

# Sacred Heart of Jesus School Newsletter

September 10, 2009

## Principally Speaking

Dear Parents,

It was so good to see all of the students last week. We are very blessed with such nice children, parents, and grandparents to work with at Sacred Heart. I want to make sure every new family feels welcomed. Once again, if there is anything I can do to make things better for you, do not hesitate to call or e-mail me at the office. I do consider my work a ministry and I am here to serve all of you, as well as the teachers and staff.

I want to let the new parents know about the dismissal procedure here at Sacred Heart of Jesus School. We have found the safest way to pick up your children is to park your car in the parking lot by the playground and walk over to get them. The only students who can walk to the parking lot alone are the Middle School students. They can walk a younger sibling or cousin. They must hold their hand as they cross. I am not doing this to take more of your time or to make you angry, I am doing this to keep your child safe. Heaven forbid one of our children gets hit by a car. Imagine how badly you would feel if you hit someone outside the school.

There are many exciting things happening at school. I have butterflies flying outside my office for some reason. If your child is in first grade, they might know. I hear laughter once again in the hall and it sounds great. I spent Tuesday with the Middle School students at Camp Roger - one of my favorite places in West Michigan. Enjoy this wonderful weather and feel free to contact me at any time.

Yours in Christ, Mrs. Christine Peplinski

## Bible Study on the Gospel According to Mark

Sessions will be held in the Sacred Heart Rectory on Mondays from 1:15—2:45 pm on October 5, 12, 19, 26 and Nov. 2nd. The time of day gives Moms, Dads, and Grandparents enough time to pick up students at the end of the school day. The study set is \$12.95. To register, place the fee in an envelope with your name, telephone number and "Bible Study" on the face of the envelope. Drop the envelope off at the Rectory or school office. The registration can also be mailed to: Bible Study, Sacred Heart of Jesus Rectory, 156 Valley Avenue, SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504. Registration is due Monday, September 21st.

## Notes and Reminders:

1. TONIGHT is the Parent Information Night. Please plan to attend at 7pm. We will begin in the cafeteria. After a brief introduction, you will proceed to your student(s) classroom(s). If you have more than one student, your folder with information that needs to be completed will be in the classroom of your courier (who brings home your Thursday folder).
2. Please review the calendar below for important meeting dates.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday Sept. 10	7:00 pm—Parent Information Night
Friday Sept. 11	9:00 am Liturgy—Herron Homeroom
Sunday Sept. 13	Knights of Columbus Coffee and Doughnuts after 8:00 am & 10:30 am Masses
Monday Sept. 14	SCRIP Orders Due 7:00 pm—Auction Meeting
Tuesday Sept. 15	Band Starts
Friday Sept. 18	9:00 am Liturgy—Walsh Homeroom
Saturday Sept. 19	6:00 pm—Pizza Shootout in Freindship Hall

## Pulaski Day Parade

The parade will take place on Saturday, October 3rd. We will have a float in the parade. If you would like to help with the design and assembly of the float (Friday evening & Saturday morning), please call Nikki Pacific at 458-0762.

Permission Slips for your child/children will be coming home in next week's newsletter. There will be two; one from Steelcase and one from the school. If you would like your child to ride on the float, please get your slips in as soon as possible. There is only so much room on the float. If you want your child to ride on the float, an adult must accompany them.

### 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 to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

O Most Holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing; I adore you, I love You, and with lively sorrow for my sins, I offer You this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure, and wholly obedient to Your will. Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in You and for You. Protect me in the midst of danger, comfort me in my sufferings, Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, Your blessings in all I do, and the grace of a holy death. Amen.

### Knights of Columbus News

Welcome Back - The Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring coffee and rolls following all the Sunday Masses on September 13th in Friendship Hall. Now that school is back in session it's time find out what your fellow parishioners and school families have been up to all summer. Please stop by have a snack and say hello to all those that are back from summer vacations. You do not need to be a registered member of Sacred Heart of Jesus parish to become a Knight of Columbus.

Altar Server Appreciation - The Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring an all parish breakfast on September 27th following all Masses. All altar servers will receive a free breakfast when they attend with their families.

### German Culture/Language Classes

Last call! Please contact Brian Meier if you are interested for yourself or your student. Brian can be reached at 735-1153.

### School Spirit T-shirts

Mrs. Peplinski has designed a wonderful t-shirt for the students to wear out and about (like the Pulaski Parade) ! The front will say "I ♥ My School" The heart will be the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The back will say "Sacred Heart of Jesus School".

The cost of each shirt is \$4.00. If you cannot afford a shirt, please contact the school office. Order forms with sizing information will come home this week.

### Enclosures

1. Marriage Encounter Retreat
2. Catholic Choral Academy Information (Grades 2-8)

### Volunteer Opportunities

#### HIGHLIGHTS FOR OPPORTUNITIES:

- Auction is gearing up for another fabulous event! If you can help obtain or log donations, package prizes, assist with set up or clean up or would like to work at Auction please call Nikki Pacific at 458-0762.
- The Home and School has several programs that they could use help with. The Publishing Center, Welcoming new families, meals for families (new baby, death in the family and hospitalization)... just to name a few. If you would like more information, please contact Nikki Pacific at 458-0762.
- Bingo needs workers on Wednesday evenings. This is done for tuition credits.
- The parish fall festival will take place on October 18th. Volunteers are needed to help with the games, the dinner and Bingo. Please call Alan Dunst at 459-7425 if you can help out.
- Sr. Vera always needs tutors for the WORD Program. If you can help out once a week, you would impact the life of a student. Please call Sr. Vera at 459-0826 for more information.

### Falcon Sports

#### 5th & 6th Grade Football

Sept. 12th	10:30 am at Holy Spirit
Sept. 19th	10:30 am at IHM

#### 7th & 8th Grade Football

Sept. 12th	1:30 pm at Holy Spirit
Sept. 19th	Noon at St. John Vianney

#### 5th & 6th Grade Volleyball

Sept. 12th	10:00 am at St. John Vianney
Sept. 19th	1:00 pm at Rockford Christian
Sept. 21st	6:30 pm at Rockford Christian

#### 7th & 8th Grade Volleyball

Sept. 12th	Noon at St. Thomas
Sept. 21st	7:30 pm Rockford Christian

### Soccer

We do not have a schedule yet in the office.

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