

# ALL SAINTS SCHOOL

January 10, 2008

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

During Advent the faculty and staff were gifted with a small booklet that contained daily devotions for Advent. It was written by Sister Joyce Rupp, OSM. I'd like to use Sister's words to usher us into the New Year:


"In this New Year we pray: to live deeply - - with purpose, to live freely - - with detachment, to live wisely - - with humility, to live justly - - with compassion, to live lovingly - - with fidelity, to live mindfully - - with awareness, to live gratefully - - with generosity, to live fully - - with enthusiasm."

Joyce Rupp

The month of January always means a major event for All Saints School—**Catholic Schools Week**. This year Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated January 27th through January 31st. Catholic Schools Week is an annual event that was inaugurated in 1974. This year's theme of "The Good News in Education" is especially relevant in these challenging times. To a great extent the theme of the week points to the very mission of Catholic schools. It is a strong affirmation that God dwells in each and every one of us. Faith speaks to our students through their parents/guardians and teachers and friends and through the daily events of their lives. The students realize they are created to live out their faith in action and in friendship with God.

During Catholic Schools Week the entire country honors the 165,000 teachers as well as the 2.5 million students and their parents/guardians who make the success story of the Catholic Schools an important part of Catholic life and American life. Another purpose of Catholic Schools Week is to build greater awareness and appreciation for both the religious and educational standards and achievements of our 8,000 Catholic schools. The academic achievements combined with the spiritual benefits of Catholic education enrich the United States in many significant ways.

In celebrating Catholic Schools Week, the **All Saints Parents Association** always gives tremendous leadership and support to students, teachers, and staff. **One of the events planned is an "OPEN HOUSE."** If you know any family that has a child who will be **entering Kindergarten, or any grade, this August**, please recommend All Saints and invite them to the **Open House** for new students to be held **on Sunday, January 27th, from 12-1:15 p.m.** Don't forget - - **\$100 tuition reduction for YOU** for each new family you bring who enrolls in All Saints School. The events for Catholic Schools Week immediately follow the Newsletter.

	<b>THANK YOU</b>
<b>THANK YOU</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS THANKS</b>  The faculty and staff of All Saints School would like to give a <b>big thanks</b> to the students, parents/guardians, and the All Saints Parents Association for their Christmas generosity toward us in so many ways. It feels good to be appreciated and we thank you for touching us with your special gifts.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – SPIRITUAL FORMATION:

Happy New Year! It is indeed a new year for the religious education office. I, Mrs. Debbie Goheen, your new CRE happen to be the new girl on the block, and am hoping and praying just to keep up with all the happenings that are going on. I am fortunate that Sister Carol Jean kept such good notes and that we were able to spend time sharing the programs that are in this wonderful school. I look forward to working with you and your children in sacramental preparation programs. I look forward to working with your children's teachers as they daily share God's Word and teach the religion curriculum with your child in religion classes. I just want you to know that I am here for you and your children. My door is always open to hear any concerns or listen to the wonderful ideas that you may have to share with me. Blessings on you and your family as we begin this new journey together.

For this month of January we cast a special glance to our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students preparing for the reception of the **sacrament of Confirmation**. On Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> at school they will be signing the parish's Confirmation Enrollment book as a sacred sign of their commitment to intense preparation. Then on January 12<sup>th</sup> at the 5p.m. Mass and January 13<sup>th</sup> at both 10:30a.m. Masses in the church and the gym there will be a brief Confirmation Commitment ceremony where the parish family will witness those confirmandi who are in the sacramental preparation stages and all will be able to promise support to these students. On Tuesday Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30p.m. the sponsors of the Confirmandi will gather to share information about their responsibilities in the Confirmation preparation and the ceremony itself. If a sponsor cannot be present, we do request one of the parents to join us for this prayerful gathering. We ask all families to keep our 8<sup>th</sup> graders, parents and sponsors close in your family prayers.

January 11-15 is **National Vocation Awareness Week**, a time to focus on our Baptismal call which leads to hearing God's call for a specific vocation to the priesthood, religious life, single life style and the married state. January 13 is the feast of the Baptism of Jesus, a most appropriate reflection to begin this National Vocation Awareness Week. Parents as primary religious educators of their children are very instrumental in guiding their children to discern God's call. We invite you all to include a special prayer for vocations and for your children in your family prayer this week. In each grade at school there will be a special class on the topic of our Baptismal call and discerning vocations. Some of the classes have also chosen to participate in the Archdiocesan Vocation Awareness contests, creating prayers, billboard messages, and essays.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Parents will be meeting on Tues. Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30p.m. to move into the journey with their children who are preparing for **First Holy Communion**. Please pray for these special children who are so excited to be growing in their relationship with Jesus and being blessed sacramentally on this journey.

