



November 20, 2009

Dear Parents,

My special congratulations and appreciation go out to this year's **J.A.G. Quest 2009** chairs, Kristen Nicklawske and Genevieve Burke. The positive leadership and excitement of these chair persons has been phenomenal. Thanks to all of those who helped as committee chairs and event volunteers. Thanks for the many donations that were received, underwriting expenses, bidding on silent/live auction items, and for just attending this important event. Your generosity is so appreciated. What a great night for our community - wonderful food, great auction items and the fun music of Molly and the Danger Band. It was great to see and visit with so many families. It was certainly a social and financial success.

I know many families were not able to attend Saturday night because of other conflicts, or you did attend, but did not get the items you bid on. Not to worry, **you still have an opportunity to participate!** Watch for a flyer coming home today listing group events and items that are still available. Also, I am excited to announce that I have received a donation of \$1,000 to be applied to the purchase of another Promethean board for the school. The total cost for the purchase and installation of another electronic board would be about \$4,000. Please contact me if you are interested in making a tax deductible donation towards another board.

Thank you for the great turnout at last week's **conferences**. It is gratifying to see the outstanding level of parent participation. The teachers and I appreciate your support and words of encouragement. Report cards for 1st Trimester will be going home Wednesday, December 2.

Our thanks to the **Home and School Association** and the **first grade parents** in particular, for providing dinner for the teachers Wednesday evening during conferences. It was really a treat not having to leave the building during the short dinner hour break! Thank you to Stacy Roszkowski, Valerie Tracy and all the parents who brought in treats and helped serve.

Next week there will be **no school** on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 for Thanksgiving. Enjoy this time with your family.

The **K-3 Christmas Concert** will be held on Monday, December 7 at 7:00 pm in the church. A separate letter with full details and a DVD order form came home to K-3 parents last week. Our annual senior citizen's party, hosted by the K-3rd grades, is set for Friday, December 4th at 1:30 pm.

It is easy to ignore thinking about winter with this beautiful weather. However, it is just around the corner. Please remember that school closings are announced on WCCO and KARE-11. We

are always listed with our school district. **If District #197 schools are closed, we are closed.**

Report cards for 1st trimester will be going home Wednesday, December 2. A reminder that all tuition accounts/fees must be current through November before report cards may be issued. Contact Mike Snyder, Parish Administrator, at 651-457-2781 if you have financial questions or concerns.

The Men's Club is sponsoring a **Turkey Bingo** this Sunday from 5:30-8:00 pm in the parish Great Room. Families are welcome. There will be prizes and a concession stand.

The office has flyers for the Cretin-Derham Hall Winter **Baseball Hitting Clinic** for boys ages 6-18. You may have your child pick up a flyer in the office or have one sent home.

Today was our annual **Thanksgiving liturgy**. The choir, under the direction of Miss Baldus and the Varsity Band, under the direction of Miss Quinlan, led us in song and praise. It is always great to see so many parents attending this special liturgy. Students participated in a food collection for the Franciscan Brothers of Peace, of St. Paul. My thanks to Mr. Morgenroth and members of our Student Council who promoted this service project and delivered the canned goods. **Next week there will be no mass because of the short week.**

Jane E. Nordin, Principal