

Sacred Heart of Jesus School Newsletter

November 5, 2009

Dear Parents,

This is an important week at school with ITBS testing. I know the teachers have mentioned to you the importance of eating a healthy breakfast and getting enough rest. Luckily, we are not a public school where they do test preparation for the first month of school. It is just one more way of measuring the students and we use many ways to evaluate children. Remember that in third and seventh grade the tests take two weeks because of the added Cognitive Skills testing.

Conferences are also very important for any school. The first set of conferences are mandatory. We need every parent to make every effort possible to be here for their scheduled conferences. If you are not able to make it, we would expect a phone call to cancel. As a teacher, I always felt that conference week was my favorite week. I was so excited to meet with parents and share all of the wonderful things about their blessings from God. Of course, there were times where I had to point out some weaknesses, but everyone here knows each child is a gift from God and we treat them as such. If you feel you would like me to sit in on your conference, please call the school office or send me an e-mail me at ceplinski@catholicweb.com. Yours in Christ, Mrs. Christine Peplinski

Basketball Coach Needed

We are in need of a GIRLS 5th/6th grade Basketball Coach. ASAP! If interested, please call Joe Lidgard at 453-3143. Practices can begin Nov 16th, so we need a decision soon. Thank you!

Newsletter Changes

In an effort to reduce the amount of paper that we consume, the newsletter will be published every other week.

If you have an insert that you would like to have accompany the newsletter YOU MUST have a copy to Mrs. Peplinski (via e-mail or a hard copy) for her to approve the Friday morning before publication. Once the insert has been approved, copies can be made. The copies must be in the office the Wednesday morning prior to distribution.

If you have information that you would like incorporated into the newsletter, it must be in the office (via e-mail or hard copy) the Friday before publication.

Upcoming Newsletter Publication/Distribution Dates:

November 19th

December 3rd

December 17th

If groups have information that needs to go home between newsletters, they must obtain Mrs. Peplinski's approval, and you need to come in and make copies to be distributed to classrooms.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday Nov. 5	11:05 Dismissal– Bus will run 1-3:00 pm and 4-7:00 pm —Parent / Teacher Conferences
Friday Nov. 6	9:00 am Liturgy—1st Grade 11:05 Dismissal– Bus will run 1-3:00 pm and 4-7:00 pm—Parent / Teacher Conferences
Monday Nov. 9	8:00 am—SCRIP Orders Due 6:00 pm—Zumba! In Cafeteria
Tuesday Nov. 10	7:00 pm—Auction Mtg.
Wednesday Nov. 11	7:00 pm—Boosters Mtg.
Thursday Nov. 12	8th Grade Popcorn Sale 2nd Grade Fire Presentation
Friday Nov. 13	9:00 am Liturgy—Herron Homeroom
Monday Nov. 16	8:00 am—SCRIP Orders Due 6:00 pm—Zumba! In Cafeteria
Tuesday Nov. 17	6:30 pm—Bd. Of Ed. Mtg.
Friday Nov. 20	9:00 am Liturgy—Norman Homeroom 7th & 8th Grade WC Visit
Sunday Nov. 22	Capital Campaign Dinner

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.

HELP PREGNANCY CRISIS AID

The center is collecting gently used winter coats, snowsuits and boots for sizes 0 (newborn) to 5 Toddler.

If your child has outgrown their gear from last winter, please consider donating it to a child in need. Items can be dropped off in the office.

SCRIP NEWS

Now through November 13th Lowe's is offering a program called "Building Up To The Holidays". For each \$25.00 gift card purchased for Lowe's (through SCRIP) the school will be entered into a drawing. This also applies to \$50.00 gift cards—2 entries; \$75.00 gift card—3 entries; etc). Lowe's will be giving out donations in the amount of \$1,000.00; \$500.00 and \$250.00 to non-profit organizations. Wouldn't that be a nice Christmas Present for the School!

Parent Participation Hours

Please turn in your Parent Participation hours. You will notice on your tuition statements that there is a ledger for your hours so that you will know where you are at. Many of you worked at the Fall Festival, please turn in your time sheets so that your account is credited. The school's policy is that in May you will be charged \$10.00 per hour for every hour not completed.

Enclosures

1. Tuition Statements
2. November & December Calendar
3. Lunch Account Statements (if applicable)

Christmas Card Contest

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring their "Keeping Christ in Christmas" card contest.

The completed form (signed by a parent) and artwork are due on November 16th. Entry forms are available at the school office and in the church bulletin.

Falcon Sports

Winter Sport Sign Up Sheets were due NOV. 2nd. Please call Mr. Lidgard at 453-3143 if you want to participate.

5th/6th Grade Girls Basketball is need of a coach. Please contact Joe Lidgard if you are able to help out.

Food Drive—Last Call!

The Knights of Columbus are conducting a "Neighbors Helping Neighbors: Food Drive from now until November 6th. Please drop non-perishable food items in the collection bin by the school office.

If you know of a family in need, please contact the office (you can do so anonymously). The information will be passed along to the Knights.

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.

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).