

November 21, 2008

Dear families,

As I begin to write this "Thanksgiving" note, it seems the word thanks just isn't enough. At this time of year we say it often (I hope), but I truly want us to reflect on what that really means. In a time when the economy is scary and the state of our nation is somewhat unsettled, I feel it is very important to dwell on those positive things in our lives we experience every day. At school here it is important to be thankful for John Paul II that it has come together so beautifully, so thankful for being able to freely pray to our Lord and experience the sacraments together often, so thankful for being able to educate and be educated, so thankful for feeling healthy enough to enjoy our days, and so thankful for our friends and family who support us daily.

I know I speak for my entire staff and faculty in wishing you and yours a beautiful Thanksgiving holiday and thanking you for sharing your children with us!

Blessings, Susie English

Dates to Remember:

- Nov 24 - Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast 2:30
- Nov 26, 27 & 28 - Thanksgiving Break - No school Pre-8
- Nov 29 - Advent begins
- Dec 1 - Spirit Day
- Dec 1 - All School Advent Service
- Dec 3 - Enrichment classes: 4th & 5th grades at 3:30
- Dec 4 - Chess Club 3:30-4:30
- Dec 5 - 2nd Grade parent breakfast after 8:15 Mass
- Dec 5 - 2nd & 3rd grade field trip
- Dec 5 - Advanced Band to see The Nutcracker
- Dec 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- Dec 8 - 8:15 Mass and parent breakfast for 7th grade parents
- Dec 9 - Can Day - bring aluminum before school!
- Dec 9 - Advent Penance Service 9:00
- Dec 10 - Papa John's Night
- Dec 11 - Christmas Concert Pre-8th grade 7:00 in QHR church
- Dec 12 - End of 2nd quarter
- Dec 12 - Prayer service for Our Lady of Guadeloupe 11:00
- Dec 12 - Noon Dismissal (afternoon preschool IN session!)
- Dec 12 - 7th/8th grade mixer at SPX from 7:30-10 p.m.

Mass Schedule

- Tuesday, Nov 25 Fr. Ken has Mass & 3rd grade plans Mass
- Friday, Dec 5 Fr. Cullen has Mass & 2nd grade plans Mass - parents of 2nd graders invited for breakfast afterwards!
- Monday, Dec 8 Fr. Cullen has Mass & 7th grade plans Mass - parents of 7th graders invited for breakfast afterwards!

SCRIP for Christmas

Starting this week, we will be ordering gift cards weekly in anticipation of Christmas. Orders for "order only" items or for Large Volume of cards must be received by Sunday afternoons in order to get in the order by Friday of the next week. You can call Mary Lou Richardson at home at 913-341-7894 by Sunday afternoon to place those kinds of orders. Get your orders in early to ensure you get everything you want in time for Christmas! Thank you!

Welcome to our School!

We would like to give a big JP II welcome to Lilli Quantz. She has joined us in Kindergarten and we're glad to see her smiling face there each day! Take a minute to say hello to her and her parents and grandparents when you see them in the halls.

Lilli Holtsclaw-Quantz
7028 Walmer
Overland Park, KS 66204 913-677-1822

A Bit of Respect Please

The piano that is upstairs by the gym door is used for school activities and is NOT for the use of students waiting for a ball practice to begin or finish! Please have some respect for the school property and do not use it or let your children use it without permission from the school office.

Science Lab Requests:

- Old CD players and/or motors
- Aluminum pie pans
- #6 plastic (deli containers)

No Newsletter Next Week

Due to the short school week we will not send out a newsletter next week. Happy Thanksgiving!

Bundle UP!

Students WILL be going outside for recess. Please send heavy coats, hats, scarves and gloves when needed.



Unattended Children

Please do not let children wander in the school unattended by an adult. If you are coaching, or in charge of a troop or group you should have all children (including siblings of those in your group) with you. Everyone's safety is important!



SCRIP

SCRIP gift cards, like all gift cards, will not work after coming into contact with a magnet. Please be careful with purse latches, cell phones, etc. If you have a card that does not "swipe" at a store the cashier can punch the numbers in manually, but it is not convenient! Please let us know if you have problems with your SCRIP cards.

Caught ya's

Here is this week's list of student names drawn from those who got caught being good!



Angelina Sanchez
Daniella Taylor
GraceAnn Wheeler

Reece Oler
Anthony Wells
Paul Huynh

Griffin Ryan
Alex Sanz
Josh Manning

A Big THANK YOU!!!



The 2008 Holiday Shoppe was a great success bringing in just over \$1800! Thank you to everyone who played a role in this event: PTO bakers and those manning their table; 8th grade students, their parents and Mrs. South; those who made signs and placed signs; those who moved tables, set up tables and tore down tables; those who cleaned; those who adver-

tised; those who decorated; THOSE WHO SHOPPED and those who provided their priceless support. We must mention by name who helped make this Holiday Shoppe such a great success:

Nancy Burchstead, Karen Chaney, Leslie Schulte, Bridget Dennis, Tim & Anne Hannon, Nancy Gress, Mike & Krystal Schwabauer, Georgi O'Toole, Dean Wheeler, Misti Stager, Marc Molina, Aaron & Patricia Manning, Andrew Molina, Charlie Kaifes, Carolyn Kidder, Luis Astorga, Nan Lacy, Katie Arnote, Deanne Arnote, Alex Ragland, Pat Wendler, Susie English, Lacey Lazarczyk, Natalie Hauber, Spring Wittmeier, Morgan Maloney, Tricia Miller, Joe Hemberger, Alex Hemberger, Bridget Harville, Otis Mickle, Gene Maya, Marco Marquez, Jefferson Merys, Eryn Merys, Danny & Renee Falcon, Cathy Sutherlin, and an even BIGGER thank you to Jill Molina, Lou Anne Wagner, Antoinette Covington, Julie Hauber and Laura Owsley!!!!

It wouldn't have been a success without you ALL.

Thank you,
Susan Merys

Uniform Alert!!!

We have printed bright green Uniform Alert forms. The teachers and Mrs. English will be handing these out to students with uniforms on that need some attention. Please check your student uniform (skirt, pants, sweat-shirt,...) is it

Long enough?

Clean?

Hemmed?

In need of mending?

Take some time this long weekend to check it over

Coffee, Latte, Hot Cocoa...

Students are expected to finish their breakfast before arriving at school. Due to our Wellness Policy, cups of any kind of drink in the morning are not allowed in school. We allow water bottles on hot days, but nothing else please. Students will be asked to throw away any drink they bring in from now on.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2ND GRADERS



Our 2nd graders made their First Reconciliation this month. We are proud of the step they are taking in their faith. They are:

Seagera Brock

Katherine Cronin

Angy Doni

Lena Doni

Christian Kubas

Subregdia Lewis

Thomas Miller

Asher Molina

Hunter O'Shea

Colin O'Toole

Alex Rice

Will Rice

William Sharpton

Chandler Steger

Brooke Tran

Riley Vanderwerf

Fiona Walther

Anthony Wells

Jack Westhoff