

# ALL SAINTS SCHOOL

January 8, 2009

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 25th through January 30th. 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 Wednesday of Catholic Schools Week, January 28th, each one of our grades from K-8 will leave the school and give some form of service. We invite our parents and guardians to join us.

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 25th, from 11:30-1:30 p.m.** Don't forget - - **\$100 tuition reduction for YOU** for each new family you bring who enrolls in All Saints School.

## ASPA MEETING

Tuesday, January 13, 2009

7:00 pm

In the Parish Center Music Room

	<h3>THANK YOU</h3>
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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – SPIRITUAL FORMATION:

Blessings to you and all your loved ones in this new year of 2009. 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 8<sup>th</sup> grade students preparing for the reception of the **sacrament of Confirmation**. On Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> 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. 10 at the 5p.m. Mass and Jan. 11 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. 17<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> graders, parents and sponsors close in your family prayers.

January 9-15 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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. 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.

With "resolutions" for the new year, it is necessary for me to move the Parent Prayer time to Thursday. Would you please consider joining our **Parent Prayer time** each **Thursday from 2:30-2:45p.m.** It is a beautiful way to give yourself a moment of quiet in the presence of God along with others who wish to do the same. Our prayer is very simple and reflective. The power of a community praying together for our children and the needs of our world is quite a strong gift. As Jesus said: *"Come and see!"* Give yourself a treat!

We are quickly and with excitement approaching the upcoming **Mission Carnival** on Friday, Feb. 13<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 Masses**: Catholic School's Week Eucharist on Jan. 28 at 8:00a.m.

We send you now into this month with prayer from the Jan. 8<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!**

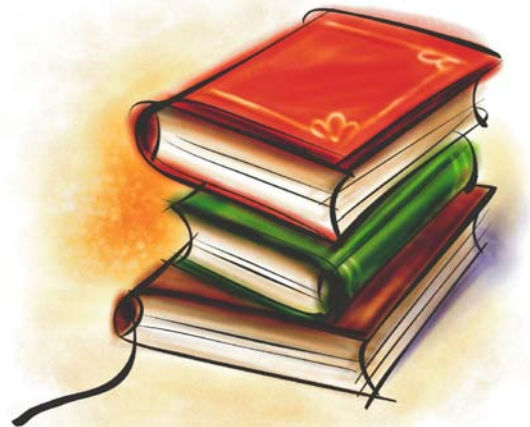
*Mrs. Debbie Goheen*



## **THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!**

Many thanks to all of the wonderful supporters of the November Book Fair at Barnes & Noble. Our total sales were over \$5,000 for the holiday weekend. Our library will have close to \$550 to spend on new titles. This was our most successful book fair with Barnes & Noble. The students and teachers are very appreciative of your support.

*Our next book fair will be March 13-15.*



**WELCOME**

**NEW STUDENTS**

**Noah M. (4M), Madelyn M. (2R) and Gabe M., (KB)**



## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If you will have a child attending All Saints Kindergarten during the 2009-2010 school year, please read the letter enclosed (purple paper). The Kindergarten Program for the 2009-2010 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 25th.**

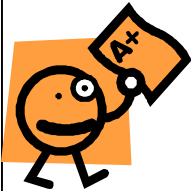
## TRIVIA NIGHT—January 31, 2009

The **All Saints Trivia Night** will be held on **Saturday, January 31 at 7 p.m.** Tickets went on sale **Monday, January 5th.** There are a few tables left. Mark your calendars, tickets usually go fast! For any questions call one of the following:



Judy Reel 240-8247  
Lisa Grabowski 397-1034  
Michelle Wachter 970-2260

## JANUARY 14th -- 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 14.

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!

## 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.

## 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.



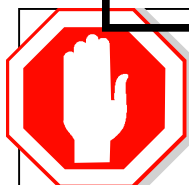
**This is available to you so please take advantage of it.**

## OOPS!!

On Tuesday morning, we tried repeatedly to get our school listed on the Channel 4 school closing list. We were unable to get through to them so All Saints did not show up on their list. We have contacted Channel 4 to determine what caused the problem in hopes of preventing such a problem from happening again.

Remember you can always check the website. It will be updated first thing in the morning.

We are sorry for any inconvenience caused by this omission.



## 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**

## REMINDER— NO SCHOOL

Friday, January 16th—Faculty Meeting

Monday, January 19th — Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

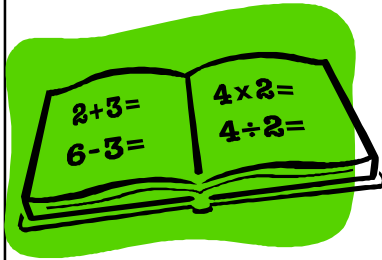
## PARENT PRAYER TIME CHANGE

Parent Prayer will now be held on

*Thursdays from 2:30-2:45*

in the Church

Please join us!!!



## MATH-A-THON

The **St. Jude's Math-A-Thon** began on Wednesday, January 7. What a wonderful way for students to practice their math skills and earn some money for a very worthwhile cause.

It runs through January 23rd.



Please join us for the  
All School Mass on  
Friday, January 9 at 8:00 a.m.

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 2009.**

Rae Ann Keilty  
And  
All Saints School Staff

Attachments:

Lunch Account Balance  
Kindergarten Registration Form  
Trivia Night Theme Baskets  
Lunch Menu  
Paul's Donuts Flyer



TO: Current All Saints Families with Prospective Kindergarten Students (2009-2010)  
FROM: Rae Ann Keilty, Principal  
DATE: January 8, 2009  
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 12th through January 15th 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 2009-2010 school year.

**TO REGISTER FOR THE ALL SAINTS KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM, A CHILD MUST BE FIVE (5) YEARS OF AGE BY JULY 31, 2009.**

**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION, 2009-2010**

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

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

Please send us information on Kindergarten registration.