

## *St. Patrick School Family Newsletter*

November 18, 2009

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all who attended the Parent-Teacher Conferences last Wednesday. If you were unable to attend the conferences and would like to set up a conference, please email your child's teacher or leave a message at the school office. I thank our parents and teachers for their attendance at conferences and their commitment for improving the success of our students.

Our school has received the IOWA test results. The parent reports for grades 3-5-7 are being sent home today. The publishers of the IOWA test do not send home parent reports for grade 1. An information sheet on the test results can be found in today's family envelope.

You are asked to pray for our second grade students who will receive First Reconciliation on Saturday, November 21. These students are also preparing for their First Solemn Communion which will be held on May 1, 2010.

The enclosed Sacred Heart of Jesus holy cards were donated by the Nelson family for November's First Friday Mass that students attended.

Our auction preparations are continuing for the grand event on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Currently there are eleven dinner tickets remaining. Once they are sold, we will reach our fifth year of hosting a sold out event. Money for 151 *Ultimate Tree Raffle* tickets has been turned in. I encourage you to return your raffle ticket money as soon as possible so that we have an accurate accounting for this segment of our auction. This also enables our office to focus on the many other last minute details that our involved in the auction. Our list of volunteers to assist on Thursday and Friday could use a few more additions in the areas of set-up on Thursday afternoon at Grafton Inn and clean-up of the silent auction area on Friday at the end of the auction. Thank you to those who have already stepped forward to lend a hand. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will result in a smooth and successful auction.

Thank you to all who have donated or solicited items for this year's school auction. As of today, we have forty live auction items and 270 silent auction items. Last year when our auction book went to print there were over 300 items listed, with some additional items received after the book was completed. Having a wide range of items is one of the fun elements of our auction. If you are not a shopper but would be willing to send in a few dollars to help cover costs for the classroom projects or purchase additional items, it would be greatly appreciated. We have a small team of "Black Friday" shoppers who will be working hard to get the most bang for our bucks on this day. Our guests often compliment us on the great variety and quality of items that our available for purchase. Let's keep up our wonderful reputation!

Our staff will be offering a pampering basket for their auction item. Perhaps some are hoping that a spouse or another generous person will purchase this soothing package for their personal enjoyment during the holidays? Some of the items include a mini manicure and pedicure from Victoria Day Spa in Monroe, three DVDs, a variety of body pampering items, pair of white slippers, a relaxation tape, and a box of delicious chocolate truffles to enjoy.

One of my donations this year will be an Ultimate Challenge Package. The winning bidder will select 6 adults and 6 St. Patrick students. This package includes lunch, as well as physical, mental, and mystery challenges to push your sense of fun and adventure to the maximum.

A new addition to our auction booklet will be a coupon section. It will allow you to get some services or items at reduced prices. Please check out this area and take those coupons home to use. Our wonderful area businesses are very generous to our school community and using the coupons acknowledges their kindness. I have even included a special "coupon" for students attending our school!

On December 1<sup>st</sup> a team of four that includes 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be going to SMCC to participate in a Religion Quiz Bowl. Several other elementary schools in the Monroe Vicariate will also be participating. Mrs. Grinn will be the moderator for our team.

### **WEEK AT A GLANCE**

#### **Thursday, November 19 (PHYS ED)**

- After School Cooking Class 3:00 – 4:15 p.m.

#### **Friday, November 20 (ART)**

#### **Saturday, November 21**

- Grade 2 First Reconciliation 10:00 a.m.

#### **Sunday, November 22**

- Auction Meeting 1:00 p.m. – Alessandrini Residence
- Men's Club Feather Party – Doors open 6:00 p.m.

**Monday, November 23 (PHYS ED)**

- Drama class, 3:00 – 4:15 p.m.

**Tuesday, November 24 (MUSIC)**

- All School Mass – 8:00 a.m.
- Service Project Jean Day
- Turkey Trot – 2:15 p.m.

**Wednesday, November 25**

- No School

**Thursday, November 26**

- No School

**Friday, November 27**

- No School

**BOOKS ARE FUN:** Parents are invited to view the *Books Are Fun* display outside the school office. This company provides many books and gift items at a discount. Orders placed and paid for by Monday, November 23 will arrive Tuesday, November 24.

**ELEVENTH ANNUAL BENEFIT AUCTION:** Thank you to all who purchased their dinner tickets by Monday, November 16. There are 11 tickets remaining at a cost of \$40.00. A final auction meeting will be held on Sunday, November 22 at 1:00 p.m. at the Alessandrini residence.

**TURKEY TROT:** Our annual *Turkey Trot* will be held on Tuesday, November 24. All students should wear tennis shoes with their jeans (for those who participated in the service project), or their school uniforms (if they did not participate in the service project). Friends and parents are welcome to join us. Our eighth graders will lead us in warm up exercises before we begin. If you can help punch cards, please call the school office or return the form at the end of today's letter. *Turkey Trot* begins at 2:15 p.m.

