

ALL SAINTS SCHOOL

January 7, 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

I would like to use the words of Sister Joyce Rupp, OSM, 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 31st through February 5th. Catholic Schools Week is an annual event that was inaugurated in 1974. “Catholic Schools Celebrate Service” is especially relevant as we think of Mrs. Lacker, art teacher, Father Don, Pastor, and the team of All Saints parishioners who are currently giving service in Belize. What a witness they are to all of us. On the Thursday of Catholic Schools Week, grades 5 through 8 will be visiting nursing homes, playing bingo and delivering lap blankets made by students.

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, **All Saints Parents Association** always gives tremendous leadership and support to students, teachers, and staff. In just a few weeks, a communication will come home describing the events for each day. However, 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 31st, from 11:45-1:00 p.m.** Don't forget - - **\$100 tuition reduction for YOU** for each new family you bring who enrolls in All Saints School.

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THANK YOU	CHRISTMAS THANKS The faculty and staff of All Saints School would like to give a big thanks to the students and parents/guardians for their Christmas generosity. The faculty lounge looks awesome. Stop by and see the wonderful job the volunteers did cleaning and painting. The furniture is just beautiful.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – SPIRITUAL FORMATION:

Blessings to you and all your loved ones in this new year of 2010. This Sunday, as a faith community, we will celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord. When John the Baptist baptized Jesus in the Jordan, Jesus became fully aware of his mission, his vocation, to be the Son of God. We, too, are called to be children of God at our baptism. It would be a good time to look up the baptismal dates for all the members of your family. Together plan a short ceremony to celebrate the importance of these special days in your family. Use symbols such as a candle, water, your baptismal gown, and pictures as reminders. Invite godparents to visit if this is possible. Perhaps make a list of the baptismal dates for your family members and celebrate those days as well.

For this month of January we cast a special glance to our 8th grade students preparing for the reception of the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. On Jan. 8th at the all school Mass they will be signing the parish's Confirmation Enrollment book as a sacred sign of their commitment to intense preparation. Then on Jan. 9 at the 5p.m. Mass and January 10 at 9:00 in church and the 10:30 a.m. in 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 Wednesday, February 10th from 7:00-8:30p.m. the students and 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 8th graders, parents and sponsors close in your family prayers.

Our 2nd Grade Parents will be meeting on Tuesday, January 26th from 7-8:30p.m. to move into the journey with their children who are preparing for **First Holy Communion**. Please continue to pray for these special children who are so excited to be growing in their relationship with Jesus and being blessed sacramentally on this journey.

Our 2nd Grade Parents and their children will also gather on Thursday, January 28th at 6:30 P.M. in church to celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time**. There will be a small reception in the cafeteria following the ceremony.

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 Friday, February 25th! 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 Masses**: Catholic School's Week Eucharist on February 2 at 8:00 a.m. will celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord with a special visitor: Msgr. Edward Rice, Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Msgr. Rice will also talk to our students after mass about the importance in saying YES to God's call. He will remind us to always pray for the increase of vocations and for God to strengthen the hearts of those called to serve Him.

We send you now into this month with prayer from the January 10th 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

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

SAVE THE DATE! The Third Annual Extreme Dodgeball Game will be held on Friday, April 30. Mark you calendars now for an evening of fun! More information will be coming soon.

OUR POETS

Earlier in the school year, some of our eighth grade students entered a poetry contest for young poets from the Midwest. The students should be commended for their hard work, dedication, and willingness to share their ideas with others.

Congratulations to the following students whose poems have been accepted for publication in *A Celebration of Young Poets*.

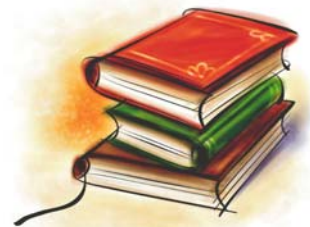
Maddie B.
Sam C.
Matt D.
Melissa D.
Evan D.
Erin E.
Jesse G.

Hope K.
Joe M.
Liam P.
Jake W.
Jewel W.
Lindsey W.
Nick Y.



THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!

Our book fair was a huge success. The students enjoyed having Clifford here at school. Many students had never experienced a Book Fair at school so it added to the excitement. Grandparents' Day and Family Night were a huge part of our \$5000 in sales. Visit the Library website to see what new items have been ordered. We will have our Book Fair the same time next year.



A BIG THANK YOU ...

