

St. Patrick School Family Newsletter

October 21, 2009

Dear Parents,

Today all school families are receiving a letter of information regarding our upcoming school auction and raffle tickets. It also contains information regarding school finances and tuition. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact the school office.

At recess today we trained our students in grades 6-8 who have volunteered to help with the *PALS (Pupils Accelerated Learning Support)* program. For six weeks each of these students will be matched up with a student from the primary grades and work individually with that student in reading, math, communication, or other academic skills. All lessons are individualized by the classroom teachers to provide an enrichment learning program. Thank you to Mrs. Koziol who coordinates this program and for all of our students who are involved.

At the end of today's newsletter you will find a registration form for after school enrichment activities. Please return the registration form and payment by Friday, October 23 if you would like your child to attend.

Tomorrow students in grades 4-8 will complete the MEAP testing. I thank our parents, staff, and students for their efforts to provide a positive testing experience for our students during both the IOWA and MEAP.

Thank you to all the families who donated items for the Halloween Carnival and to our enthusiastic workers who packed the Halloween goody bags. The Halloween Carnival is a favorite event for our students and it would not be possible without our generous workers and the many donations that are provided. If you are able to help with set-up on Thursday at 12:00 noon or attend the carnival on Friday, please join us. Parent volunteers are also needed for clean-up and to help serve ice-cream sundaes at 12:00 p.m. If you are able to provide a cake or cupcakes for the cake walk, it would be greatly appreciated. These items should be sent in Friday morning. Below you will find information on costumes and class schedules. Adults who will be attending the carnival may also wear costumes. The goody bags will be given to students at the end of the day and sent home so that you can supervise the items and quantity your child receives. If you attend the Halloween Carnival, don't forget to see the class pumpkins on display and vote for your favorite! . Please remember that no class parties or special treats should be sent in next week.

Next Thursday and Friday our staff will be attending the MANS (Michigan Association for Non-Public Schools) in Detroit. Our keynote speaker on Thursday is Dr. Anthony Muhammad who will speak on transforming school culture. On Friday, Dr. Willard Daggett will be the keynote speaker and will discuss the education challenge-preparing students for a changing world. After this our staff has selected a variety of professional development sessions. Some of the sessions that our staff has selected include: Struggling Readers? Struggling Writers? Ideas to Try; Teaching Literature and Writing to Middle School Students; Working with Academically Talented Students; Thinking is Fun! Mathematics Thinking Environments in Grades 1-2; Using Technology to Promote Thinking Skills in Mathematics; and Creativity in the Classroom: Imagine the Possibilities. I know that our school community will benefit greatly from this opportunity for staff to improve their teaching skills and gain greatly insights into curriculum and spirituality.

In today's family envelope you are receiving an information sheet about KI (Potassium Iodine) non-prescription pills. These pills are being made available by the State of Michigan for people living or working within ten miles of a nuclear power plant. In the unlikely event of a nuclear emergency, those students and staff members who have permission slips on file will receive a dose before evacuation. It is important that all parents return the permission slip after reading the material so we know whether or not you would like your child(ren) to receive the KI pill. For additional information, go to www.michigan.gov/KI.

A school wide rosary making project is being planed around February or March. All students will make a rosary. Parish rosary makers, are helping to coordinate this project. Please notify the office if you would like to help with this project. We are also in need of broken umbrellas for an upcoming rosary project. Some of the metal pieces from the umbrellas will be used to help in the stringing of the rosary beads.

Thank you to our eighth graders for helping us to learn more about the following saints this week: St. Isaac Jogues, St. John deBrebeuf and his companion, Blessed John XXIII, St. Hilarion, Blessed Timothy Giaccardo, St. John of Capistrano, and the Eleven Martyrs of Ameria, Spain.

