

Sacred Heart of Jesus School Newsletter

September 1, 2009

Principally Speaking

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to an exciting 2009-2010 school year! Summer once again went very quickly and school is here again. I really look forward to meeting all of our new families and children and seeing our returning families. We could not do it without you. This year, we have a special chance to welcome the Saints Peter and Paul families and make sure they know this is their school.

The teachers and staff have been very busy this summer. Some teachers and staff participated in staff development workshops which enable them to further their expertise in various curriculum areas. Others have spent time developing better management styles and some have spent many hours previewing instructional materials for use in our educational and religious program. All of us have worked on the Curriculum Crafter that will soon be available for parents to view. It enables each teacher to do more with technology and curriculum. We are so excited about this new tool.

Our custodial staff has worked diligently to give the building a fresh look. I want to thank Mr. Dennis Gillian, Mr. Jake, and Miss Nan. Fortunately this year Nick Stanko spent the entire summer with us helping move items and learning what it takes to get a school in good order for the new year. Thank you Nick! We also had a wonderful new parent paint the stairways to make that look fresh. Thank you Minoslaw Stasiuk.

I am really looking forward to another great school year at Sacred Heart. I work with the most dedicated staff I have ever met in my life. This will be my 25th year in the Diocese and I am thrilled to be able to celebrate it with such a great team. God is good. We will continue with our tradition of a strong academic environment with Catholic tradition.

Yours in Christ, Mrs. Christine Peplinski

Home & School

Included in this newsletter is a sign up sheet with information concerning the various areas where help is needed for this school year. Please review this information, select what areas you would like to help with and return the form to school.

Notes and Reminders:

1. If your child takes a medication on a regular basis (Prescription or otherwise) we must have a Medication Administration Form on file **BEFORE WE CAN DISPENSE THE MEDICATION.** Please see the website "FORMS" section to print off that form. WE do need a doctor's signature for prescription medication. A parent signature will do for Tylenol.
2. Please review the calendar below for important meeting dates.

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday Sept. 2	9:00 am—Liturgy
Friday Sept. 4	NO SCHOOL DAYCARE CLOSED
Monday Sept. 7	NO SCHOOL DAYCARE CLOSED
Tuesday Sept. 8	Middle School to Camp Roger 7:00 pm—Home & School Meeting
Wednesday Sept. 9	7:00 pm— Boosters Meeting
Thursday Sept. 10	7:00 pm—Parent Information Night
Friday Sept. 11	9:00 am Liturgy—Herron Homeroom

Thursday Folders

For the new families, normally newsletters come home on Thursdays. Due to the holiday weekend, I am sending it home on Tuesday so that you have the calendar and important information in your hands sooner, rather than later. Next week your newsletter will come in a vinyl pouch. Please return that to school each week.

If you have something that you would like placed in the newsletter (article or insert) I need to have it in my hands by Monday at noon for that week's newsletter.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Mrs. Menardie

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.

Sprechen Sie What?

We are exploring the idea of an evening German Club for this upcoming school year. The goal would be to provide students with a language/cultural head start for high school.

If your 5th—8th grade son or daughter would be interested, or if you would like to participate, please contact me at 735-1153.

The time frame would be once a week from 6:30—7:30pm. Ideally we would have 5-15 students and an additional 2-3 parent helpers.

Please let me know as soon as possible if this is something that either you or your student would be interested in.

Danke schon!
Brian Meier

Enclosures

1. September & October Calendars
2. SCRIP schedule
3. Bingo Concession Sign UP

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

I do not have schedules for games yet, once I have that—it will be published weekly. You can look on-line at GRACEAC's website. Info tends to get posted there first and then distributed to the coaches.

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

Piano Lessons

A Sacred Heart parishioner offers lessons in her home. If you are interested in exploring this option, please contact Sandra Hillary at 791-9303 or 822-4272. Brochures are available in the back of church.

Pulaski Day Parade

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