**LATCHKEY:** The school benefit auction will be held on Friday, November 4 with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. Because latchkey personnel will be attending the auction, we are asking if at possible that children be picked up from latchkey by 5:00 on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

**NOVEMBER SERVICE ROJECT:** We are still collecting warm coats, gloves, hats, and scarves for the Capuchin Center in Detroit, as well as canned food for a local food closet. This year the number of coats we have received is down and we are making a special plea for additional items. If you have any coats that your children have outgrown or adult coats that you no longer use that are in good condition, please send in. The service project jean day will be held on Tuesday, November 24.

**SEMESTER EXAMS:** Students in grades 7-8 will take their semester exams in reading, English, and math during the week of December 7<sup>th</sup>. Teachers will be giving students information to help them prepare for these exams.

**FUNDRAISERS:** Thank you to all who support the paper recycling project. We received a check last week for \$65.49 for the October recycling. In addition 13.63 cubic yards of landfill space was saved because of your efforts. Those who support the recycling of cell phones and ink cartridges enabled our school to receive a check of \$30.00 from Funding Factory because of your kindness. The Funding Factory is introducing an incentive that allows us one bonus credit (good for a \$10 pizza voucher) for every 50 qualifying items. The complete list of qualifying cartridges and cell phones can be found at [www.FundingFactory.com](http://www.FundingFactory.com).

**STUDENTREASURE BOOKS:** Each class is writing and illustrating a book for publication. Your child(ren) will contribute an original story, poem, or drawing for the class book. Order forms are included in today's family envelope if you wish to purchase this hard bound book. This is the only time the book is printed, so if you would like a copy, you will need to place your order by Tuesday, November 24. If you would like to see samples of these hard bound books from past years, you are invited to stop by the school office. When you place your order, it is important to remember that there is a \$2.95 shipping charge per book that must be added to your total. Checks should be made payable to *Studentasures Publishing*. If you do not wish to purchase a book, please return the slip with the "no" box marked with your signature.

**SPIRIT WEAR:** If there is anyone who did not get their spirit wear order last week, please contact Kim Umin at 734-770-3619.

**ALTAR SOCIETY PUMPKIN ROLL SALE:** St. Patrick Altar Society is sponsoring a pumpkin roll sale. Each roll is \$10 and checks should be made payable to *St. Patrick Altar Society*. Call school office by Thursday, November 19 to place an order. Pumpkin rolls may be picked up Friday, November 20 or after all the Masses on November 21/22.

**ST. JOSEPH FAMILY MASS & MOVIE NIGHT:** All are invited to attend St. Joseph – Maybee on Saturday, November 28, 2009 for *Family Mass (7:00 p.m.) and Movie Night (8:00 p.m.)*. The movie being shown is Disney/Pixar's "UP". There will be a drawing contest with judges and prizes awarded for best artwork. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

**HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST:** There will be a high school placement test offered on Saturday, November 21 at 8:00 a.m. until noon. The test fee is \$24.00 and students should bring two #2 pencils. There is no pre-registration necessary. A make-up test

will be offered on Saturday, December 5 at a cost of \$26.00. The results of this test are used by high school guidance counselors to create a personalized curriculum plan for your child.

**FEATHER PARTY:** The Men's Club is sponsoring a Feather Party Bingo on Sunday, November 22. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. with Lightening Bingo at 6:30 p.m. Regular bingo begins at 7:00 p.m. Thank you to 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent for organizing the refreshment stand that will serve as an eighth grade fundraiser.

**SCRIP:** You are receiving a revised Scrip Enrollment Form in today's family envelope. Every family, as well as extended family and friends are required to complete and sign the form. This is to follow the IRS tax guidelines. As of November 30<sup>th</sup> the Scrip Enrollment Form will need to be on file to receive your scrip order(s). Thank you for your help in updating this information.

**BETTY MAVEAL MEMORIAL DOLL DRIVE:** The family of Betty Maveal is honoring her memory by establishing an annual doll drive for Toys for Tots, which was a passion of their grandmother. If you are interested in donating a new doll for a child this Christmas, you may contact school office, one of our parent is one of Betty's granddaughters or drop it off at the school office. You are also invited to join them for refreshments at an open house to collect the dolls on Sunday, December 6.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:**

*Have a deep compassion for people. To be able to have a heart full of compassion we need to pray. Especially be kind, be loving to the poor. We think we do so much for the poor but it is they who make us rich. We are in debt to them. Do you want to do something beautiful for God? There is a person who needs you. This is your chance. Mother Teresa*

Ruth Meiring

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**TURKEY TROT**

Tuesday, November 24, 2009

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am able to assist at *Turkey Trot* at 2:15 p.m.

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