

Sacred Heart of Jesus School Newsletter

October 22, 2009

Principally Speaking

Dear Parents,

I wanted to write a few ideas on how to support your child in the learning process here at Sacred Heart of Jesus School. One way to support student learning is to review the papers in your child's backpack and talk about recent assignments. Teachers appreciate it when parents look at their child's planner and sign it for them. They also appreciate it when the parents continue to talk to their children about the missing work they may have.

Another way is to read with your child every day. Even if you only have 15 minutes, it will help them immensely. Children of all ages love to read with their parents. This can be the parent reading aloud or the child reading to the parents. You could also share in the reading. Some of my best memories are of my own mom sitting with all of us on the couch and reading. I think she made us sit there, but now I am so thankful. With 8 kids sitting around her, she must have felt like she had her own classroom!

Research shows that students learn best in an environment that balances challenge and support. By modeling curiosity, resilience, and persistence we show kids that they can rise to the challenges and try new things. Together, the parents, teachers, and staff of Sacred Heart of Jesus School can prepare our children to be successful 21st century learners. Yours in Christ, Mrs. Christine Peplinski

"If you raise your children to feel that they can accomplish any goal or task they decide upon, you will have succeeded as a parent and you will have given your children the greatest of all blessings."-Brian Tracy

Fall Festival News

Thank you to all of the parents and students that helped to make the parish festival SO successful! We hope that all enjoyed the new games, larger prizes and delicious dinner! We could not have done it without your help!

Coke Rewards

This is the last week that Coke will match whatever points we log for the month. PLEASE log on and enter your codes, or get the codes in to the school office.

Notes and Reminders:

1. **TONIGHT, October 22nd** the parish will be having a day of Eucharistic Adoration. At 7:00 pm Benediction there will be a special procession with the first communicants from last year. We will have 15 visiting priests to take part in Benediction. Father Stasker will be doing the reflection. Please bring your students and participate in this beautiful service.

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday Oct. 23	NO 9:00 am Liturgy due to funeral JK & Kindergarten Field Trip
Monday Oct. 26	8:00 am—SCRIP Orders Due 6:00 pm—Zumba! In Gym
Wednesday Oct. 28	10:00 am—Aquinas Touring Troupe here for presentation
Friday Oct. 30	9:00 am Liturgy—2nd Grade 1st Quarter Ends

Influenza Information

In the wake of increased influenza activity in our community, we would like to pass along the following information from the Kent County Health Department regarding requirements for when a child can return to school. Currently, the Kent County Health Department is following the CDC guidelines that **students with influenza like illness should stay home until at least 24 hours after they are free from fever (without the use of fever-reducing medications)**. There is NO NEED for a student to have a physician's note clearing them for return to school. Currently, area physicians are very busy seeing symptomatic individuals, and there is no need for well persons and their families to make an extra trip to the doctor to obtain such a note and risk further exposure to sick individuals.

Sacred Heart of Jesus will be following these guidelines. We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that we are doing everything possible to keep the students healthy.

Zumba News

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

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

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.

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.

Enclosures

1. November Lunch Order
2. West Catholic Information

Attention Middle Schoolers!

Please join our growing west side youth group!! We meet every other Sunday night at the library at Sts. Peter and Paul school from 6-8 p.m. The next two meetings are Nov. 1 and Nov. 15. There is also a diocesan wide youth rally called the JOY rally that is being held on Saturday Oct. 24 from 2-9 p.m. at St. Mary Magdalene parish and opening are still available. The ministry APEX will be performing and mass and pizza are included. Feel free to contact Patti Kohane for more information and/or transportation @ 453-3264.

Falcon Sports

5th & 6th Grade Football

Oct. 24th 11:30 at Holy Spirit
FINAL Oct. 31st 9:00 am at Holy Spirit

7th & 8th Grade Football

Oct. 24th 10:00 am at Holy Spirit

5th & 6th Grade Volleyball

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

7th & 8th Grade Volleyball

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.

Picture This Embroidery Orders

If you are ordering apparel from Ed Blakely (Picture This Embroidery) please make sure that you are ordering the size that your student needs. Mr. Blakely has had NUMEROUS requests for exchanges due to ordering the incorrect size. Once he embroiders our logo on the items, he cannot resell them.

If you have questions about sizes, please contact him first—DO NOT guess and assume that the item will be exchanged.