



Growing in Caring & Compassion

Feb. 5, 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am very happy to announce a new addition to the staff of St. Ann Catholic School. Miss Kelly Sedlacek started on Tuesday as **Teacher's Aide** for the 3rd grade class. Kelly received her teaching degree in December from USML.

The **Open House** last Sunday was very successful. There were 18 new families who visited us. Special thanks to Mrs. Lisa Busch, Mrs. Karen Mohan, Alexis Abernathy, Moira and Laynie Smith, Brendan Dooley, Ross Thompson, Jessica Doyle, Meagan and Maureen Mohan who gave tours and visited with the new families.

The final count is in for the **Penny War for Haiti**. The total amount collected was \$801.61! This money has been sent to Fr. Tom Hagan who is a missionary in Haiti. You can learn more about his work at www.handstogether.org. Thank you all for your generosity. This was a wonderful expression of caring and compassion. The boys who won the contest will enjoy a free dress-out day on Monday, Feb. 8!

Catholic Schools Week was a lot of fun. A million thanks to **SACPO** for the great *Birds of Prey* assembly, the Dessert for the students, and the student and faculty meals at the Family Dinner. I know that the faculty is looking forward to a delicious lunch before our meeting today. Thanks to the SACPO Officers, Mr. & Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Johnson, and Mrs. Engelmeyer for all their work planning and preparing for the week.

I think that the first week of our **Hot Lunch Program** went very well. There was a little confusion at the beginning of the week about the index cards that we are using to track the students' lunch orders. I think that problem has been solved. Thanks to Brian Dailey for making us delicious and nutritious lunches every day!

Congratulations to **St. Ann Catholic School alumna** Chloe Lawless. She was selected as the Mission Model for January at Incarnate Word Academy.

A newly-produced one-hour **documentary on the history and future of Catholic education in the Archdiocese of Saint Louis**, *Mission to Educate: A Faithful Past, A Faith-Filled Future*, will air on HEC-TV (Cable) at the following times: Sundays in February at 1 p.m., and Mondays in February at 7 p.m. HEC-TV is Channel 26 for Charter Cable customers and Channel 99 for AT & T U-Verse customers with HEC-TV option. When *Mission to Educate* is being aired on HEC-TV, it will be simultaneously shown online at hectv.org. The documentary will soon be available on the HEC-TV site and on iTunes U, available for downloads to iPods or iPhones. Go to hectv.org for more information. View a promotional video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n7xAlXNF2pk>

Emergency! We were completely **out** of clean **copy paper** on Thursday. Many thanks to Mr. Dave Morris who came to our rescue with a case on Thursday and Mrs. Martha Philipp who brought 2 cases on Friday! 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.

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

Boundary violations occur when someone tries to do someone else's job. It is the child's job to do their own schoolwork and projects, to take care of their own room and belongings, to get their chores done, to follow the rules at school and in their teams and activities and to relate to their friends. When parents step into these roles, when parents do these things for their children, they send a clear message – "You can't do this yourself, I will

do it for you.” As long as parents are assuming this responsibility, children have no need to become a responsible person. Parents delay their growing up and their independence.

LOOKING AHEAD:

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

Feb. 15 – Presidents’ Day – No School

Feb. 19 - Mid-Quarter Reports sent home

Feb. 20 – SACPO Progressive Dinner

Feb. 22 – Spring Candy Sale ends

Blessings and peace,
Ms. Mary Jo Reichenbach

REMINDERS:

- 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.

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