

St. Patrick School Family Newsletter

January 27, 2010

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all those who are involved in making Catholic Schools Week such a great event. On Monday our parents and volunteers were acknowledged. Staff provided muffins for our morning drop-off parents and those who stopped by the office throughout the day. Students wrote note or cards thanking their parents for providing them with a Catholic education. On Tuesday the day began with a special Mass that many family and friends attended. Students were invited to bring a grandparent or special friend to share lunch. For this event the gym overflowed with smiling faces and a variety of wonderful lunches. Yesterday students completed their class posters to show the dividends for attending St. Patrick School. These will be on display in the hallway near the office, as well as at the Men's Club Breakfast on Sunday. Today and tomorrow students may vote for the poster with the best design and message. The class with the most votes will receive a pizza lunch provided by Student Council. Parents are also invited to cast a ballot either at school or at the pancake breakfast this weekend. This afternoon our students joined with the other Catholic School students in prayer at 2:00 p.m. Later a lively pep rally was held before the Grade 8 vs. Parent/Staff volleyball game. Thank you to the seventh graders for organizing the pep rally. Tomorrow will be pajama day and students will receive icecream sundaes provided by the PTO. Friday we acknowledge our faculty and staff. They will enjoy a special lunch and you are encouraged to send notes of appreciation to your children's teachers. Pictures from the events this week can be found on our school website.

This Saturday our second graders and their parents will be attending the Eucharistic ceremony. Please pray for them as they continue to grow in faith and knowledge as they prepare for their First Eucharist on May 1st.

Congratulations to our top ten finalists in the school Spelling Bee. The winner will now advance to the Monroe County Spelling Bee. The second place winner will serve as our alternate for the Monroe County Spelling Bee.

Please remember to attend the Men's Club Breakfast this weekend and support the bake sale after all the Masses. At the breakfast from 8-11:30, Science Fair projects and other student work will be on display. The eighth graders will begin selling Valentine Express greetings and suckers at the breakfast this weekend as well. Proceeds from the Valentine Express go to help defray class graduation expenses and the charter bus for the Cedar Point trip.

Thank you to all who supported our efforts to raise money for Haiti earthquake victims. A total of \$1,205 was collected. The class with the most collected per student was the seventh grade with \$16.35 per student received. Our donations will be sent to Catholic Relief Services. This organization will deliver up to 10,000 food, kitchen, and hygiene kits to the people affected by the earthquake in Haiti. A typical food kit is a five gallon bucket filled with easy to eat foods like peanut butter, granola bars, and sardines. This kit can feed a family of five for five days and the bucket can be used to collect and store water. An \$8.00 donation provides food to one Haitian in need. Every \$40 feeds a family of five. The staff and student donations we received will feed over 150 people for a week. Thank you students, staff, and parents!

TOP TEN REASONS TO SEND YOUR CHILD TO A CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Taken from NCEA/U.S. CCD

- #1: Catholic tradition and academic excellence in a community grounded in faith.
- #2: Balanced curriculum that includes art, music, and fitness.
- #3: Emphasis on moral development, service to others, and leadership skills.
- #4: Strong preparation for high school and future education.
- #5: A 99% high school graduation rate.
- #6: Safe and disciplined environment.
- #7: Exceptional faculty who help students reach their highest potential.
- #8: Individual attention in a caring community.
- #9: Commitment to technology use to enhance education.
- #10: Good stewardship of resources.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Wednesday, January 27 (PHYS ED)

- Girls A vs St. Mary-Red at St. Mary's Monroe, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 28 (MUSIC)

- Scholastic Software Orders Due

Friday, January 29 (PHYS ED)

- Report cards distributed

Saturday, January 30

- Grade 2 Eucharistic Enrollment Mass, 10:00 a.m.
- Bake Sale after Masses
- Boys B-1 vs. St. Mary's at St. Mary Monroe, 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 31

- Men's Club *All-You-Can-Eat* Breakfast, 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- Science Fair Viewing. Students pick up project in gym at 11:30 a.m.
- Bake Sale in gym
- Girls B-2 vs. St. Joseph Maybee at St. Patrick's, 2:00 p.m.
- Boys B-2 vs. St. Mary Monroe at St. Patrick's, 3:00 p.m.
- Boys A-2 vs St. Mary Monroe-RED at St. Patrick's, 4:00 p.m.
- Boys B-1 vs St. John at St. John's, 4:00 p.m.

Monday, February 1 (ART)

- School Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 2 (PHYS ED)

- All School Mass 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, February 3 (MUSIC)

- DARE begins for Grade 5
- Boys B-1 vs Holy Ghost at St. Patrick's, 5:30 p.m.
- Girls A vs St. Mary's Monroe-WHITE at St. Patrick's, 6:30 p.m.
- Boys A-1 vs St. Mary's Monroe at St. Patrick's, 7:30 p.m.
- Boys A-2 vs St. Charles @ St. Charles, 7:30 p.m.

HOT LUNCH: The hot lunch February calendar is enclosed in today's envelope. You will notice four crossed out days. On Monday, February 15 there is no school for students. For February 17, 19, and 26, Sodexo will be providing a special Lenten menu. Once we are notified of the entrees they will be printed in the Wednesday family letter, as well as updated on school website..

YMCA FAMILY NIGHT: The annual YMCA Family Night for St. Patrick School will be Saturday, February 13 from 6:00 – 11:00 p.m. Currently we do not have enough registrations to cover the cost the amount required to rent the YMCA, so you are asked to return the form with your \$20 payment as soon as possible if your family plans to attend.

BAKE SALE AND COOKBOOK SALE: Thank you to all who have volunteered to bake items for the bake sale this weekend after all Masses. We would appreciate any donations from any other people who are able to bake. Please bring your items to the back of Church on Saturday or to the gym on Sunday.

ST. PATRICK SCIENCE FAIR: Set up for the Science Fair is Friday, January 29 before 7:30 a.m. When arriving, please check in with our science teachers for the location and number of your child's project. Because judging will take place in the afternoon and evening, the gym will be closed to all students and parents during this time. The projects can be viewed during the Men's Club Breakfast on January 31 from 8:00 – 11:30 a.m. and should be picked up between 11:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon.

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.

ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT TUITION ASSISTANCE: Application forms are now 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. This year \$9,600 was granted to our families for their children's elementary education. Several of these families also received additional funds for children attending SMCC.

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

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: St. Joseph-Maybee is sponsoring a family movie night after the 7:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, January 30. The movie being shown is *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*.

MEN'S CLUB ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST: The Men's Club is sponsoring an *All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast* on Sunday, January 31 from 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Help is needed to provide quick breads and muffins for the breakfast.

SCRIP: Gas cards offered through the Scrip Program are convenient to use. You can pay right at the pump and save the hassle of running inside to pay. Both \$25 and \$100 denominations for Marathon and Speedway are regularly stocked.

SMCC FALCON FAMILY FUN DAY: All grade school students and their families are invited to attend and enjoy a free night of fun at the *SMCC Falcon Family Fun Day*. This event will be held on Sunday, February 7th from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Monroe Multi-Sports Complex located at 333 N. Dixie Highway in Monroe.6.

UNIFORM ORDER FORMS: Enclosed you will find order forms for gym uniforms and embroidered wear. If you wish to place an order, you are asked to return the form(s) and payment by Thursday, February 5.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

The important thing in life is to try to be your best. Be honest with yourself and make an honest commitment to yourself, your family, your friends, and your community. An honest commitment means 100 percent. It means self-discipline, it means being able to be counted on in the clutch. *Joe Paterno, college football coach.*

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