During this month also our fifth and eighth graders will be taking the **ACRE assessment** of religious knowledge and formation. It is an annual national assessment given to students of these grades which gives us feedback on what has been taught and learned through our religious education program and the religious experiences of the students, as well as areas of need that the students of that particular grade level have. It is an excellent overview, a positive reinforcement, and a guiding light to aid us in preparing the best possible religious education and formation for your children.

We are quickly and with excitement approaching the upcoming **Mission Carnival** on February 15<sup>th</sup>! You will definitely be hearing more information about this annual event, but we do invite you to keep your eyes open for any prizes we may be able to use from your places of business. Larger raffle prizes are especially welcomed!

You're invited to join us for our upcoming **All School Mass** during our Catholic School's week Eucharist on Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:00a.m. in the gym.

We send you now into this month with prayer from the January 13<sup>th</sup> feast of Jesus' Baptism: *"This is my Beloved One in whom I am well pleased."* Each of us carries Jesus and so are, too, God's **beloved ones**. May you be daily assured of the love of God for you and know the **blessing you are!**

*Mrs. Debbie Goheen*

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If you will have a child attending All Saints Kindergarten during the 2008-2009 school year, please read the letter enclosed (purple paper). The Kindergarten Program for the 2008-2009 will be a full day program. Kindergarten Registration for your child will be held January 14-18. Registration for families new to All Saints School will begin **SUNDAY, January 27th.**

## TRIVIA NIGHT—February 2, 2008

The **All Saints Trivia Night** will be held on **Saturday, February 2nd at 7 p.m.** Tickets will go on sale **Monday, January 7th**, at 6:30 p.m. in the gym lobby. Mark your calendars, tickets usually go fast! For any Questions call any of the following:  
Judy Reel 240-8247      Lisa Grabowski 397-1034  
Michelle Wachter 970-2260



This year Trivia night will have Theme Baskets. We are asking that the parents/guardians donate items for the baskets. The themes are:

- \* **Kindergarten—Disney**
- \* **1st grade—Family Game Night**
- \* **2nd & 3rd grade—Movie Night**
- \* **4th grade—Christmas**
- \* **5th grade—Cooking**
- \* **6th grade—St. Louis Sports**
- \* **7th grade—Golf**
- \* **8th grade—Gift Cards**

## JANUARY 11th -- DISTRIBUTION OF REPORT CARDS



As we move toward report card time, we move closer to the conclusion of the first semester of the school year. Report cards for this second quarter will be distributed on Friday, January 11th.

Whereas the first quarter involved a parent-teacher conference, it is suggested that this report card include time for a family conference of some sort. This would be a time to evaluate progress thus far and to set goals for the future. It could also be an opportunity to affirm your child's strengths as well as for setting realistic goals for improvement. **IT WOULD BE IDEAL TO HAVE TIME TOGETHER AS A FAMILY TO DISCUSS AND GIVE SUGGESTIONS.**

Numerous experts in the field of education contend that what goes on in the home accounts for more variation in a child's ability to learn than other factors, including differences among teachers and schools.

The children will be bringing their report cards home and if any questions arise, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher for a clarification or explanation of a given grade or written comment. It is only in close student-parent-teacher co-operation that we can produce the quality education we are striving for.

Since report cards are now done on computers, the report card is NOT returned to school. However, to assure that the report card has been reviewed by you, we ask that you **SIGN THE REPORT CARD ENVELOPE**, and return it to your child's homeroom teacher. Thank you!

## CATHOLIC FAMILY TUITION ASSISTANCE ENDOWMENT FUND (CaFTAEF)

Applications are now available in the Parish office for registered parishioners who may qualify for the tuition assistance available through the Archdiocese of St. Louis for the 2008-2009 school year. See the flier that is enclosed for more information.

### D.A.R.E. PROGRAM

We welcome back Officer Tom Forgue into our building to work with the 5th graders in implementing the D.A.R.E. program during the second semester.

### LIP BALM AND COUGH DROPS

It has been brought to our attention that the ruling on lip balm and cough drops from the Archdiocese has been changed. These items do not need a doctor's prescription. A note from the parent/guardian to the teacher will be necessary.

Thank you for your understanding.



### LOST AND FOUND



Our "Lost and Found" was emptied at the Christmas break. Any items that were left have been donated to charity. Please make sure all of your children's items have a name on it. This will enable a swift return.

