

# ALL SAINTS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

February 5, 2010

Dear Parents and Guardians,

## **ASH WEDNESDAY AND THE BEGINNING OF LENT**

At the core of the Christian Life is God's call to leave behind all that comes between God and us and all that obstructs our relationships with one another. During Lent, we focus on learning to be better, more faithful friends. WE also look into ourselves to see if there are ways we can become freer, less self-centered, more centered on the needs of others. We open ourselves to becoming more prayerful people.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17th. Our theme for this year's season of Lent is ". . . Our Journey of the Heart, Lent 2010." Our Parish Mission, which will enliven our theme, will be Sunday evening, February 21st, Monday evening, February 22nd, and Tuesday evening, February 23rd.

## **Catholic Schools Week**



Catholic Schools Week...what a wonderful celebration we had! Thank you to all parents/guardians who helped out and/or joined in our festivities.

Our ASPA organization is the right arm of our school! Without their sharing funds with us, there would be no Catholic Schools Week! A special thank you to the ASPA Catholic Schools Week Planning Committee who are simply outstanding: **Maria Ratermann** (Chairperson) and able assistants **Jenny Kohls** and **Chuck Davanzo**. We are always on the look out for new committee members so if you're interested in being on the committee for next year's CSW, contact one of the above. Another fantastic service that the ASPA has taken on, under the banner of Catholic Schools Week, is assisting in every detail in putting on the yearly "All Saints Talent Show" for students in grades K – 8. There just aren't enough words in the English Language to thank the following women who did everything from A – Z for the Talent Show: **Patti DeClue** and All Saints own **Barb Randazzo**.

## KINDERGARTEN 2010-2011

Please get the word out that we are now registering for Kindergarten. We hope to enroll at least 38 students so we can have two rooms of Kindergarten. Remember you will receive \$100 off your next year's tuition for each new registered family you recommend to All Saints School.

**Your words are the best PR in the world!**

## ALL SAINTS' STUDENTS WIN ACADEMIC BOWL

On the Tuesday of Catholic Schools Week two academic teams, the Blue Team and the Gold Team, made up of 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, made their way to ICD to compete in the Academic Bowl. This is the fifth year All Saints has competed against approximately twenty two teams from Catholic schools in the area. There are nine regular rounds in the competition which comprise 90 questions. There is also another part in the competition which is called the Lightning Round. In this part of the competition individuals use buzzers to compete against other individuals to determine who can deliver the correct answer the fastest. The teams are coached by the Junior High teachers to prepare for the event.

Our All Saints Gold Team tied for first place in the Lightning Round and our All Saints Blue Team came in first overall in the entire Academic Bowl—including both the written trivia and the Lightning Rounds. Congratulations to the 19 students who worked hard and represented our school so well and so proudly!

**WE TOOK FIRST PLACE**

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

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| Feb. 10 (Wed.) 7:00 pm Confirmation Sponsor & 8th Grader meeting  | Feb. 18 (Thurs.) 6:30 pm, 6th Grader/Parent Camp Meeting      |
| Feb. 11 (Thurs.) Stuco Meeting—3:00                               | Feb. 29 (Fri.) Mission Carnival Silent Auction begins         |
| Feb. 12 (Fri.) Progress Reports come home<br>Read-to-Succeed ends | Feb. 21-23 (Sun.-Tues.) Parish Mission                        |
| Feb. 15 (Mon.) NO SCHOOL—President's Day                          | Feb. 24 (Wed.) All School Mass                                |
| Feb. 16 (Tues.) St Dominic Math Festival<br>Shalom Meeting—3:00   | Feb. 25 (Thurs.) Mission Carnival Silent Auction ends at 1:00 |
| Feb. 17 (Wed.) Ash Wednesday                                      | Feb. 26 (Fri.) Mission Carnival                               |

