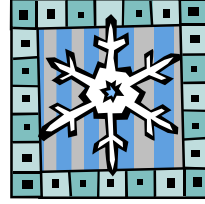


Principal's Page



January 2012

Dear Family,

Blessings for the New Year! At the beginning of a New Year, many people make resolutions. We strive to improve in some areas or to change some habits that we don't like. As a Catholic school community, it would be appropriate to seek new ways to work together to develop spiritually and intellectually. When a family chooses a Catholic school education, it says that the family has a priority at putting FAITH FIRST. It is important for the family to worship weekly at mass. When we pray with each other and for each other it helps to strengthen the family bond. When parents choose a Catholic school, it says that the family has a priority on education. It is important for the family to work together to see that homework is done carefully. Helping students study for tests shows the high value that is placed on student success. Let us resolve to continue to work on spiritual and academic growth as we begin the new semester.

WINTER!

The unusual weather patterns impact some of the "winter" theme projects. However, we know that the snow will return. When the snow comes it sometimes means that schools must close for safety.



EMERGENCY CLOSINGS: "Snow Days, Cold Days, Building Emergencies" In the event of a school closing we will do a SCHOOL REACH announcement. **When you see 630-892-0200 on your ID please pick up and say HELLO, the message is voice activated. It will go to a machine or voicemail if no one answers.** Please listen to those messages for the important information. You would be surprised how many immediate phone calls we get back because no one listened to the message. You can also get the information on the radio WGN 720 AM or WGN TV across the bottom of the screen. However, if many schools are closed they don't always show everyone. **DO NOT CALL SCHOOL** – for closings. We can't post the information there in time.

PLEASE REPORT PHONE NUMBER CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE IMMEDIATELY TO KEEP SCHOOL REACH and SCHOOL CALLS COMING TO YOU. IF YOU CHANGED YOUR PHONE SERVICE OR NUMBERS OVER CHRISTMAS BREAK PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TODAY!

WEATHER OR NOT! We have outdoor recess everyday unless the temperature goes below “o” wind chill. Please make sure that the children are dressed appropriately for the weather.

EXTENDED DAY or EARLY MORNING ACTIVITY DROP OFF/PICK UP:

- Students must be signed in by an adult and signed out by an adult for Extended Day.
- Student activities – like Student Council or Choir, students should be dropped off no more than 5 minutes before the start time of those events. Parents must be sure that school is in session. Don’t just drop off and drive away. Make sure the student is in the building.

Allow enough time in bad weather to pick up and drop off on time. Our teachers/staff have many responsibilities. We want to get all of our workers started home on time, especially during bad weather. If conditions are bad please leave additional driving time to get to pick up on time.

RAFFLE TICKETS: In December, each family received \$200.00 worth of raffle tickets. This is the second mandatory fundraiser. Please return the tickets and payment in the envelope provided. Tickets and payment are due no later than THURSDAY, FEB. 2nd Please do not return unsold tickets. If you haven’t sold all your tickets, then buy the remainder, complete the ticket stubs and money. You might be the lucky winner.

PLEASE CHECK ALL STUBS BEFORE YOU RETURN THEM:

Check that all information is complete

Check that the name, phone # is printed clearly

Be sure to include the seller’s name.

You sold all of your tickets and would like more!

GREAT! NO PROBLEM! You can contact the school office for more.

Let’s put this event over the top!

MARDI GRAS! In a today’s family envelope, you will receive dinner tickets to buy or sell. This is a great fun event for the adults in the family. Bring your neighbors, co-workers, and family. COME & SUPPORT your child’s school and meet other parents.

FISH HOURS can be earned by volunteering to help at the Mardi Gras! Remember grades 3, 4 & 5 this is your event to lead and work at.....but all are welcome to help!

Peace,
Bette Faxon