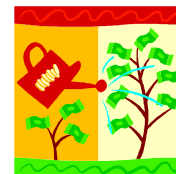




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Growing in Caring & Compassion



Jan. 15, 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Today was the last day of 2nd quarter. **Report cards** will be sent home on Fri., Jan. 22, to all families who are current on tuition, registration fees, Morning & AfterCare, and any other monies owed.

Today all classes participated in a prayer service for **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** on the theme of peace and solidarity. Special thanks to Mr. Wiedmann and the 8th grade for planning and leading the service.

On Monday the 2nd dose of H1N1 vaccine was administered to students ages 9 and younger. **Special thanks** to our 2 volunteer nurses, Sr. Rose Mercurio and Mrs. Rhonda Conway. Thanks also to Mrs. Clark, Boul, O'Donnell, and Zamborsky who volunteered to help take temperatures, do paperwork, prepare syringes, and hold children on their laps! The care and kindness showed by all was wonderful to witness.

The **Sponsors' Dinner Dance and Auction** is St. Ann School's biggest fundraiser. Past years' auctions have allowed us to install the new playground, update the science lab, make numerous repairs throughout the school and church, purchase Mimeo boards for some of the classrooms, update the computer lab, and fulfill many wishes off of the teachers' wish lists. This year's event will be on Saturday, April 24 in the St. Ann Parish Center, so mark your calendars because you don't want to miss out on what is always a fabulous night! It is time to start planning and preparing for the Dinner Dance and Auction NOW! If you have connections to businesses or individuals who would be willing to donate their goods and services, we can use your help. If you are willing to decorate, help with raffle ticket sales, help with set up and clean up, we can use your help. Please join us for our **first planning meeting on Thursday, Jan. 28, at 7 pm in the Rectory Library**. Call Cheri Smith (382-1107) or Kay Dieckmann (381-7201), this year's auction co-chairs, if you have any questions. More information on the Dinner Dance and Auction will be coming.....

We are just a few days away from the **UMSL Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service**. Thank you to the 15 parents who have said that they will be here to help! Remember, some of our gr. 7-8 students will be volunteering **babysitting** time for children ages 4 through 9 in the Parish Center. So far we only have 9 children registered for babysitting. Older students are welcome to come and help with the Spring Cleaning. If you haven't registered, but you have time available that day, please come to help! Bring your buckets and scrub brushes; there is a lot to do!

St. Ann Catholic School has been part of **sacs.we-care.com** for 3 short months. Already your purchases have raised \$55.48 for our school. Please continue to use the site for your internet shopping.

A Parenting Tip from West County Psychological Associates: **Peer Pressure**

Peer pressure at this age often has to do with how to treat others. Who do we include and who do we exclude in the class? Who is cool and who isn't? What sports, activities, and media are cool and what isn't? When it comes to dealing with peer pressure, parents can share some experiences they had and how they successfully dealt with them. Practice playing "what if." Role-play certain pressure type situations, so the child has a plan if he/she gets into a difficult situation. Parents should encourage him or her to come to them if they feel pressured and unsure of what to do.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Jan. 18 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – no school
- UMSL Day of Service and Spring Cleaning

Jan. 22 – report cards sent home to all families who are current on tuition and fees

Jan. 31 – Rite of Enrollment for gr. 7-8 Confirmandi at 11:00 Mass

- Open House noon to 3:00

Feb. 3 – Family Meal 5-6:15 pm, Family Mass at 6:30 pm

Feb. 11-13 – 8th grade play, *The Big, Bad Musical*, 7:00 pm in the Parish Center

Christmas blessings and peace,

Ms. Mary Jo Reichenbach

REMINDERS:

- **Catholic Schools Week** will be celebrated Jan. 31-Feb.5. This year, instead of a Family Lunch, we will be having a **Family Dinner on Wed., Feb. 3, 5-6:15pm, followed by a special Family Mass at 6:30 pm**. I hope that all families will be able to join us. An order form for the dinner was in last week's Friday envelope.
- Please donate your gently used toys and stuffed animals to the Parish Picnic. Items may be dropped off at the back of church or at school in the collection bin marked **Recycled Toys!**
- **All parents grades 4-8**, please mark your calendars now for a **mandatory Parent Meeting** on Wednesday, **March 10**, at 6:30 pm. The topic will be Human Sexuality and the Family Life series that we will be teaching at school and that you will use at home with your child/ren.
- **Give Kids a Smile** provides free dental care for families currently unable to afford it. They are having a clinic Feb. 5-6 at St. Louis University Center for Advanced Dental Education. To register or request more information call 636-397-6453 or visit www.GiveKidsASmile.org.