

St. Patrick School Family Newsletter

January 13, 2010

Dear Parents,

January 10 – 16 is National Vocation Awareness Week. During this week we reflect on our call through Baptism to joyfully serve God in a vocation to the priesthood, religious, single, or married life. It is also an opportunity to reflect upon the unique gifts that each of us is given to be successful in our vocation. Please pray for our young people as they seek to understand the vocation that God has called them to. During Mass Father Bob reminded us that prayers for our own vocation as well as for others and listening time with God will enable us to make a good choices for our vocation. I thank several of the 5th grade students who presented a communion reflection at Mass on what a “call” from God might have been like for Father Bob and myself when we reflected on what our vocation would be many years ago. This week students in all grades are making cards for over 40 seminarians at Sacred Heart as well as the priests in the Monroe Vicariate, and religious sisters we know. These cards will be sent thanking them for choosing a religious vocation in the Catholic Church.

Discernment Prayer for Vocations

By Sisters of Notre Dame

*Walk with me, good and loving God, as I journey through life.
May I take your hand and be led by your Holy Spirit.
Fill me, inspire me, free me to respond generously to your call.
For I believe you desire my deepest joy,
And it is only in your company
That my soul will be satisfied
And my life will find its meaning and purpose. Amen.*

Today parents are receiving a letter about the *Think First and Stay Safe* Lures program. Please review the information and contact the office if you have questions.

Final preparations are being made for Catholic Schools Week on January 24 -31. This year our theme is *Catholic Schools: Dividends for Life*. We will end the week’s activity with an All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast sponsored by the Men’s Club and our science fair display on Sunday, January 31 from 8-11:30 a.m. Please see the “Help Needed” form located at the end of today’s letter if you are able to help with various activities that week.

Our PALS (*Pupils Accelerated Learning Support*) program restarted last week. This recess program is offered on Wednesdays. Thank you to our older students who graciously assist with this program. These students enjoy lunch with their primary grade buddies and then spend recess time with their partner doing enrichment or reinforcement activities.

Congratulations to our Geography Bee winners.

Today *Studenttreasure* books were sent home with those who purchased them. I compliment our students for their creative writing and artistic skills. I also thank our teachers for providing this opportunity for our students to have a professionally bound book as a keepsake of their writing skills. Parents who purchase these books each year often comment on the tremendous growth in the writing skills of their child and his or her classmates. To receive a book parents needed to have a paid order prior to the publication of the book. You are welcome to view the classroom books in the school office. The following is a list of the class book titles:

Kindergarten: “On the First Day of Kindergarten”
Grade 1: “First Grade Bible Stories”
Grade 2: “Everyday Heroes”
Grade 3: “Seasons and Holiday Cinquains”
Grade 4: “Thank you God for Everything”
Grade 5: “When I Grow Up”
Grade 6: “Moments That Matter”
Grade 7: “Chef Gustou’s Food Friends”
Grade 8: “Around the World”

Be sure to mark your calendars for the fifth annual *Sloppy Joe Social* at the YMCA which will be held on Saturday, February 13 from 6:00 – 11:00 p.m. I thank Mrs. G for once again organizing this fun family event. See the enclosed flyer for more details.

Thank you to all who will be working at Cobo Hall this Sunday, January 17. If you are attending the Auto Show on Sunday, stop by our pizza booth and your food will be served with the award winning smiles of our team.

This week we will resume sending the St. Francis Cross and prayer card to a school family. Families are asked to pray the *Prayer for Vocations* and any other prayers they would like each day. If your family would like to have the cross for a week, please contact the school office.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Wednesday, January 13 (ART)

- Girls A vs. Meadow at Trinity Lutheran, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 14 (PHYS ED)

- Boys B-2 vs. St. Charles at St. Patrick's, 6:30 p.m.
- Boys A-1 vs. St. Michael at St. Patrick's, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, January 15 (MUSIC)

Saturday, January 16

- Boys B-1 vs. St. Michael at MCCC-North, 9:00 a.m.
- Girls B-2 vs. St. Charles at St. Patrick's, 9:00 a.m.
- Girls A vs. Trinity at St. Patrick's, 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 17

- Auto Show Concession Fundraiser
- Boys A-2 vs. Holy Ghost at Lutheran South, 2:00 p.m.
- Boys A-1 vs. Trinity at Trinity, 2:00 p.m.