Thank you for your affirming support of our educational program. God bless us one and all as we **STRIVE TO BE PEOPLE OF PEACE IN 2008.**

Rae Ann Keilty  
And  
All Saints School Staff

Attachments:

Kindergarten Registration Form  
Catholic Family Tuition Assistance Endowment Fund  
Lunch Account Balance  
Lunch Menu  
Computer for Kids  
Catholic Schools Week Information



**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK, 2008**  
**JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup> - JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup>**  
**"CATHOLIC SCHOOLS—THE GOOD NEWS IN EDUCATION"**

- SUNDAY                   **10:30 CSW Mass in the gym**, liturgical movement, children's choir, teachers in attendance to celebrate with parish community
- 12:00 - 1:15 Open House at All Saints Schools for new Kindergartners and/or any family who might want enrollment information.
- MONDAY                   **STUDENT DAY**—dress down  
Reptile Show—9:00 Grades K - 2, 10:00 Grades 3 - 5, 11:00 Grades 6 - 8  
Trivia—8:30 Grades 3 - 5, 1:05 Grades 6 - 8  
(Students may bring snack and drink for trivia game.)  
Special Activity with teacher—Grades K - 2  
STUDENT FAVORITE LUNCH SERVED—  
Chicken nuggets
- TUESDAY                   11:30--All Saints sends two trivia teams, made up of selected 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders to ICD, Dardenne, to compete in trivia against other Catholic schools in the area  
1:15—Dress Rehearsal for CSW Talent Show  
7:00—CSW Talent Show
- WEDNESDAY               **OUTREACH DAY**—each student is encouraged to bring in a canned good or two (something with MEAT or PROTEIN preferred) for the poor. Every student who brings in food, will receive a "I REACHED OUT TO THE HUNGRY" sticker from his/her homeroom teacher.
- Grade 5—travels to Anna House and Veronica House to play Bingo and reach out to Catholic sisters who are retired, sick, or infirm.
- THURSDAY               **TEACHER/STAFF DAY**  
8:00 CSW Mass in gym  
9:30 Sacred Concert by nationally known musician Paul Tate  
Lunch for teachers and staff—provided by ASPA  
1:15 Annual Blue/Gold 8<sup>th</sup> Grade/Staff volleyball game
- FRIDAY                   **NO CLASSES**  
Teacher/Staff Day of Prayer

TO: Current All Saints Families with Prospective Kindergarten Students (2008-2009)  
FROM: Rae Ann Keilty, Principal  
DATE: January 10, 2008  
RE: Kindergarten Registration

The All Saints Parish Board of Education has approved registration for Kindergarten students in January with a FULL DAY PROGRAM and mandated testing for readiness by the PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT in which your family resides. Please set up an appointment with your public school as soon as possible. Both the Fort Zumwalt and Francis Howell school districts offer the Dial R Readiness Screening which includes vision and hearing. All Saints offers the Brigrance Screening which complements the Dial R. in May.

The cost of registration and tuition for the coming year have not yet been set by the Parish Board of Education. There is the possibility that there could be a slight increase. From January 14th through January 18th registration for all students who have siblings already enrolled in All Saints will be held. Return the bottom portion of this page if you have a child you wish to enroll in the Kindergarten program for the 2008-2009 school year.

**TO REGISTER FOR THE ALL SAINTS KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM, A CHILD MUST BE FIVE (5) YEARS OF AGE BY JULY 31, 2008.**

**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION, 2008-2009**

FAMILY NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Oldest Student's Homeroom \_\_\_\_\_

Please send us information on Kindergarten registration.

## **IMPORTANT    IMPORTANT    IMPORTANT**

### **CATHOLIC FAMILY TUITION ASSISTANCE ENDOWMENT FUND** **(CaFTAEF)**

The Archdiocese of St. Louis just informed us they will be offering grant money as a result of the “Returning God’s Gifts” Campaign again for the coming 2008-2009 school year.

Last year twenty families from All Saints applied for the grant and **thirteen families received grant money totaling \$2,900.**

As we prepare for the 2007-2008 school year the following information and dates are very key in receiving tuition assistance.

1. Applications will be available in the Parish office for registered parishioners. **You must contact Gary Hieb at the rectory to receive your application. 636-397-1440 ext. 222**
2. The Archdiocese is requesting the applications and accompanying tax return documentation be returned to F.A.C.T.S. April 1st, 2008.

**TAX RETURNS WILL NEED TO BE COMPLETED EARLY TO MEET THIS DEADLINE.**

The grants will continue to be based primarily on the financial need of the applicant families and are only available to Catholic families. By the endowment policy guidelines, grants may be used only for children attending Archdiocesan, Regional, or Parochial secondary schools or parish elementary schools. Children attending private schools are ineligible. Grants may be requested for grades Kindergarten through Twelfth Grade (Senior Year).

**You must apply for grant money from the Archdiocese before any money will be received from All Saints School & Parish.**

All Saints will be notified by the Archdiocese what families have been granted money. The Archdiocese will also notify you. Tuition will then be adjusted should grant money be received.

Please know that all information is kept confidential, and that you may call **Gary Hieb** at the Parish Rectory (397-1440 ext 222) with any questions.