

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

January 11, 2012

Dear Parents,

On Tuesday, January 24 our school community is invited to attend the presentation ceremony at the Monroe County Commissioner's meeting to receive acknowledgement for our third place in the AT&T Phone Book Recycling Contest. An eighth grader will be the official recipient of this award for our school. The ceremony begins at 6:30 p.m. in the county chambers at 7:00 p.m. in the county chamber which is located on the first floor of the court house. Please attend if you are able.

This week St. Patrick School students and staff are learning about vocations and praying for those who are in the discernment process to be a religious, or have chosen a religious vocation. I am grateful to Susan Tibai for offering the Vocation Chalice at our school the entire week. Students made cards that are being sent to seminarians and those ordained. On Tuesday the eighth graders prepared a Communion Meditation for Vocations Week. The Meditation reminded us to stop and listen, to follow God's call, and to turn around if we go the wrong way. The seventh and eighth graders will be visiting the IHM Motherhouse on Thursday and will be taking cards, attending Mass, and singing for the retired sisters.

Eighth grade parents should be on the look out for a letter in today's family envelope regarding an upcoming field trip for their child.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: January 8-14 is Vocation Awareness Week.

Thursday, January 12

Grades 7/8 Visit IHM Motherhouse

- Scholastic *Click!* Interactive Learning Club Orders Due

Friday, January 13

- French Club Registration Due
- Geography Bee, 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 14

- Confirmation Enrollment, 5:30 p.m. Mass

Monday, January 16

- No School For Students – Professional Development Day

Tuesday, January 17

- Mass, 8:00 a.m.
- Parent Eucharist Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, January 20

- French Enrichment Grades 7/8
- End of Second Quarter
- Grade 7/8 Dance at St. John's

FAMILY ROLLER SKATING PARTY: Mark your calendars for Tuesday, February 7 for a family roller skating party that will be held at Dixie Skateland in Newport from 6 – 8 p.m. The cost is \$3.00 per person or \$10 per family. Skate rental is \$1.50 or \$2.50 for rollerblades or speed skates. This event is open to St. Patrick School families and friends, as well as religious ed and parish families.

SCIENCE FAIR PROJECT DROP OFF INFORMATION: Science Fair Projects will be due on Thursday, February 2nd. Set up of the projects will be from 12:15- 3:30 p.m. in the gym. If your child needs to bring the project in the morning, he or she may do so and take it to the upper elementary building. This schedule will allow our students to have their gym class in the morning with the tables for science fair set up at recess. In the afternoon, class and group projects will be set up as well as the individual projects. Projects will not be accepted after 3:30 p.m. as this is when judging begins. The gym will remain closed on Thursday and be open for viewing after the 8 a.m. First Friday Mass. Projects will be displayed until 6 p.m. on Friday, February 3rd when they should be picked up.

JANUARY SERVICE PROJECT: During January our school will be collecting used blue jeans that are in good condition for homeless teens and children. Your donation will go to the Teens for Jeans collection drive sponsored by Aeropostale clothing store. Jeans should be gently worn with no holes or stains. Any sizes of blue jeans are accepted. Today one in three homeless people in the United States is under the age of 18. Your donation will help these young people. In four years this drive has collected over 1.5 million jeans for homeless youth. If you do not have jeans to donate, you may donate several non-perishable items which will be given to the local food bank. The jean day for those who participate will be Friday, January 27th.

SMCC HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST: There are two remaining opportunities to take the SMCC High School Placement Test. The test is offered on Saturday, February 4 or Saturday, March 24 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The cost is \$27 and students should bring two #2 pencils. No pre-registration is necessary. You may contact Jason Linster at 241-7633, x121 if you have any questions.

MAIN STREET SALON IN CARLETON: Please contact the school office if you get your hair cut at Main Street Salon in Carleton. Miss Werstein passed on a gift certificate that she obtained at the auction hoping we could find someone who utilizes that salon.

UNIFORM ORDERS: You will find uniform orders for both gym and embroidered wear in today's family envelope. The due date for orders and payment are Thursday, January 19.

LOST:

If either of the following two items are found, please return to the school office.

- Black fleece hat with "John" written inside.
- One black glove with skeleton bones on it.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect. *Aldo Leopold*

Ruth Meiring
Principal

Catholic Schools Week – Help Needed

_____ I can help serve ice cream at the PTO sponsored ice cream social on Tuesday, January 31st at 11:30 a.m..

_____ I can play in the staff/parent vs. student volleyball game on Wednesday afternoon, February 1st..

_____ I can provide two dozen muffins or 48 donut holes for the reception after First Friday Mass on February 3.

_____ I can help set-up the reception at 7:30 on Friday, February 3.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____