School Mass. We hope your Lent is going well.

**For a Better Lent**

- Give up complaining; focus on gratitude.
- Give up pessimism; become an optimist.
- Give up harsh judgments; think kind thoughts.
- Give up work; trust Divine Providence.
- Give up discouragement; be full of hope.
- Give up bitterness; turn to forgiveness.
- Give up hatred; return good for evil.
- Give up negativism; be positive.
- Give up anger; be more patient.
- Give up pettiness; become mature.
- Give up gloom; enjoy the beauty around you
- Give up jealousy; pray for trust.
- Give up gossiping; control your tongue.
- Give up sin; turn to virtue.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE  
8TH GRADERS MAKING THEIR  
CONFIRMATION**

This week Archbishop Keleher will be at  
St. Pius X for Confirmation.  
Congratulations to our students making the  
commitment to this step in their adult faith.

- Ashley Borders
- Ben Burchstead
- Bailey Conklin
- Elizabeth Gress
- Nathan Hauber
- Jack Hemberger
- Katy Miller
- Jordan Setzkorn
- Daniella Taylor

**Brush Off Your Tap Shoes!**

The 2010 JPII Talent Show has been scheduled for April 9th! Permission slips will go home next week. We are looking for acts showing off the talents of our JPII students. Acts should begin **PRACTICING** now! We'd like to avoid karaoke acts—unless they have practiced dance steps to go with them. In order to get everyone in, acts must be under 2 minutes.

**PTO News!**

PTO Lenten Dinner at QHR is on March 5 and SPX is on March 26th. Consider volunteering for one. You can bring the family to eat, donate dessert items, or both!!! We need student helpers too! Shifts are from 3 to 8 p.m. We will serve from 5 to 7:30 p.m. this year. Call Jill Molina at 913-636-5601.

Yes, we need donations for dessert for the Lenten dinner at QHR on March 5th and SPX on March 26th. Please bring desserts to school office for QHR on March 5th and SPX office on March 26th. Thank you!

**LENTEN DINNER MENU**

- BAKED TILAPIA
- FRIED CATFISH
- MAC/CHEESE
- GREEN BEANS
- BAKED POTATOES
- SALAD
- ROLLS
- DESSERT ??
- WE NEED YOUR HELP
- PLEASE BRING IN DONATIONS
- FOR \$ DONATION
- WE WILL HAVE BEER/WINE
- MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup> , 5 - 7:30PM
- QUEEN OF THE HOLY ROSARY
- COST
- \$8.00 PER PERSON
- 4 YRS old and under is FREE
- CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING
- CALL JILL @913-636-5601
- SUPPORT JP2 PTO

**Flower Sale**

**And the WINNERS are:**  
**The class with highest participation,**  
**winning a pizza party**  
**The 8th GRADE**  
**Total sales to date are \$13,403!**  
**With a good public sale when flowers**  
**arrive we will hit our \$8000 goal.**  
**Thank you all for participating.**

**CYO News**

You can still sign up for CYO Track & Field. It's a great Spring time healthy activity for students in grades 3-8. Contact L Astorga@swbell.net Go Huskies! Basketball uniforms need to be: 1) washed 2) put in a plastic bag 3) labeled with you NAME 4) turned in to the school office. Thank You!