

# Sacred Heart of Jesus School Newsletter

November 19, 2009

Dear Parents,

We have decided to make the newsletter only every other week from this point on. There were many reasons for this and time was one of the biggest factors we took into consideration. We were also hoping more of you would be willing to receive it online but only had 6 people sign up for it to come that way. It would be so nice to save trees and just hit a button for you to get your newsletter. If you are willing to receive it electronically and would like to sign up now, please e mail Mrs. Menardie at [bam@sacredheartgr.org](mailto:bam@sacredheartgr.org)

At Thanksgiving time, I hope you are able to stop and give thanks for the blessings in your life. I know I am blessed with a wonderful school full of great community to work with here at Sacred Heart. I also feel blessed for the parents who are able to pitch in when we are really in a bind. A group of parents came forward during a crisis most recently and I am most appreciative to each of them. I am sure there are many others who I am thankful for and if I have forgotten to say thank you, consider it said with sincere gratitude.

Rather than the angel tree this year, our staff has decided to help those within our own community. We will still have a tree with tags on it and gifts that the families need. We will then disburse them to the families within our own community. This process will remain anonymous and only Mrs. Peplinski will know the identity of the families being blessed with your kindness. If you know of someone you would like considered to be on our tree, please call me at the office.

Please pray for Miss Jessica Sund this weekend since she will be married at Saint Peter and Paul Church on Saturday. We will all be thinking of her and praying for the most beautiful day God can give. God bless you from all of us on your marriage. Yours in Christ, Mrs. Christine Peplinski

## Earth Day Challenge

We have received notice that we will NOT be collecting plastic grocery bags. We will find out in February what we will be saving for the competition. If you have been saving grocery bags in anticipation of the contest, please recycle them in your regular recycling containers or drop them off at Meijer.

## Mark Your Calendars

Christmas Concert	December 14th
West Catholic Middle School Band Concert	December 16th

## IMPORTANT DATES

Friday Nov. 20	9:00 am Liturgy—Norman Homeroom 7th & 8th Grade visit to West Catholic
Sunday Nov. 22	Capital Campaign Dinner
Monday Nov. 23	8:00 am—SCRIP Orders Due 9:00 am—5:00 pm—Book Fair 6:00 pm—Zumba! In Cafeteria
Tuesday Nov. 24	9:00 am—5:00 pm—Book Fair
Wednesday Nov. 25 - Friday Nov. 27	No School
Monday Nov. 30	8:00 am—SCRIP Orders Due 6:00 pm—Zumba! In Cafeteria
Thursday Dec. 3	7:00 pm—Home & School Christmas Party (Details on enclosed sheet)

## Auction News

Things are well underway in the planning department. PLEASE consider volunteering (either with classroom art projects or the head of the Check Out area or helping out the night of Auction)!

Letters were sent home last week in the Classroom Friday folders regarding the suggested items for donation. Please turn those items in as soon as possible. This helps the Auction Committee focus their efforts on the larger items.

## Essay Contest Winners

The Knights of Columbus hosted a Spaghetti Dinner this summer and donated all of the proceeds to the school for tuition assistance.

Mrs. Peplinski decided to offer the money as prizes for an essay contest. The topic was *Why Sacred Heart is the Best School.*

The winners are:

1st place:	Corey Sheeran	\$200.00
2nd place:	Maddie Karsten	\$100.00
3rd place:	Chloe Richardson	\$100.00

Each student has a credit on their tuition account for the amount listed above

### **Prayer of the Month**

Students will be working on this prayer during the coming month. Please connect with them by reviewing it at home and praying it together.

#### **Prayer of St. Francis**

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; and to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

### **Lost and Found**

The bin is overflowing with sweatshirts, winter coats and various other items. If your child is missing articles of clothing, please check the bin.

Any articles left in the bin after Tuesday, November 24th will be donated to charity.

### **Free Family Fun**

You are cordially invited to Barnes & Noble Booksellers *Santa's PJ Story Time with author Jeff Schatzer* at the Rivertown Crossings Mall on Friday, November 20, 2009. Story Time begins at 6:00 pm. Please call the store if you need additional information.

### **Educational Outfitters Sale**

Educational Outfitters needs to do inventory, so they are having a pre-inventory sale. They are taking 25% off all in stock merchandise.

The store is located at 3108 28th Street, SE in Kentwood. They can be reached at 531-7592.

### **Upcoming Newsletter Publication/Distribution Dates**

December 3rd and December 17th

Please have any information that you want published into the office the Monday prior to publication.

### **Enclosures**

1. December Lunch Order Form
2. SCRIP Flier
3. Letter from the Athletic Director
4. Home & School Christmas Party

### **Falcon Sports**

If your child hasn't had a physical to cover the 09'-10' sports season, get them one and return the form to the office.

We still need soccer uniforms from 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> graders - please return them to the office.

The Boosters are looking for parents to help work the concession area during basketball games. Please contact Katie McDonald (735-9339) if you can volunteer for an hour.

Athletic Director: Joe Lidgard 453-3143

### **Zumba News**

Classes are being held in the cafeteria while the concession area is being renovated. Please check the website for a complete schedule.

### **SCRIP NEWS**

Gear up for holiday gift giving—order SCRIP for those hard to buy for people! Please see the calendar for the SCRIP order schedule (note that SCRIP will NOT be ordered the week of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year).

### **Renewing Our Legacy of Faith**

The parish is currently conducting a Capital Campaign drive to raise funds to repair the two towers and roof of the church. Part of the renovations will also include installing an elevator and a new heating system.

A video presentation was made at church the weekend of October 18th. Several parents have asked to see the video again, or would like to share it with other parish members and family members. You are encouraged to watch the video at: <http://shofjrenewourlegacy.catholicweb.com>

We here at the school have a vested interest in the success of the campaign. The parish contributes heavily to the operating budget of the school.

If you would like information about contributing to the campaign, please contact Michael Dupont (243-8515), Jan Pacific (735-6277) or Rose Arbanas (647-2569). If you are unable to contribute financially, please pray for the success of the campaign.