

ALL SAINTS SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 13, 2008



Dear Parents and Guardians,

With Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas soon upon us, it is the time of the year where we can teach our children some powerful lessons in the areas of giving and service. Before we even realize that it is happening, we get so caught up in the busyness of the season and lose the focus of **why we celebrate!** It is never too late for us to slow down and set an example for the children of **what it truly means to be a giver rather than a receiver.** If only we as adults could remind each other not to allow the consumer mentality, built into the very fiber of our society, to pervade our families! We need to protect our children from the powerful lure of “entitlement” and “expect to get.” How can we do this?

- **Leading** by example is the best way to teach **giving!** This means **giving ourselves time** to even consider a need outside of our self or our family. If you see a need, do you honor that need and share it with your family, **leading** them into the spirit of true giving?
- **Talk** about giving. Children love stories about ways in which you have been able to give to others and/or how others have given to you.
- **Help them imagine** in detail what it would be like to live in the hurting, needy person’s situation.
- **Expect** the children to do the giving **with their own money.** Giving requires **sacrifice;** teach them about sacrificing their own good for another.
- **Let them see** the happiness of the recipient of their gift. Let the satisfaction of seeing someone else be “blessed” by their sacrifice be its own reward.
- **Be patient** if your children do not automatically want to **give.** Our kids are growing up in a selfish world. They need you to help them break bad habits.
- **Teach them the value of giving time.** As they are getting older and their time is more limited, this can be a wonderful value for you to instill in them.
- **Guide** your child in selecting what to give but make sure they give a gift **they feel is important.**
- **Personalize giving.** Let your child see where the giving takes place. Delivering canned goods to a food bank **is more meaningful** than dropping a check in the mail.

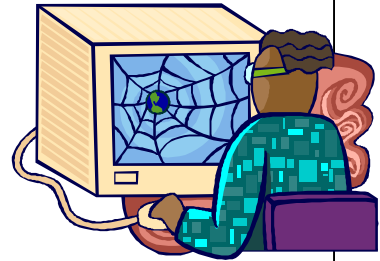
There is a beautiful book called The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein that teaches the value of giving to others. It is an excellent book to share as a family during the Thanksgiving and Advent season. It speaks to hearts of all ages!

Advent give us a tremendous opportunity to help our children understand that each one of them has been made in the image of the Child Jesus born in Bethlehem and that each, too, is called to be a child of peace. More on Advent and our parish theme in the next newsletter...



HOMEROOM WEB-SITES

Have you checked us out at allsaints-stpeters.org ? You can find the Homeroom Websites (Classrooms), SCRIP order form, lunch menu, past and present newsletters, calendar of parish and school events and all the latest school news.. Take a look and let us know what you think. We are constantly updating this information. Special thanks to Mr. Rick Rooney and Mr. Gary Hieb for their countless hours of parish/school computer work.



There are outstanding learning experiences and activities which are happening in each and every classroom. Just click on the "Classroom" link. These need to be shared with the parents/guardian and parish community so you will know what an outstanding Catholic education your child is receiving.

ALL SAINTS SPEECH TEAM

We are pleased to announce the results of the Second Bellarmine Speech Meet of the 2008-2009 school year which was held on Saturday, November 8. This competition is open to students in grades 5-8. All of our students were outstanding. Results are as follow:

DUET DIVISION –

Eric H. and Luke M.—Blue Ribbon, First Place
Nadia V. & Dakota W.—Gold Ribbon, Perfect Score
Belle M. and Elaine E.—Blue Ribbon, First Place

HUMOROUS DIVISION –

Bennett B. – Blue Ribbon, First Place
Alyssa M. – Red Ribbon, Second Place

SERIOUS DIVISION –

Jessica W.—Blue Ribbon, First Place
Rachel W.—Red Ribbon, Second Place



Special thanks to our school coaches, Mrs. Lapinski, Mrs. Mesler, Miss Mohan, and Mrs. Williams, and our school judge for the day, Mrs. Brase .

The next scheduled Speech Meet is Saturday, February 7, at Holy Spirit in Maryland Heights.



I would like to thank you for all the wonderful goodies you brought in for the bake sale to benefit the Karen Catholic Worker Housel I was overwhelmed. I was very pleased with the number of students that volunteered to work and sell to the parents. The total amount we made was \$274.75 WOW!!! Again, thank you to everyone that worked and brought in baked items. I know the volunteers at Karen House greatly appreciate your efforts and prayers.

Karen Mesler

STUCO

The Student Council sponsored a Mix It Up at Lunch day for the junior high on Thursday, November 13. The purpose of this day was to provide an opportunity for students to mix with and get to know students from other grade levels. Students participated in a get



Thanksgiving

The Student Council will be leading the all school Thanksgiving Mass on Thursday, November 20, at 8:00. The Student Council is collecting toiletries for the All Saints Vincent de Paul Society. Students may bring donations of toilet paper, paper towels, kleenex, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, and deodorant to their homerooms by Tuesday, November 18. Thank you for your support.

LOST AND FOUND

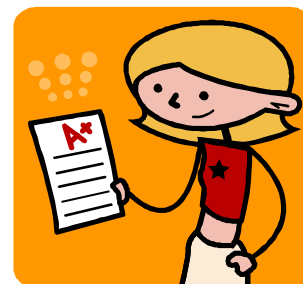


The Lost and Found Bucket, located on the landing as you enter the cafeteria, is **over-flowing**. Please have your child check this location for any items s/he may have lost. As of December 5th any items in the Lost and Found Bucket will be donated to a Charity.

FIRST QUARTER

Can we believe the first quarter is already a memory? Report cards were sent home, conferences held, and, for grades 3-8, the Iowa Test of Basic Skills scores were discussed. The students are having great success with the AR Reading Program. And let's hear it for Mrs. Mesler, our librarian.

