

November 20, 2009

**Dates to Remember:**

- Nov 20 - Progress reports go home
- Nov 20 - National Catholic Youth Conference
- Nov 22 - SPX Confirmation meeting at 9:30 a.m.
- Nov 23 - No band class
- Nov 24 - 8:15 All School Thanksgiving Mass
- Nov 24 - Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast
- Nov 25 thru 29 - Thanksgiving Break
- Nov 26 - *Happy Thanksgiving*
- Nov 29 - First Sunday of Advent
- Nov 30 - Classes resume
- Nov 30 - No band class
- Dec 3 - SAR/QAR Visit (Accreditation Process)
- Dec 4 - No School K-8 preschool IN session
- Dec 6 - St. Nicholas Day
- Dec 7 - Spirit Day
- Dec 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception - All School Mass
- Dec 8 - Can Day
- Dec 8 - All School Mass 8:15
- Dec 9 - 2nd grade field trip
- Dec 9 - Enrichment classes 4th and 3rd at 3:15-4:15
- Dec 9 - Papa John's Night
- Dec 10 - Christmas Concert 7:00 in QHR church
- Dec 10 - After concert punch & cookies gathering
- Dec 11 - Honors Choir sings at Villa St. Francis & Crown Cntr
- Dec 15 - Penance Service 9:00 a.m.
- Dec 16 - Band to see Nutcracker
- Dec 18 - Christmas Parties
- Dec 18 - Noon Dismissal begins Christmas Break
- Jan 4 - Classes resume

**Mass Schedule**

- Tuesday, Nov 24: Fr. Ken will say Mass & 5th grade plans
- Thursday, Dec 3: Fr. Cullen will say Mass & 7th grade plans



**Fr. Ken Is Feeling Better**

He thanks you all for the prayers and kind thoughts. He reports he is on the mend and back to his regular routine!

**Mr. Otis Mikle Doing Better!**

Mr. Otis continues to bet better and is now at home, recovering. The cards we have sent and are continuing to send will help him on his road to recovery—you know how bored you can get while at home getting well!

*Dear All,*

*I will never forget this Principal's Day! The notes and nice thoughtful gestures were "over the top!" The morning assembly with the kids was so special to me... their song, banner and kind words. Thanks also to the PTO for my fun CD and gifts. Would the real author of that please come forward! It was terrific!!*

*I am so blessed to be a part of this fantastic JPII school community. Thanks again for making the day so memorable!*

*Love, Mrs. English*

**On Our Website**

3rd grade has completed a PowerPoint project on Saints. These have been posted to the school website on the 3rd grade link. Please take a look at their nice work!

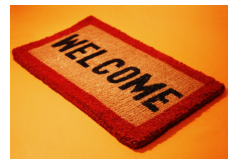
**Coat Drive for STUCO**



STUCO is collecting gently used coats for the "Coats for Kids" drive through Pride Cleaners. Please bring in your old children's coats before Thanksgiving.

**New Faces!**

We would like to welcome some new staff members! Mr. Raul Pacheco will be taking over Mr. Otis' daytime custodial duties for a while. He comes to us from St. Michael the Archangel School and will take good care of us in Otis' absence. Beginning the evening cleaning we are excited to welcome Marc Pineda and John Rineman. They will be in the building after hours and keep the building looking spic and span. Please take a minute to say hello and welcome our new staff.



Also a quick THANKS to John and Joey Rineman for stepping into the custodial position at the first indication that Otis would not be here. We appreciate your quick response to help.

**Caught Ya's**

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

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| Aria Utt     | Xavier Urbina | Ana Tevis    |
| Leah Mailand | Grace Larkin  | Griffin Ryan |

Way to go!!!