Good luck to all our sport teams who are now moving into tournaments.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Thursday, October 22 (MUSIC)

- MEAP: Writing (grades 4 & 7); Science (grades 5 & 8); Social Studies (grade 6)
- Halloween Carnival Set-up

Friday, October 23 (PHYS ED)

- Halloween Carnival
- Scholastic *Click! Interactive Learning Club* orders and payment due

Monday, October 26 (ART)

- MEAP Make-up (grades 4-8)
- Parent Confirmation Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 27 (PHYS ED)

- Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Picture Retake Day

Wednesday, October 28 (MUSIC)

- Service Project Jean Day
- Magazine Drive for *Last Chance Pizza Raffle* winners

PICTURE RETAKES:

Our picture retake date will be held on Tuesday, October 27 at 9:00 a.m. Because this is a gym day, students may wear their gym sweatpants and tennis shoes with their dress-up top. They will then change into their gym sweatshirt after having their picture retaken.

HALLOWEEN COSTUMES:

As a reminder, all grades will wear “character” outfits all day on Friday, October 24. Students need to come to school in their outfits and may not change into their outfits. Halloween outfits should not prevent students from performing their academic requirements throughout the day or hinder them at recess. Please remember that students need to be dressed appropriately for the weather at recess and wear safe shoes. **No masks or over the face material may be worn. Students should wear little or no face make-up.** The students may not depict violent or scary characters. Accessories such as fake guns or knives are not allowed.

NO SCHOOL:

There will be no school on Thursday, October 29 and Friday, October 30 for students, as all staff members will be attending the MANS Convention in Detroit.

OCTOBER SERVICE PROJECT:

During the month of October, we will be collecting items to include in the bags that are distributed to the homeless in Detroit by the Sisters of Christian Love. Items needed include peanut butter, jelly, napkins, bottled water, fruit or applesauce cups, plastic spoons, small boxes of raisins, x-large paper lunch bags (approx. 6 1/8 x 4 x 12 3/8”), canisters of powdered hot chocolate, 10 oz or 12 oz foam cups with lids, new or gently used (men’s & women’s) socks, hats, gloves, underwear/undershirts, t-shirts. Students are also encouraged to decorate the paper lunch bags with notations such as “God Loves Us Constantly”, “God Believes in You”, “May God Bless You”, “Jesus Loves All of Us”, “God Thinks You’re Special”, or “You Are Loved”.

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL COOKBOOKS:

The cookbooks have arrived and are wonderful! Thank you to everyone who worked on this project. Those who preordered may pick up their book(s) in the office beginning Thursday afternoon. There will be extra cookbooks available for purchase at \$10.00 each.

MAGAZINE/COOKIE SALE RECAP:

On Wednesday, October 28, the ten students who were chosen in the *Last Chance Pizza Raffle* will join Chuck Colby, our QSP representative, for a pizza lunch with a friend. On Wednesday, October 28, all students who turned in magazine or cookie dough orders will receive a ticket for each order turned in to deposit in one of five prize buckets. Mr. Colby will draw the five winners at the end of the pizza lunch. We have not yet been notified when the cookie dough will be delivered.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL BENEFIT AUCTION:

Tickets are now on sale for the upcoming benefit auction that will be held on Friday, December 4. Tickets are \$40.00 each with a \$5.00 discount offered to those who purchase their tickets by November 16 (or \$35.00). Help is still needed to solicit auction items and ads for the booklet. If you are able to make follow-up calls, please contact the school office at 654-2522. If your family plans to donate items for the auction, please bring them to the office by Friday, November 13 so it may be listed in the auction booklet. You will find a sign-up sheet for help needed the night of the auction. Please return the sheet by Friday, if possible.

CLASS AUCTION ITEMS:

Below is a summary of the class auction items planned for the upcoming benefit auction. Thank you to the school parent who has organized the projects and to the parents who have come in to help her. It is our hope that the projects will be on display for Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Preschool: Art easel personalized with children's handprints and photos.

