

St. John the Baptist School Newsletter



February 26, 2010

Dear families,

Our Lenten journey continues. This weekend we are blessed and fortunate to have the Parish Mission, *Come to Me* begin on Sunday evening at 7:00 PM. The Mission will continue until Wednesday evening with a concluding Mass. Bishop Rhoades will be the celebrant.

Lent's time of prayer gives us a time to focus on introspection while strengthening our faith and our relationship with God. Often times, it takes persistence and a concerted effort to give ourselves the time to pray. Saying that I will do it later, rushing through a short time of reflection, the inability to focus on prayer, and/or the constant wandering of our thoughts are hurdles to be overcome. A gift of patiently working through these hurdles is one of the great gifts of Lent.

Our Parish Mission gives each of us a structured time to answer God's constant beckoning: *Come to Me*. Families are encouraged to support one another and

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nudge one another to come to the evenings. Again, this is the gift of Lent: families spending time together in prayer.

My prayer for this school community that we pray for one another as only a family can pray for its members.

Together In Christ,
Mrs. Sandor

HELP WANTED

We are beginning our Response to Intervention program in our primary grades. The daily schedule has been rewritten to have a structured and consistent time for the program. At this time we are in need of 2 volunteers who will commit to being at school 8:15-8:45 Monday through Thursday mornings. One of the volunteers would need to be here two of those days and the other volunteer would need to be here the other two days. There is no formal training needed. The only requirement is that you enjoy working with children and you want to help a child read. I know there are many people in our community who fit this description. Please call the office to let us know of your interest.

ISTEP

Our students in grades 3-8 will take the Applied Skills portion of the ISTEP tests next week on March 2, 3, and 4. Please make sure

your child comes to school well rested and properly nourished in the morning. We want students to feel their best while taking this test. The multiple choice portion of ISTEP will be given April 26 - May 5.

IRISH MUSIC ASSEMBLY

Our Arts & Enrichment Committee is sponsoring an Irish Music Assembly on Wednesday, March 10. Preschool through 4 will attend at 1:00 and 5-8 will attend at 2:00 in the PAC. Parents are invited to attend.

EARLY DISMISSAL

We will have an EARLY DISMISSAL ON THURSDAY, MARCH 11, AT 12:30 PM. Our teachers will attend curriculum day at the Cathedral.

PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

We will host an Open House for our Preschool and Kindergarten for the 2010-2011 school year on Thursday, March 11, at 6:30 PM. Children will be supervised in the classroom while parents attend an informational meeting in the library.

HAITI COLLECTION

We are proud to inform everyone that we raised \$336.50 for the Haiti relief fund. Thank you to everyone who supported this project.

SCRIP

Planning a vacation to warm, sunny Florida during Spring Break? Plan ahead and you could also be saving on your tuition bill while basking in the warm sun! Purchase SCRIP for your gas on your trip and you will be adding money to your account for registration and tuition! Many of the same chain restaurants that offer SCRIP also have restaurants in Florida - Pizza Hut, Applebee's, Bob Evans, Cracker Barrel, Subway, Taco Bell, Wendy's, etc. Purchase SCRIP now for your favorite restaurant in Florida! This is just one easy way to help you save money on your tuition. We challenge everyone to TRY SCRIP!! This is the easiest way for our families to take charge of their tuition and to help themselves save money! All it takes is a little planning ahead. We are sure once you accustom yourself to using SCRIP you will be hooked!

LUERS NEWS

LuersKnight Preview Party - Thursday, April 22, 7-9 pm in the gym. Admission \$5.00
LuersKnight - Friday, April 23. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$140 per person and may be purchased by

calling Kathy Skelly at 456-1261.

BOXTOPS & CAMPBELLS LABELS

Please keep saving your boxtops and Campbells labels! We receive \$.10 for every General Mills boxtop we redeem! This adds up to quite a nice sum for our HASA! The Campbell labels give our school much needed equipment free of cost! Please keep saving these items for us!!

MEDICAL CARE FOR CHILDREN

A screening clinic will be held to identify children in our area who can benefit from the expert care provided at Shiner's Hospitals. If you know of any children under 18 who have orthopedic or burn problems, bring them to the clinic for an evaluation. Saturday, March 20 - 1-3 pm; Lutheran Hospital
A copy of the child's immunizations and a copy of the birth certificate must be submitted at the time the application is submitted. Any questions, contact Karl Klemm 260-705-5536

IMMUNIZATIONS

We have just received a letter from Dr. McMahon regarding new immunization requirements for the 2010-2011 school year. Please read the enclosed important letter regarding new immunization requirements for students entering 6 through 8th grade.

ART CLUB

We will not have art club next Wednesday, March 3.

PARISH MISSION

Our Parish Mission starts this Sunday, February 28 and continues through Wednesday, March 3. Please join us at 7:00 PM each evening.

Sunday - "You Are Mine"

Fr. Steinacher

Monday - "I Call You"

Mary Pullman

Tuesday - "You Are Forgiven"

Fr. Kramer/Reconciliation

Wednesday - "I Send You"

Mass with Bishop Rhoades

All school functions and meetings have been canceled on Monday through Wednesday evening so families can attend the mission.

APE INSTRUCTORS

April Ganser needs all APE instructors to email her their class descriptions by this Sunday, Feb. 28. If she does not receive the description by Sunday, that class will have to wait until the next semester APE program.

