



Dear Parents,

January 22, 2010

There is **no school** on Friday, January 29. Teachers will have a Staff Development day working on our self-study.

Catholic Schools' Week is January 31 - February 6. Students who wear their uniforms to weekend masses (January 30-31) will receive an out-of-uniform pass. The Jr. High Choir will be singing at the 9:00 am mass on Sunday. There will be an **Open House** for any new families interested in our school on Sunday, January 31 from 12:00 Noon - 2:00 pm. If you know of a family who may be interested in our school, please invite them.

We will also be hosting our annual **Open House** for parents and visitors on Wednesday, February 3 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. We will follow a regular schedule and parents are welcome to visit all grade levels and subject areas. Please be considerate of our students who will be engaged in lessons, when bringing toddlers, etc. All visitors should register in the school office and wear a visitor's badge.

Two registration/information meetings have been scheduled for our **preschool**. Join Annie Broos, Preschool Director, on Sunday, January 31 at 2:00 pm or Tuesday, January 26 at 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria.

On the back of this letter you will find a flyer from our **uniform company** regarding an upcoming School Appreciation Uniform Sale.

The **Kindergarten Parent Information Night** is set for Monday, February 8 at 7:00 pm in the parish Great Room. Plan to attend this meeting if you have a kindergartner beginning this fall. If you have a neighbor or acquaintance who will have a child entering kindergarten this fall, please invite them as well.

Thank you for your generosity. Last week's out-of-uniform / **Haiti collection** brought in over \$900. We have included those funds with the parish's weekend collection.

Plans are under way for our annual **school carnival** on Friday, February 5. We are in need of donations for the General Store and the Raffle. Carnival is a school day. The school is responsible for the safety of all students during the school day, therefore, students may not leave the building unless they have a note from a parent or their parents pick them up and sign them out at the school office. Students may not go home with other students unless the school office has a note from their parent. Students from other schools are not invited as this is a St. Joseph's School event. Students in grades K-2 should be accompanied by an adult or responsible sibling. Flyers for Presale tickets and a "Guide to Carnival" are coming home today.

A volunteer form for the annual **Scholastic Book Fair** went home last week. Funds from the Book Fair allow Mrs. McNamara to continually update and increase our collection. The library class schedule for Book Fair was also on the volunteer form for you to know when your child(ren) will be at the Book Fair. The Book Fair is a great time to work with other school parents and enjoy one of the highlights of the year. We appreciate your help and support.

A letter and program schedule for "**All in God's Plan**" came home today with our 5-8 graders. This archdiocesan program for young people and their parents is intended to assist families in teaching youth about God's gift of human sexuality, the sacredness of human life and the importance of family. Programs are offered for grades 5 & 6, 7 & 8, and 9-12. For more information, contact Duane Bauer in the Faith Formation Office at 457-2781 ext. 7406.

School **Spirit Week** activities are being planned for the week of February 8-12. Watch for details.

Winter conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, March 2 from 5-9 pm, Thursday, March 4 from 5-9 pm and Friday, March 5 from 9-12:00 and 1-3 pm. These conferences may be requested by either the teacher or the parent. Winter conferences are requested for, but not limited to, academic or behavior concerns, special updates, etc. Mid-Trimester progress reports will be mailed out next week. Students who receive a progress report, will automatically be mailed a conference sign up form. If you do not receive a progress report/conference sign up, but wish to schedule a conference, please call the school office at 651-457-8550.

Next week, the **kindergarten** students will be going to Mud Lake on Tuesday to look for signs of winter and the 4th graders will have a visit from the Reptile Man on Thursday.

Please join us for an all school **Adoration** on Thursday, January 28 at 9:00 am in the church. There will be no school mass.

Jane E. Nordin, Principal