

May Newsletter St. Joseph School 2010

Dear Families,

The month of May has arrived and another school year enters its final weeks. Though many are counting the days, there is still much to accomplish and valuable learning time remaining.

Please put the following dates on your calendar:

Tuesday, May 4 - Spring Raffle tickets due in office

Friday, May 7 - "Spring Picnic Bash" 6:00-9:00 on school playground

Saturday, May 8 - Set up gym/stage for Spring Musical - VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!

Sunday, May 9 - May Crowning @ 12:00 Mass - Second graders invited to participate

Monday, May 10 - Parent School Council meeting - 6:30 - Teacher's lounge

Tuesday, May 18 - DARE graduation - 3:00 in cafeteria

Thursday, May 20 - Education Commission - 6:00 in teacher's lounge

Tuesday, May 25 - Rehearsal for musical - 9:45

BMX show - 2:30 on school playground.

Wednesday, May 26 - Spring Musical 1:30 & 7:00 PM

Thursday & Friday, May 27 & 28 - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS - Professional Development days.

Monday, May 31 - NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day

Thursday, June 3 - Field Day - Grades 1-6 at City Park

Friday, June 4 - Service Squad/Safety Patrol Bowling 1:30-3:30

Lugnuts St. Joseph School Night 7:00

Tuesday, June 8 - Awards Assembly 3:00 in gym

SIXTH GRADE GRADUATION 7:00 Mass - Reception following in church basement. Last day of school for 6th graders

Wednesday, June 9 - Last day of school!! Dismissal at 12:00

PARENTS MUST PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION HOME THIS DAY.

DRESS CODE REMINDER... Beginning this week, the students may once again wear shorts and Capri pants (*except on church days!*) Please be diligent in making sure the shorts are 'dress style,' navy, khaki, or black, and LONG enough to reach the knee. *Also, there will not be a blue jean/cupcake day in May because of the Spring Musical.* The students *will* be able to be out of dress code on the field day.

OUR SPRING MUSICAL is scheduled for Wednesday, May 26. As in the past, we will have two performances. One is at 1:30 in the afternoon and the evening performance is at 7:00. The program will last about an hour and a half. *Because we will be doing a performance during the school day, we ask the children to wear their "dress up clothes" to school that day.* Having an extra show in the afternoon has been very successful. Many grandparents, and parents who work evenings, are able to attend in the afternoon, freeing up some space at the evening show. Please encourage your friends/family members to come in the afternoon, if that works in their schedule. *We also wanted to let you know that we will be passing baskets for a free-will donation to help defray the costs of the production.*

Hearing the children's voices fill the building with their music is so awe inspiring. I know that this is so much more than a Spring Musical! It showcases our school, our mission, our children, and our spirit. The words of the songs teach lessons of God's love for us and our call to love others. **This year's theme of peace** is particularly meaningful in a world filled with war and conflict. I especially like the idea that peace is not just a global concept; it is a 'home concept.' It begins with the way we treat those with whom we interact on a daily basis; our family, our friends, co-workers, store clerks, etc. If we can get it right there, it can grow beyond our 'borders.' We hope you enjoy the show!

YOUR GENEROSITY, even in these financially challenging times, has been inspiring. The penny collection during Catholic Schools Week allowed us to donate \$1372 to the Haiti fund and the Baby Pantry. Our jar for Haiti netted \$896, (including a \$300 check from the local Knights of Columbus.) Your children also contributed more than \$700 during our Lenten mission collection. Wow! Pretty impressive, don't you think?

THIS IS A REMINDER THAT ALL ADULTS who wish to join students on field trips or volunteer in a capacity that puts them in contact with students must have the "Protecting God's Children" training. Our Bishop has insisted that we be compliant with this mandate. If you are unable to attend a scheduled live session, there is an online option which can be completed in a couple hours. Call the school office for further details.

PLEASE NOTE:

- ❖ *All tuition balances must be paid in full before the last day of school.* Those with unpaid balances at the end of the year will need to contact the office to make arrangements for payment before the year-end report card will be sent.
- ❖ Special congratulations to the second graders who received their First Holy Communion this past weekend.
- ❖ Our fifth and sixth grade girls enjoyed a fine season of volleyball! We were able to field three teams thanks to their participation and the volunteer coaches. A wonderful experience for all!
- ❖ A huge thank you to Chris DeLiso and to Laura Thelen and to all of you for your work on our last two fund-raisers. Clubs Choice added about \$8,000 to our budget and we are hoping for good results from the Spring Raffle. (Tickets can be sold up to the time of the drawing! Pure profit from this point on...)
- ❖ Thank you for turning in the "Boxtops for Education" tags. We have received checks amounting to \$2,272.70 thanks to your efforts. It adds up fast at 10 cents a boxtop!
- ❖ The first day of school for the 2010-11 school year has been set for Tuesday, September 7, which means we will have our school 'walk through' on Thursday, September 3rd.

LOTS OF QUESTIONS ABOUT NEXT YEAR... *As of right now*, it appears that we will have the following breakdown for classes: two each of grades k-4, a 5th, 5th/6th split, and a 6th. Though this could change, it is not our plan to do so. Hope this answers your questions.

All out of space!

Sincerely,

Tomi Ann Schultheiss