Kindergarten: Fingerprinted window

Grade 1: Bookcase decorated with the children's self portraits

Grade 2: Picnic table personalized by the children

Grade 3: Noah's Ark wall rosary made by the children

Grade 4: Glass blocks decorated with a Nativity scene

Grade 5: Bug jar quilt and bug book

Grade 6: Wall cross personalized with the students' favorite Bible verses

Grade 7: *Counting My Blessings* coffee table

Grade 8: Personalized quilt

VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST:

The Men's Club will sponsor a Veterans Day All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast on Sunday, November 8 from 8 – 11:30 a.m. The cost is: Adults \$5.50; Veterans \$3.00; Children 6-11 \$3.00; Children 5 and under – free. The menu includes scrambled eggs, pancakes, potatoes, sausage links, ham, muffins/quick breads, coffee/tea, hot chocolate, and orange juice/milk. If you are able to help at the breakfast or are able to provide muffins or quick bread for the breakfast, please contact the school office, 734-654-2522.

SCRIP:

You may use your Lands End gift card @ 17% discount at Sears and Kmart. With the short week next week, orders placed by Friday, October 23 will be available for delivery on Wednesday, October 28 since there is no school on October 29 or October 30.

YEARBOOK:

Your help is needed in providing photographs for the upcoming yearbook.

FAMILY MASS & MOVIE NIGHT:

St. Joseph Church – Maybee is sponsoring a *Family Mass and Movie Night* on Saturday, October 24, 2009 following the 7:00 p.m. Mass. The movie will be *Molokai: The Story of Father Damien*. Movies are shown in Madonna Hall on a big screen projector. All movie events are free and snacks and refreshments are provided. Donations are greatly appreciated.

ST. JOSEPH-MAYBEE ALL SAINT'S DAY COSTUME PARTY:

On Saturday, October 31, 2009 St. Joseph Church in Maybee is sponsoring an All Saint's Day Costume Party after the 7:00 p.m. Mass in Madonna Hall. Guests are asked to join them in their favorite saint or Biblical costume as they celebrate the Feast of All Saints Day with Mass, exciting games, snacks/refreshments, and plenty of candy for all. The admission is one bag of candy per family. All ages are welcome. For costume ideas you may visit www.stjoscap.org/images/ideas.pdf or www.writing.com/main/view_item/item_id/1064671.

MILES CHRISTI YOUTH RETREAT:

The Miles Christi priests will be conducting a youth retreat for students from eighth grade to nineteen years on Friday, October 23 at St. Stephen's Parish in New Boston from 5 – 8:30 p.m. For more information or to register, contact Jean at gginfinitely@sbcglobal.net

GOODSEARCH.COM:

If you purchase items online, St. Patrick School will receive money for it if you go to www.Goodsearch.com and choose St. Patrick School, Carleton, MI as your school to support...then begin your shopping. A few of the participating stores include Macy's Staples, Amazon, 1-800flowers, Best Buy, Kohl's, North Face, Lands End, Ebay, Pet Smart, Target, Toys-R-Us, Walgreens, and JC Penney. You will find more stores listed on their site. When shopping online be sure to go through *Goodsearch.com* for St. Patrick School to receive the credit. Stores even put coupons on their sites. There is a link on the school website on the *Home* page. If you have any questions, please contact the school office 734-654-2522.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

The care of the poor and needy is not the responsibility of the State only. It is the responsibility of everyone. Every person must be concerned with his brothers' and sisters' needs. Mother Teresa

Ruth Meiring
Principal

**AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM
Registration Form**

**St. Patrick Drama Club
(Grades 5-8)**

Begins Monday, October 26, 2009 6 weeks 3:00 – 4:15 p.m. Cost: \$30.00

Most materials will be provided with the possible exception of some costumes or props items.

Student: _____ Grade: _____

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Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

**St. Patrick Cooking and Art Class
(Grades 2-4)**

Begins Thursday, November 6, 2009 6 weeks 3:00 – 4:15 p.m. Cost: \$30.00

All supplies will be provided.

Student: _____ Grade: _____

Student: _____ Grade _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return the registration form with payment by Friday, October 23, 2009.

Checks should be made payable to *St. Patrick School*.