Monday, January 18

- No School for Students; Professional Development for Staff

Tuesday, January 19 (PHYS ED)

- All School Mass 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 20 (ART)

- Girls B-2 vs St. Charles at St. Charles, 5:30 p.m.
- Boys B-2 vs St. Charles at St. Charles, 6:30 p.m.
- Boys B-1 vs St. Joseph @ St. Patrick's, 6:00 p.m.

BAKE SALE AND COOKBOOK SALE: I am looking for someone to chair a bake/cookbook sale that will be held after the Masses on January 30-31. The Saturday night sale would be in the Church after Masses. On Sunday the baked goods would be sold in the gym during the Men's Club breakfast.. Proceeds will be used for the purchase of our interactive white boards and an electronic individual response system.

ST. PATRICK SCIENCE FAIR: In January we will have the annual St. Patrick Science Fair. Judging begins on January 29, 2010 and the projects can be viewed during the Men's Club Breakfast on January 31 from 8:00 – 11:30 a.m. Any student at our school may participate by creating a project. Rules and regulations are available from Mrs. Zochowski or the school office. If you find the packet of information overwhelming or difficult to understand, contact your child's science teacher for additional assistance. We look forward to the students' projects and celebrate the most important outcome of our Science Fair, the joy of learning that comes from scientific discovery. All students in grades K-8 participate with either class or individual projects to explore the wonders of science.

Please make sure your child's Science Fair project is completed and turned brought to the gym by 7:30 a.m. on Friday, January 29. When arriving, please check in with our science teachers for the location and number of your project.

Science Fair projects should be picked up after the Men's Club Breakfast on January 31 between 11:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon.

SERVICE PROJECT: This month we are supporting *Project Halo*. We are collecting items that can be used to create a 'pillowcase fun bag' to be distributed to children who are currently sick in local hospitals. Some of the items needed include children books, coloring books, crayons, stuffed toys, game pieces for checkers or tic-tac-toe, solid color pillowcases, children's puzzles, easy puzzle (word search, etc.) books for children, and money for the purchase of paints and other needed items.

NO SCHOOL: Please remember that there will be no school on Monday, January 18. Teachers will be attending a Professional Development Day in Erie with the teachers of St. Joseph School.

FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH: Sometimes financial situations change during the course of the school year. All families are welcome at any time to apply for free and reduced lunch through Sodexo. Information in the application is confidential and reviewed only by Glen Newa, Sodexo Manager at Airport. For an application, please contact our school office.

SCRIP: Don't forget to order Kohl's gift cards to pay off your Kohl's charge statement. Did you know that Wal-Mart gift cards can be also used at Sam's Club? Also available in the school office are \$25 VISA gift cards.

YEARBOOK: We are in need of additional assistance with our school yearbook which is being done digitally this year.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

So I run straight toward the goal in order to win the prize which is God's call through Christ Jesus to the life above. *Philippians 2:6*

Ruth Meiring

HELP NEEDED

Please return this form if you are able to help in any of the following areas for Catholic Schools Week:

- ___ Play with the staff at the volleyball game on Wednesday, January 27 at 2:30 p.m.
- ___ Help serve icecream to students at the *Icecream Social* on Thursday, January 28 at 12:30 p.m.
- ___ Chair the bake/cookbook sale during the weekend of January 30/31.
- ___ Make items for the bake sale to be held January 30/31.
- ___ Help sell baked goods and cookbooks after Masses on the weekend of January 30/31.

Name: _____