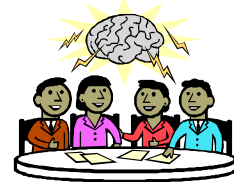
To all the people who made it possible for All Saints School to provide the H1N1 shots. A special thank you to our secretaries, Jenny Kohls and Sandy Mueller, who were involved in helping with this process. Thanks to Ellen Girresch, R.N., who coordinated our volunteer nurses. And, of course, thank you to the "mom" nurses who so generously gave of their time.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If you will have a child attending All Saints Kindergarten during the 2010-2011 school year, please read the letter enclosed (**green paper**). The Kindergarten Program for the 2010-2011 will be a full day program. Kindergarten Registration for your child will be held January 12-15. Registration for families NEW to All Saints School will begin **SUNDAY, January 31st.**

TRIVIA NIGHT—January 30, 2010

The **All Saints Trivia Night, which benefits the ASPA**, will be held on **Saturday, January 30 at 7 p.m.** Tables went on sale **Tuesday, January 5.** We have lots of surprises planned and fun questions that you and your friends will love. We are also auctioning an evening with comedian John Kavanaugh and lots of other awesome prizes. If you have questions about tables, contact Beth Fearnley at 387-1978. If you have other questions or would like to make a donation, call Jackie Weidig at 278-1270. **You don't want to miss it!**



JANUARY 13th -- 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 Wednesday, January 13.

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!

REMINDER— NO SCHOOL

Friday, January 15th—Faculty Meeting

Monday, January 18th — Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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 starting January 14th. He will continue working with the 7th graders on Tuesday afternoons during the second semester.

FREE AND REDUCED LUNCHES

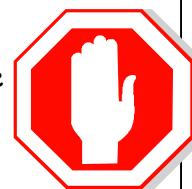
If you have recently lost your job you may be eligible for "Free or Reduced" lunches. This is a very confidential and simple process. In the "Beginning of the Year Form Packet" you will find the form that needs to be filled out and sent to the school office. If you do not have this packet just call the office and we can send a form home via your child. This does not cost the school anything. Once you apply you will receive either the Free or Reduced lunches for the remainder of the school year.



This is available to you so please take advantage of it.

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.

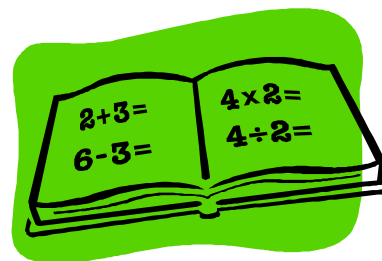


PLEASE MARK ALL ITEMS WITH A NAME

MATH-A-THON

The **St. Jude's Math-A-Thon** began on Wednesday, January 6. What a wonderful way for students to practice their math skills and earn some money for a very worthwhile cause.

It runs through January 22nd.



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 2010.**

Rae Ann Keilty
And
All Saints School Staff

Attachments:
Lunch Account Balance
Kindergarten Registration Form
Parking Lot Volunteer Form



TO: CURRENT ALL SAINTS FAMILIES WITH PROSPECTIVE KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS (2010-2011)

FROM: Rae Ann Keilty, Principal

DATE: January 7, 2010

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.

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 11TH THROUGH JANUARY 20TH REGISTRATION FOR ALL STUDENTS WHO HAVE SIBLINGS ALREADY ENROLLED IN ALL SAINTS WILL BE HELD. Return the bottom portion of this page if you would like to *receive the paperwork* to enroll a child in kindergarten for the 2010-2011 school year.

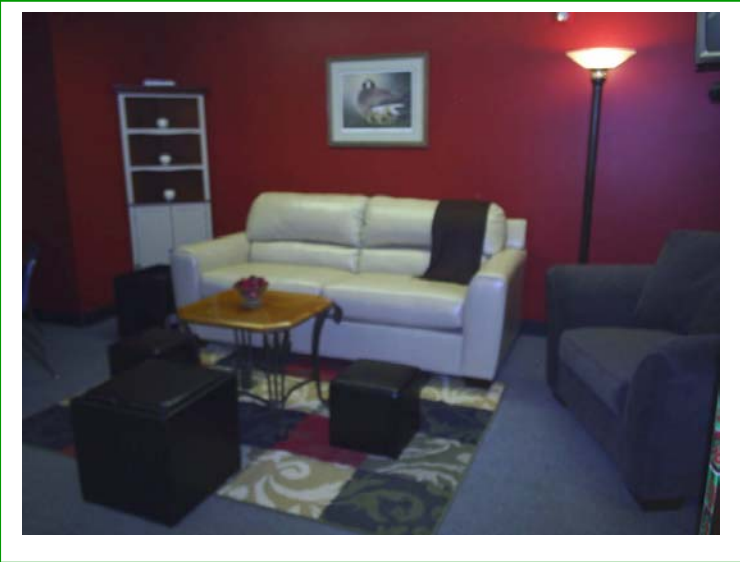
TO REGISTER FOR THE ALL SAINTS KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM, A CHILD MUST BE FIVE (5) YEARS OF AGE BY JULY 31, 2010.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION, 2010-2011

FAMILY NAME _____

Oldest Student's Homeroom _____

Please send us information on Kindergarten registration.



See how beautiful
our new Faculty
Lounge is!!!

**WOW
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THANK YOU



Words can't express our
gratitude to the generous fam-
ilies at All Saints. The new fur-
niture is beautiful. A very spe-
cial Thank You to those who
gave of their time and talent to
transform our Lounge!

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