Our teachers and staff continue to fund the Accelerated Reading Program with "Casual Dress Monday." On Mondays staff members are allowed to wear blue jeans if they give a \$1.00 donation to the AR Program for the purpose of purchasing books.



Thank You

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM SHARON SPEAK AND BEVERLY MILLER



We would like to take this opportunity to thank and express our appreciation for the volunteers who gave their time and effort to make All Saints Craft Bazaar so successful. A special thanks to our committee heads:

Tammy Haney and Kathy Rupp—Kitchen
Dana Naugher—Raffle
Theresa Schnieders—Bakeshop
Pat Schramm—Small Raffle



HONOR ROLL -- Grades 4-8

Congratulations to the following students who achieved recognition for academic achievement for the first quarter of the school year.

Grade 8

High Honors (Straight A's)

Rachel P.

Honors (B+ Average)

Rob F.	Joe M.	Craig M.	Brad S.	Marissa S.	Jake Z.	Emily A..
Adam G.	Kimberly G.	Joey K.	Nolan M.	Dominic N.	Brigid S.	Teresa V.
Andrew W.						

Grade 7

High Honors (Straight A's)

Tyler C. Hope K. Evan D.

Honors (B+ average)

Maddie B.	Matt D.	Melissa D.	Jesse G.	Tom G.	Erik R.	Lindsey W.
Lauren A.	Jenny D.	Erin E.	Julia G.	Jimmy G.	Courtney K.	
Jake M.	Liam P.	Jake W.				

Grade 6

High Honors (Straight A's)

Allyson M. Kellie S.

Honors (B+ Average)

Bennet B.	Claire C.	Elaine E.	MacKenzie F.	Bobby M.	Samantha N.	Rachel S.
Ryan S.	Eric W.	Alex B.	Owen C.	Andrea C.	Carolyn C.	Emily K.
Allison L.	Monica L.	Jacob M.	Belle M.	Luke S.	Jordan S.	
Lia V.	Brendan W.					

Grade 5

High Honors (Straight A's)

Josh D.

Honors (B+ Average)

Connor F.	Patrick G.	Conor K.	Emily M.	Madison P.	Ally R.	Rachael W.
Charlie W.	Nick C.	Josh D.	Abby D.	Eric H.	Femila M.	Alyssa M.
Luke M.	Emma S.	Nadia V.				

Grade 4

Honors (B+ Average)

Daniel G.	Lindsay G.	Joe H.	Nick H.	Maria H.	Catherine K.	Haley S.
Max W.	Michael A.	Tyler B.	Hannah B.	Emily C.	Abby F.	Cassie G.
Luke H.	Lukas M.	Josh M.	Theresa N.	Ryan W.		





TRIVIA NIGHT

As you are aware, the All Saints Parents Association (ASPA), which is each and every one of you, does a wonderful job in many areas of our school. One of the fundraisers that the organization conducts is the annual Trivia Night in February. This year the Trivia Night will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2009.

This year we will be having a silent auction. In lieu of each grade donating a basket we are asking each family to make a cash donation in order to pool funds and purchase larger items. If you or your business would like to donate a larger item or have any questions please call

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

SEE ENCLOSED FLIER IN OLDEST FOLDER



All Saints cookbooks are still available. The cookbooks are a custom design hard bound binder style containing over 800 recipes. The cost is \$10.00 and would make a great shower or Christmas gift! The books will be available by contacting the school office

CAR SEATS



We are looking for one or two used booster-style car seats to keep on hand for field trips for our younger students in case they forget to bring theirs. If you have one you would like to donate, we would appreciate it.

May a harvest of gratitude to God fill your heart as you reflect on all you have received.

Sincerely,

Ms. Keilty
and
All Saints School Staff



Attachments:
Kindergarten Survey
Hot Lunch Program Account Balance
Barnes & Noble
"On the Way to Bethlehem"

KINDERGARTEN

2009-2010

November 13, 2008

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In order to help us plan for next year, please fill out the following information if you will be having a Kindergarten student for 2009-2010 school year. This in no way binds you to enrolling your child in All Saints Kindergarten Program. It only helps us to plan for the future.

_____ Yes, I will possibly have a Kindergarten student for the 2009-2010 school year.

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____

Sincerely,

Ms Rae Ann Keilty
Principal

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE NO LATER
THAN FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21st**

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BOOK FAIR

How many shopping days are left before Christmas??? Well, do we have the very best Holiday Plan for you!! Books make fantastic gifts and we are working with Barnes and Noble to help you and our school library. So shop till you drop!!!

All Saints has worked out a great Holiday Plan with Barnes and Noble which will operate just like our Spring Book Fair. Our Holiday Plan is as follows:

Barnes & Noble
320 Mid Rivers Center Drive
Friday, November 28 and

Saturday, Nov. 29, 9:00am – 11:00pm
Sunday, Nov. 30, 10:00am -8:00pm



Enclosed are vouchers for you to use at Barnes and Noble, Nov. 28—November 30. When you make a purchase you give the cashier one of the vouchers and All

Saints Library will earn a percentage of your purchase. You may also use Barnes & Noble SCRIP for your purchase, so you too can earn a percentage.



Please come and *shop, shop, shop* and see some of our students' Art work, too. This will be displayed in the store. There will also be a table set up with teachers' wish lists (Hmmm...Christmas Gifts!).

There is no finer gift than a great book! Come shop our "Holiday Plan" and help yourself and give our school funds to purchase AR books for your children.

**REMINDEMENT TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS THEY CAN SHOP AT A
BARNES AND NOBLE NEAR THEM.
JUST USE THE BAR CODE**