

Sacred Heart of Jesus School Newsletter

October 15, 2009

Principally Speaking

Dear Parents,

We continue to work on academic excellence and our Catholic Identity. I know the students are learning more and more each day from what I see in the halls and in the classroom.

We are gearing up for the Fall Festival. There have been some individuals working very hard on this project. I really cannot thank them enough for their hard work. The teachers are also getting ready to have the games running in their classrooms this year. It will be a change from the gym and every teacher was willing to make this change. I want to thank all of the parents who are helping with the games this year. From what I understand this will be the best festival ever! I am looking forward to seeing everyone there. I like the time with the parish community. I hope each of you can make it.

Please remind your children that to find a friend, they need to be a friend. It is easy to say I do not have any friends, but often times I wonder what type of friend they are to others. This is just some food for thought.

Also, if you are available to help in the gym on any Saturdays, please call Joe Lidgard. If your child is playing sports you are expected to come and help. Thank you in advance for your help in this matter.

Yours in Christ, Mrs. Christine Peplinski

West Catholic Steak & Fish Fry

On Friday, October 23rd from 4:30 until 7:00 pm the West Catholic Boosters will be having a Steak & Fish Fry honoring the teams from 1979 (State Runners -Up) and 1974 (Undefeated). Tickets are \$10 each, pizza will also be available.

This is also the last home game for the season.

Please join them in celebrating the generation of successes at West Catholic.

Zumba News

Mrs. Norman started class this week. Please check the website for a complete schedule.

Notes and Reminders:

1. On Thursday, October 22nd the parish will be having a day of Eucharistic Adoration. At the 7:00 pm Benediction there will be a special procession. Father Ed has asked that the first communicants from last year be in attendance at Benediction. If it is possible, Father would like the children to be in their First Communion outfits (assuming that they still fit).

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday Oct. 16	9:00 am Liturgy—Staff
Sunday Oct. 18	Noon—4:00 pm—Fall Festival 4:00 –9:00 pm—Big Noise Teen Concert (in Gym)
Monday Oct. 19	8:00 am—SCRIP Orders Due 6:00 pm—Zumba! In Gym
Tuesday Oct. 20	Picture Retake Day 7:00 pm—Bd. of Ed. Meeting
Thursday Oct. 22	ADORATION 7:00 pm—Benediction
Friday Oct. 23	9:00 am Liturgy—4th Grade

Fall Festival Update

Fall Festival is here! If you have not signed up to help out, but find that you have some time to spare this weekend—we would love to have you. There are always places that an extra set of hands would be helpful.

We are in desperate need of 2 liters of soda for the ring toss game. Jeans Day passes will be given (one per student) for helping out with soda.

If you have any questions, or would like more volunteer information—please call the school office or Alan Dunst (Festival Chairman) at 459-7425.

On Sunday afternoon (4 pm until 9 pm) there will be a concert in the gym. There will be five different bands from Western Michigan to entertain the teens/young adults of the parish. For ticket information, please call the rectory office at 459-8362.

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.

Hail, Holy Queen

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy; our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate thine eyes of mercy toward us and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen.

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!

D & W and Family Fare School Days/Cash for Class

D & W

The week of October 11—17th

Family Fare

The week of October 18—24th

Our school code is 87895. During these weeks, the school will get 2% of your total purchase! Please consider using these markets for your grocery shopping.

Fall Conferences

Included in this newsletter is the sign up form for Fall Conferences.

Please review this information, select which date and time would work best for you, and return it to school no later than Thursday, October 15th. All requests for appointments are first come, first served.

Enclosures

1. VIRTUS Opt Out Form
2. Conference Sign Up Sheet

Volunteer Opportunities

HIGHLIGHTS FOR OPPORTUNITIES:

- Volunteers are needed for the Parish Fall Festival (this weekend). Please call Alan Dunst at 459-7425 if you can spare an hour. We also need baked goods for the Cake Walk and for the Chicken Dinner.

Falcon Sports

5th & 6th Grade Football

Oct. 17th	9:00 am at Holy Spirit
Oct. 24th	11:30 at Holy Spirit

7th & 8th Grade Football

Oct. 17th	Noon at Holy Spirit
Oct. 24th	10:00 am at Holy Spirit

5th & 6th Grade Volleyball

Oct. 17th	10:00 am at Holy Spirit
Oct. 24th	Noon at Sacred Heart
Oct. 31st	10:00 am at Sacred Heart

7th & 8th Grade Volleyball

Oct. 17th	Noon at IHM Court #1
Oct. 24th	9:00 am at Sacred Heart
Oct. 31st	Noon at IHM Court #2

Winter Sport Sign Up Sheets were handed out to the 5th—8th graders last week. If your student does not have a sign up form, they are available at the school office. The forms **MUST BE TURNED IN BY NOV. 2nd.**

If you have any questions, please contact the Athletic Director—Joe Lidgard at 453-3143.

VIRTUS Program

The diocese mandates that each school year, two VIRTUS lessons be presented to the students of the school. We are preparing for the fall lesson.

If you **DO NOT** want your student to participate in the lesson, please complete and return the enclosed "Opt-Out" Form to school.