## ALL SAINTS PARISH PICNIC

The parish picnic will be here before we know it. A large portion of the profits from the picnic are used to make capital improvements to the school building. In the past the proceeds have been used to carpet and tile classrooms, remodel bathrooms on the lower level, new chairs in the cafeteria, along with many other projects. The largest fundraiser of the picnic is the Big Raffle. 1/3 of the picnic profits come from the main raffle. The success of the Main Raffle hinges on the success of the tickets sales of Full-time and PSR Students. The contest for the children is an exciting and key ingredient to the success of the main raffle. We are looking for someone to take over the position of raffle chairperson. The position is typically held by a school family. The present coordinator will work with you this year to help with timelines and deadlines. Interested in learning more about it? Call Karen Martin at 636-379-1472 or 314-803-0379. Thanks for your consideration in making our picnic a great event.

### PARKING LOT UPDATE

Please remember all procedures are in place for the safety of our children. Occasional inconvenience for adults helps to protect our students.

#### Morning Drop-off:

Please have children ready to exit vehicles when you enter the drive between school and church. It is helpful if backpacks, lunches and papers are all ready when the child leaves the vehicle.



Children should exit vehicles anywhere along the sidewalk near school, from the crosswalk back to the entrance to the Parish Center — wherever your car stops. Do not wait to get to the front of the line to let your child out.

Please remember to pull all the way forward, up to the crosswalk, in order to keep the line of cars moving.

Children should ONLY exit vehicles from the passenger side.

#### Afternoon Pick-up:

We have an increased number of vehicles behind the barricade. Please be aware of safety concerns while waiting at the barricade, and make every effort to allow for traffic movement by pulling over to the right as far as possible. Also, cars should utilize BOTH sides of the parish driveway whenever possible. All children are held in the safety zone until ALL cars from behind the barricade are parked; children are then dismissed to safely move to a waiting vehicle.

Thank you for your cooperation with these procedures.





## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - SPIRITUAL FORMATION

During January the 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders completed the ACRE assessment of religious knowledge. Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders participated in their Confirmation Commitment at the parish Sunday Masses. Second grade parents attended the First Eucharist meeting and were spiritually formed to help their children prepare for this special sacrament. Second grade also made their First Reconciliation on Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at a lovely celebration.

This week we are in the midst of the celebration of Catholic Schools Week, a beautiful opportunity to proclaim that our religious education truly does bring the "good news" to the world. We especially thank all the student choir and Liturgical Movement Team, and who represented the school well as they led us in prayer at the Sunday parish Mass to begin Catholic School Weeks. Be sure and check your newsletters. We have lots of activities planned. On Thursday, Grades 5 through 8 will leave school and visit those in the nursing homes, playing bingo and giving lap blankets made at school.

Now it is time for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Mission Carnival on Feb. 25, "Hearts Around the World." This year our proceeds will be split between the Global Village Partners of each classroom. We will be donating proceeds to: **Whole Kids Outreach in Ellington, MO, Our Lady's Inn in St. Charles, Casa Carolina in Honduras, Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service, Our Little Haven in St. Louis. Catholic Charities, Sacred Heart Parish in Belize, Ryan's Well in Haiti, Animals for Others in Belize, Project Hope in Honduras, Street Children's Home and Soup Kitchen in Elbasen, Albania, Malaria No More in Africa, the Heifer Project, Sarah's Place in Appalachia, Children of Nepal Project, The Holy Childhood Association and Mary Queen of Angels in O'Fallon, MO.**

So you can see the needs are great and very worthy of our help from the Carnival this year. Thank you for joining us in this wonderful carnival effort to share in the mission of Jesus. Many people have already sent in carnival prizes, volunteered to work in the booths, sent in money donations to sponsor booths, the ASPA is providing us with the \$1 pizza lunch, the kitchen staff is baking cookies, and people are pulling together and helping make this carnival a huge success. I appreciate all the help that parents/guardians who have answered to call to help in any way. There are so many people on staff that are helping with ordering treats for the kids to purchase, designing and setting up games and so much more. And the maintenance staff will be instrumental in setting up the big day. Diane and Jenny, here in the office, have been invaluable to me coordinating the silent auction for adults and Sandy and Jeannie Sitz are coordinating the big raffle for the students. And for sure, Ms. Keilty is an avid supporter of the Mission Carnival and its mission outreach. It was her dream 9 or 10 years ago to have a Mission Carnival and I am sure she is just amazed at how it has grown and developed over the years.

