



January 8, 2010

Dear Parents,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope you all had a great holiday break. The faculty and I are grateful for the many kindnesses from parents with cards, gifts, sweet-treats and well-wishes. Thanks also to all of those families who contributed to the Home and School's Christmas Gift collection - every teacher and staff member received a very generous and much appreciated gift.

Videos of the K-3 Christmas concert were sent home to those families who placed an order before Christmas. If you placed an order and did not receive your copy, contact Mike Madden (651-452-0546). Thank you to Mike for providing this service.

We recently received a check for \$2,600 from **Box Tops for Education**. Thank you to the Kustritz family for cutting, counting and packaging all the box tops that come in. Thank you to all the families who collect those box tops and send them in to school. Your efforts are paying off, keep those box tops coming!

A flyer for the **School Carnival** is coming home today. Thank you for any help you are able to provide.

The Religious Education Office reminds parents of the 2nd grade **Reconciliation Learning Centers** on Saturday, January 9 from 9:00 - 12:00 noon in the parish Great Room.

This might be a good time for parents to **double check school sweatshirts, jumpers, shirts**, etc. to be sure your children have their own correct uniform. Many times uniform pieces get switched or exchanged during gym classes or in the classrooms. A quick check for correct numbers and names would be helpful.

The **school calendar** for the second half of the year is on the back of this letter.

This week's cold weather is a good reminder of the importance of having **children dressed warmly**. K-6 students do go outside for lunch and afternoon recess.

Exciting Opportunity Alert! We are redesigning our school's website and are excited about a new look and user friendly format. The site organization plan and design work is ready to go, but we need some technical assistance to move forward. We are looking for someone who is familiar with the Dreamweaver program, and specifically the CSS format to assist us. This is a short-term commitment and does not involve committee work. The school has an in-house web master who maintains the web site, so you will not be needed after the initial launch. This opportunity to share your expertise could be

on a volunteer basis or a stipend. Could you help us out or do you know someone who could? Interested, but have some questions? Contact Annie Broos at 651-789-8300 or anbroos@stjosephwsp/org.

The **Health Office** reminds all families to continue with precautions during the cold and flu season and to be sure that your child's immunizations and physicals are up to date. If your child is diagnosed with a contagious disease, such as strep, pink eye, lice or influenza, please contact the health office. Parents are the best observers of these symptoms. Feel free to call with any questions or concerns.

The school office has **flyers** for the Art Academy's Winter classes. You may stop in to pick one up or have one sent home with your child.

Please join us for our next **school mass** on Friday, January 15 at 9:00 am in the church.

Principal

Jane E. Nordin,