

Sowing Seeds of Service

Feb. 13, 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians,



Many thanks to SACPO for the presentation about animals from the St. Louis Zoo. Thanks also to the Room Mothers for the Valentine's Day parties. The students had a great day!

I know that the current news and economy might have some people concerned about the future. Fr. Bill and I are committed to St. Ann Catholic School. We will be here next year and far into the future for your children. One of the keys to the future strength of our school is high enrollment. Registration will begin in a few weeks for next school year. The **Open House for Prospective Families** is re-scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 22, from noon to 3 p.m. Please spread the word to friends, neighbors, relatives, and co-workers! If you would like fliers to give to others, please call the school office. 381-0113

Last Saturday was a **Bellarmino Speech Meet**. Moira and Laynie Smith won a Blue Ribbon for their Duet. Maggie Boul won a Blue Ribbon for her Humorous speech. Performing Serious speeches, Gabby O'Brien won a Blue Ribbon and Landyn Johnson and Asha Hopton won Red Ribbons. Congratulations to all of them! Special thanks to Mrs. Sandy Murray who is their coach and Mrs. Mary Jane Matejka who was a judge.

Congratulations to all the boys in **Cub Scout Pack 516** for the awesome cars they built and raced! The top 5 fast cars were made by Liam Quinlisk, Aidan Quinlisk, Vinnie Nance, Brendon Klohr, and Martin Oyalo. The top 5 cool cars ("show") were made by William Spilling, Alex Morris, Brian Dooley, and Parker Zollner. Brian went on to win 5th place "Most Realistic" car in the Pathfinder District Derby. We also had 100% participation!

Through the generosity of one of your fellow parents, the Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Graders have begun an **Opera Workshop**. Jermaine Smith, father of two of our students, has agreed to volunteer his Wednesday afternoons to come and teach our students something about what it takes to put on an opera. The students are choosing their stories, writing their scripts and songs (with the help of Mr. Smith and me), designing and creating their sets and costumes, and planning to perform for you! Mr. Smith is also organizing a Step Team for select students in K-gr. 4.

The performance will be **Wednesday evening, March 18, at 7 p.m.** in the Parish Center. The Step Team will perform and each grade level will present its individual opera, each opera lasting about 10 minutes. But that is 10 minutes of the powerful emotion, creativity and music that Opera is best at providing. Please plan on coming to see their original work!

Mr. Michael Clark, our computer teacher, will be in Mississippi for the next 2 weeks. He will be participating in the **Sunflower River Expedition** as he has for the last 3 years. Grades 3-7 will join him through distance learning on the internet. Ask your students about these exciting lessons!

Parents can enroll in a free course at Stanford to learn more about **Facebook**. They can also sign up to receive a free newsletter about **Facebook** created especially for parents with kids under 18 using the service. This course educates parents on what **Facebook** is and gives them tips on how to keep their children safe. Go to <http://facebookforparents.org> for more information.

Please help! The school needs copy paper. A case of 10 reams of paper equals 5 SACPO hours. This is an easy way to earn your hours and help the school. Thanks!

Blessings and peace,
Ms. Mary Jo Reichenbach

LOOKING AHEAD:

Mon., Feb. 16 – Presidents' Day – there will be no school

Fri., Feb. 20 will be a busy day. We will have the kickoff for our **spring candy sale** after Morning Prayer. The students will **Jump Rope for Heart** in the morning. There will be a **Red Cross** presentation in the afternoon.