

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

FEBRUARY 17, 2010

Dear Parents,

Lent began today and we had Mass with Fr. Retar. The children all received their ashes and the classrooms discussed their promises they will try to keep for this season of sacrifice and service.

The students have been involved in many wonderful service projects both in and outside school. Thank you to everyone for supporting last week's bake sale for the Haiti Relief Fund. Thanks also for supporting Fr. Johns' cousin Katie as she "rows for clean water" across the Atlantic Ocean. She hit the halfway mark last week.

Thank you also to the students who helped out Saturday morning stuffing the bulletins with Catholic Charities flyers. They made a tough job very easy.

Re-registration – A reminder that re-registration forms are due tomorrow. We have new family registration on Sunday. It is important for us to know the sizes of our classes as we plan for the new school year.

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Thursday night is the Open PAC meeting. It will be held in the kitchen of the Administration Center. Please call the school office tomorrow if you will be attending.

FIELD TRIP – The third graders will visit the Planetarium next Tuesday.

SERVICE PROJECT – Last week you received a flyer asking for your help with school supplies for the needy. The collection begins on Monday. Please help our graduate James Smerke with this worthy project. Last year, you generously gave over 900 items for this project.

Ladies Luncheon – Invitations for the Ladies Luncheon will be distributed next Wednesday. Thank you to everyone for your support of this event. Please remember that seating is limited so be sure to send your reservations in quickly. We cannot thank enough the wonderful committee that has been working tirelessly for this event. Can you believe it is the 10th anniversary already?

The Bells of St. Mary is Fr. Johns' favorite movie. In it, Bing Crosby plays Fr. O'Malley who when he is assigned as pastor gives the school children a day off unexpectedly. Father has been wanting to do this for years! Since he is being honored in the St. Patrick's Day parade, I told him he could do it for St. Patrick's Day on March 17th. However, I am telling you now because it is not that easy to do it at the last minute because of buses and your needing to make arrangements. So let's keep it among all of us and act surprised!