# PTO News!

The Holiday Shoppe was a great success! The PTO earned just over \$1750 from the sale. Thank you to everyone who helped and everyone who shopped! A special thanks to those who moved tables, set up tables and tore down tables; those who baked and worked shifts at the PTO table, those who put up signs and passed out flyers, and all the little jobs in-between. A great big thanks to Lou Anne Wagner, Bridget Harville, Gene Maya, Julie and Jerry Hauber, Antoinette Covington, Laura Owsley, Tim Johnston, Pat Wendler, Jill Molina, and Susie English. We couldn't have done it without you!

PTO upcoming events:

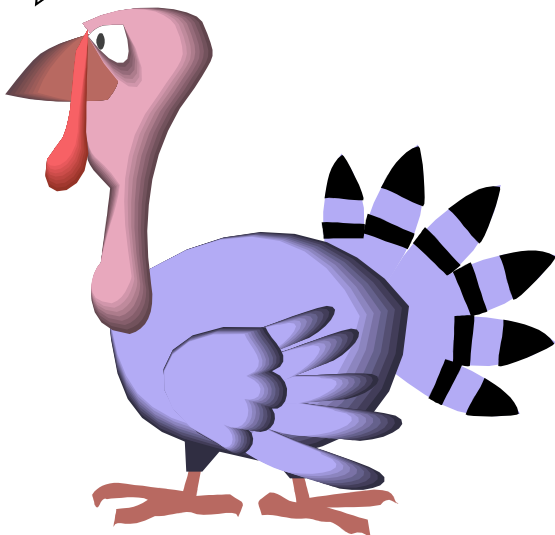
Dec 10 - Punch reception following the Christmas Concert

Dec 18 - Christmas Parties in classrooms

Jan 17 - Chili Bingo & PTO meeting at SPX

If you haven't signed up to work one of these and you can spare your time or talent contact Jill Molina at [sonic1us@yahoo.com](mailto:sonic1us@yahoo.com)

*Gobble! Gobble!  
Gobble up this newsletter because  
there won't be one next week!  
Happy Thanksgiving!!*



## SCRIP News:

Do you have hard-to buy-for teenagers on your Christmas list? Purchase SCRIP gift cards for American Eagle, Express, Gap, Old Navy, Best Buy, i-tunes, AMC, Chipotle, or Cinemark and let them shop for themselves! Get your order in early to ensure availability of gift cards.

## Please change your Directories!

Misti & Paul Steger

Chandler 3rd grade & Christian 7th grade

Anne & Matt Borders

Jacob 6th grade

Call the school office for more information!

## Uniform Do's and Do Not's

With the cold weather streaking in we would like to remind you to check your handbook regarding what is "legal" to wear as the school uniform. A few things to double check:



Leggings/Tights - Navy or White only - no lace on bottom

JPII sweatshirts only - others are considered jackets.

Solid navy or wine colored sweaters.

Uniform shirts must have a collar.

White turtle necks may be worn UNDER uniform shirts.

T-shirts worn under uniform shirt must be plain WHITE.

Thank you

## Can Day Changes

In order to encourage the students and their families to save and recycle aluminum cans we are starting this incentive program:



- Every student that brings in aluminum cans will receive a special popsicle stick to turn into their teacher.
- If a family brings in a bag of aluminum cans each student in the family will receive a popsicle stick to turn into their teacher
- The class with the highest percentage of participation will win a "Crazy Can Day" award. This will vary each month, but will be a Crazy Hat, Sock, or Slipper,...Day.
- The Crazy Day will be the Wednesday after the Can Day! So, December 9 will be Crazy Sock day for one class!

Start saving that aluminum and bring it into the school on Can Day. Our next Can Day is December 8!

## Rosaries for the Troops

QHR parishioner, Michael Mahr is working on his Eagle Scout project. He is making 3,000 rosaries to go to Catholic soldiers over seas. If you or your group would like to help make rosaries or donate rosaries to the project please contact Michael at 913-384-3169 or [www.rosariesfortroops@gmail.com](mailto:www.rosariesfortroops@gmail.com) This is a great opportunity for service hours!