

St. Patrick School Family Newsletter

February 24, 2010

Dear Parents,

We received a call from Bishop Reiss yesterday that he will not be in attendance at our Mass tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. Students will still attend Mass. The Mass with Bishop Reiss has been rescheduled for Monday, March 8 at 2:00 p.m.

This Saturday, February 27, our school will again have a concession stand at Cobo Hall for *Autorama*. My husband and I will serve as chairpersons of this fundraiser. Those who worked previously for the auto show have been contacted to assist us. Because of schedules, some will not be able to help and we are in need of approximately five – six more people to help on Saturday. If you are available to from 8 a.m. – 2:15 p.m. or 1:45 – 8:00 p.m., please call the school office or return the form below by tomorrow. Our school was able to raise over \$1,000 for our one day commitment at the auto show. It is our hope that we raise at least that much at *Autorama*. Those who helped at our first venture of running a concession stand agreed that this was a positive experience. Please consider lending a hand if you are able.

If your family did not sign up to host the St. Francis of Assisi Cross, I encourage you to do so. Families will have the cross in their homes for one week and are encouraged to pray for vocations each day. The cross is sent home on Wednesday and should be returned the following Tuesday. I thank Fr. Bob for allowing us to use this cross and hope that more families volunteer to take advantage of this opportunity.

St. Patrick School graduate, Jilleanne Rookard, is currently competing in the women's speed skating events for the Olympics in Vancouver. In the 3000 meter she placed 12th, in the 1500 she placed 24th, and the 5000 meter will be today. Besides information in the Monroe News, last week's Michigan Catholic had an informative article about her. Being part of the 2010 Olympics is a wonderful achievement and I wish continued success to Jilleanne with her speed skating.

Over twenty students in grades 5-8 have volunteered to be in the cast of Wizard of Oz. To support the cost of purchasing scripts, costumes, and scenery, the St. Patrick School Drama Club is now selling ad space in their program for the upcoming production of the Wizard of Oz. These ads are a great way to promote a business, a sale, or offer a coupon to our patrons. Ads are also an excellent way to support for the cast or a specific actor/actress by including an encouraging or congratulatory message to one or more of them. All ad sales will be used for Drama Club endeavors. Ads must be paid for at the time of purchase and the ad form can be found in today's family envelope. Further information is included on this flyer. *The Wizard of Oz* will be presented on April 30, at 7:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

Please remember to use the website as a tool for finding information about the special classes each day, hot lunch, and other school events. Mrs. Laginess is very conscientious about updating the website and provides a wealth of current information. I thank her for her efforts to create this outstanding website. The school office receives many positive comments from prospective parents, as well as current families.

Thank you to Mrs. L who is chairing the Scholastic Book Fair which will be held on March 5 - 8, 2010. We are in need of parent volunteers for the book fair, particularly on Monday, March 8 and after the weekend Masses on March 6/7. Please complete the form at the end of today's letter if you are available to help. Students will preview the book fair on Friday, March 5. This year again we are offering our *\$1 for Books* program. You are asked to donate a dollar and sign the attached book slip to be displayed at the book fair. Your donation will go directly to purchasing more books for our school. Scholastic will match your donation with a similar donation to three non-profit organizations. See the flyer in today's family envelope for additional information.

PHONE CHAIN: On Monday there were several breaks in our school phone chain. Although many families are on Airport's Honeywell system, some of our families are not, which is why we continue to activate the chain. If you are unable to reach the family next to your name, or reach an answering machine, it is necessary to contact the next name on the list to keep the chain going. If you are not currently receiving a call from Airport's Honeywell system and would like to be included on that list, please contact our school office. We recommend that all families sign up to be

on Airport's Honeywell contact system. This allows you to receive the information in a more timely manner so that you can prepare accordingly for your children's care.

LITTLE CAESAR FUNDRAISER: Last week families received an informational letter and order form the Little Caesar fundraiser which begins last week and continues through Wednesday, March 3. The items ordered will be delivered on Thursday, March 11.

CYO SPRING SPORT SIGN-UPS: Students in grades 5-8 who are interested in playing baseball or softball this spring are invited to sign up on one of the following two dates in the gym lunchroom. The fee is \$25.00 and should be paid at the time of sign-up.

- Sunday, February 28, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 pm.
- Monday, March 1, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Wednesday, February 24 (PHYS ED)

- Service Project Jean Day
- Drama Club 3:00 – 4:15 p.m.

