



Growing in Caring & Compassion

Jan. 22, 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Report cards are being sent home today to all families who are current on tuition, registration fees, Morning & AfterCare, and any other monies owed. Please sign and return the card & envelope to your child/ren's homeroom teacher by Friday, Jan. 29.

I have reviewed all the report cards. I am pleased with the hard work of many of the students. There are some, however, who need to return to the good study habits that they had during 1st quarter! Star Students and Honor Roll students will be announced next week. Star Student Day will be on Thurs., Jan. 28.

The **UMSL Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service** was a HUGE success. A million thanks to the **parents** who helped: Martha Phillip, Michelle Klohr, Christina Eston, Mary Alice Thomas, Monica McDaniel, Pat Ligon, Delores Jeffries, Jacqueline Buck-Horton, LaTrina Hopton, Karen Hubbard, Sue Kane, Kay Dieckmann, Luke Engelmeyer, Jason Dunker, Lisa Busch, Cheri & Mark Smith, Francesca & Chris Sullivan, Linda Paunicka, and Julie Thompson. More thanks to the **teachers** who were here: Julie Chase, Cheryl Thomas, Mary Kinsella, Al Fischer, and Kathy & Bob Reid. A lot of **students** helped too; Chase & Cole Phillip, Brandon Klohr, Emma & Josh Busch, Elise & Lauryn Bonner, Bronson Taylor, Moira & Laynie Smith, Jasmine Bruce, Claire Dieckmann, Asha Hopton, Lindsay Kloepfer, Emily Paunicka, Nautica Washington, Ronay Haynie, Maggie Boul, Jessica Doyle, Landyn Johnson, Jessica Nance, Tim O'Leary, and Ross Thompson. Some **parishioners** were here too and I thank them for their generous gift of time to the school; Sue Reid, Matt Waterman, and Don Muckerman. We plan to make this an **Annual Day of Service** - mark your calendars for **Jan. 17, 2011!**

There will be **An Open House for Prospective Families** who are interested in sending their child/ren to St. Ann Catholic School on **Sun., Jan. 31** from 12-3 pm. Please tell your friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers the good news about our school and invite them to attend the Open House. You can direct them to our website for more information. You should check it out for yourself, too <http://www.sacs-stl.org/openhouse>. We would love to see our enrollment grow for next year!

The order form for the **Family Dinner on Wed., Feb. 3, 5-6:15pm** must be turned in with payment by **Friday, Jan. 29**, so that the correct amount of food can be purchased and prepared. I hope that you will all be attending!

Please help! We are almost out of **copy paper**. This is an easy way to earn your SACPO hours. One case of 10 reams of copy paper equals 5 SACPO hours. Please call the office if you can help us with paper.

Morning drop-off procedures: Just a reminder – please pull forward to the front corner of the white concession stand building if you are the 1st car in line for drop-off. This provides a safe area for students to get out of the cars and enter school. Thanks!

The next meeting of the **Picnic Planning Committee** will be on Monday, January 25th, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Rectory. More members and volunteers are needed and welcome!

A Parenting Tip from West County Psychological Associates: **Homework**

Parents spending the time to help their child form a nightly homework routine will benefit him/her for the rest of their academic career. Parents choose the time and place for homework – parents know the child and what

will work best for him or her. Designate one quiet area of the house, whether it's the kitchen table or desk. Parents can also help the child learn organization strategies that work, like the use of planners and calendars. Beyond that, homework is the child's responsibility, not the parents! The parent's job is to help them establish the routine, then let the job be theirs.

LOOKING AHEAD:

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

Blessings and peace,
Ms. Mary Jo Reichenbach

REMINDERS:

- First planning meeting for the **Sponsors' Dinner Dance and Auction** will be on **Thurs., Jan. 28, at 7 pm in the Rectory Library.**
- **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.**
- 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.

Hoping for sunshine soon!