Other activities in February include Confirmation Student/Sponsor Meeting on Feb. 10.<sup>th</sup> Eight graders will participate in the "Right Start" program on March 5. This program is sponsored by the Archdiocesan Respect Life Apostolate.

Lent will begin on Feb. 17. We will celebrate Ash Wednesday with an All School Mass at 8:00. Our parish has an over all focus for this liturgical season. Our focus is expressed with the words:

## ...our JOURNEY of the HEART

Lent is a good time to reflect on where we are on the journey. We must all remember one important thing, that as a church and school community, we never journey alone. We have each other and we have Jesus. Teachers will be given "children ready" texts of the Sunday readings and will be developing the theme appropriate to the age level they teach.

So as you open up your hearts during Lent, it is my prayer that you find God in you're the midst of your journey, I also pray that you know that you are never alone. You are a member of this wonderful parish/school community and we are here for you. May God bless you for all you do and for all the sacrifices you make in sending your child to our school.

God Bless,

Mrs. Debbie Goheen

### HAITIAN COLLECTION

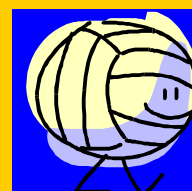
Through the generosity of our students and families we collected  
**\$1565.16.**

(Dress Down \$1399.51—Popsicle Sales \$165.65)

### THANK YOU

### STUCO NEWS

**SAVE THE DATE!** Back by popular demand, the Third Annual Extreme Dodgeball Tournament sponsored by STUCO will be on Friday, April 30, from 7:00 to 10:00. This event is open to all sixth, seventh, and eighth graders from the day school and PSR. Chaperones will be needed. Tickets will go on sale the beginning of March. Hope to see you there!





## 2010 Missouri 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl

Congratulations to our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students at All Saints School. On January 14<sup>th</sup> they competed in the Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl. This is a computer based/multiple choice test over math, science, literature, grammar, current events and general trivia. The students compete against other 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders all over Missouri!

This year our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students had an overall score of 77%. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade students finished with a score of 83%. Both groups did a great job working together and solving problems as a team. Thanks to Mrs. Hecke and Mrs. Dutrow, computer teachers, who make this event possible for the children.

## THANK YOU!!!!

Thank you to the ASPA, First Watch Restaurant, and David Gerau for providing the teachers and staff with a delicious lunch for Teacher Appreciation Day. You are wonderful!

*Thank You*



## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY**

**Every Friday during Lent (except April 2nd,  
GOOD FRIDAY) in the school cafeteria  
from 4-7 pm.**

May the blessing of LOVE be upon us!

Ms. Keilty  
and  
All Saints School Staff

Attachments:

[Lunch Balance Statements](#)  
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[Parish Mission Flier](#)  
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## HEART TO HEART. . . Our Belize Friends

Silver Creek R.C. School  
Silver Creek Village  
Toledo District  
Belize Central America  
January 14, 2010

Dear Pastor Don Wester:

My name is Evelyn. I was so happy to see Mrs. Joan, Stephanie, Mr. Conde, and I was so happy to see you too. Thanks for your congregation we welcome you to our school.

Thanks for sending Mrs. Joan, Stephanie and Mr. Conde. They had been teaching us about germs and brushing our teeth carefully. We were so happy that the children from All Saints School has been sent us a ball.

The children from All Saints had been send us their pictures for us and their letters. They were so pretty in their pictures and in their uniform. I am so happy to write a next letter to them. Thanks for sending us letters. I love to read the letters that the children has send us.