Thursday, February 25 (MUSIC)

- Mass 2:00 p.m.
- Scholastic "Click" Interactive Learning Club orders due

Friday, February 26 (PHYS ED)

- Progress reports sent home

Saturday, February 27

- Eighth grade retreat

Sunday, February 28

- CYO Spring Sport Sign-ups 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Monday, March 1 (ART)

- CYO Spring Sport Sign-ups, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 2 (PHYS ED)

- Mass 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 3 (MUSIC)

ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT TUITION ASSISTANCE: Application forms are still available in the school office for the Archdiocese of Detroit Tuition Assistance program. The cost for submitting an application is \$21.00 and the due date is April 12, 2010. I encourage our families to submit an application.

SMCC TRANSPORTATION: Some of our St. Patrick families have expressed an interest in utilizing the SMCC bus for transportation to SMCC. Several years ago there was a stop at St. Patrick School for students going into Monroe. We are seeking to determine if families would be interested in once again having a stop here. For those that are interested, you may contact Jack Giarmo at SMCC or send in a \$50 registration fee for bus service with a note that you would like transportation from/to St. Patrick School. It is my understanding that there is an option to select transportation for morning only, afternoon only, or both ways. More information is available from Mr. Giarmo.

MEN'S CLUB FISH FRIES: Thank you to all who signed up to help with the Men's Club fish fry last Friday. Help is needed for the remaining fish fries on March 5, 19, and 26. Although it was not indicated on the sign-up sheet, desserts are also needed for the next three fish fries.

THE INSPIRATIONAL LIFE OF NICK VUJICIC from *No Limbs to No Limits*: Sponsored by Heartbeat of Monroe on Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the MBT Expo Center, Monroe County Fairgrounds. There is a \$10 general admission cost and tickets are available at the door or may be purchased online at www.Showtix4u.com. Nick Vujicic, born without arms or legs, inspires all to look beyond their present trials and seek out the bigger picture the Lord has for each person. You will be captured by Nick's humor, charm and powerful message.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP: The next *Protecting God's Children* workshop that will be held in our area is at St. Joseph, Maybee on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. The workshop will be held in

Madonna Hall and a light supper will be available from 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. To register for this workshop, go to www.virtus.com or contact Mrs. Sroka for help in registering.

YEARBOOK: We are in need of classroom, special activity, and sports photos to include in the 2009-2010 yearbook. If you have pictures to share, please contact the office.

RACHEL'S CHALLENGE: The *Rachel's Challenge* program offered by Monroe Middle School for seventh and eighth graders and their parents has been rescheduled for Wednesday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the MMS auditorium.

MSU ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS: Visit the MSU website: <http://gifted.msu.edu> to learn about a variety of summer programs for junior high and high school students. High school opportunities include visits to other countries. The junior high classes focus on math and science enrichment.

AN EVENING WITH MR. SMOOTH: See the enclosed flyer regarding *An Evening with Mr. Smooth*, presented by the St. Patrick Booster Club. Tickets may be purchased for \$6.00 in advance or \$8.00 at the door.

SCRIP NEWS: Be sure to check out the updated Scrip order form by visiting the school website. Drop off your order to the school office or send in with your child by Friday for delivery the following week. Several gift cards are regularly stocked including Marathon, Speedway, and Wal-Mart. If you have not used Scrip, keep in mind that it only takes a few minutes to get started. You still have time to earn a tuition credit for the 2010-2011 school year. Contact Erin Shrewsbury or Beth Hammermaster to receive your start-up information. As of right now, families and school have earned approximately \$2,500 in scrip this period. Our goal is to earn \$4,000 by April 30, 2010. You can help by sending in your order today!

ROAST BEEF DINNER HELP NEEDED: If there are any girls in grades six and above who would like to help serve at the Roast Beef Dinner, please call Mary Ann Dobberstein at 654-0676.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

If you love, you will be loved. If you fear, you will be feared. If you serve, you will be served. *St. Giles of Assisi*

Ruth Meiring, Principal

COBO HALL AUTORAMA SHOW

Saturday, February 27, 2010

_____ I am able to help at the concession stand on Saturday from 8 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.

_____ I am able to help at the concession stand on Saturday from 1:45 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

_____ I am interested in carpooling to Cobo Hall on Saturday.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISSI CROSS

Request for Cross

_____ My family would like to have the St. Francis of Assisi cross sent home for a week to pray for vocations and other special requests.

Family Name: _____

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR - March 5 – 9, 2010

I am able to help on the following day(s):

Friday, March 5 _____ 8:00 a.m. until approximately 12:00 noon for student preview

Saturday, March 6 _____ After the 5:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday, March 7 _____ After the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Sunday, March 8 _____ After the 10:00 a.m. Mass

**Monday, March 9 _____ Morning
 _____ Afternoon
 _____ All Day

Name: _____ Phone: _____

****Much help is needed on Monday, March 9, since Stacey Langton, book fair coordinator, is unavailable due to her work schedule that day.**