

St. Joseph School
School Office Newsletter
March 6, 2009
Be the hands, the heart of God.

The story in Sunday's Gospel says: Jesus took Peter, James and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Mark 9:2-3

Science Fair Results

St. Joseph School held its annual Science Fair on Monday, February 23. The projects were wonderful, and hopefully you were able to see some of the projects during PTO night.

Our champions for Grades 1-3 are: Lucy Furiak, Emily Foltz, and Konrad Dorsey.

In grades four and five our champions are: Hannah Dwenger, Ryan Douglas, and Cora Reinhart.

Ryan Douglas was chosen as Grand Champion by our judges. The six champions have the opportunity to attend the Regional Science Fair on March 17. Good Luck, Champions!!

Parent/Teacher Conferences for Kindergarten through Grade 5

Conferences concerning kindergarten through grade five students will take place on Wednesday, March 18, from 12:30-2:30 p.m. and 4-7 p.m. There are sign-up sheet outside of Mrs. Simpson's office. Our first grade teachers, Ms. Martin and Mrs. Williamson, will be meeting separately so if you have a first grader, please sign-up for each teacher.

If you cannot come in to select a time, please send a note or e-mail and your child's teacher can sign you up.

A reminder will be sent home to you in your child's Friday folder on Friday, March 13.

Early Dismissal on March 18 and 19

Dismissal on March 18 and 19 will be at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will not be served. Afterschool Care will be open. Afterschool Care students will need to bring a sack lunch and a drink for these two days. Afterschool Care will be available until 6:00 p.m.

Report Cards

Students will receive their report cards on Tuesday, March 17.

Stations of the Cross

The schedule for the remaining Stations of the Cross is:

Tuesday, March 10, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, March 17, 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, April 2, 9:30 a.m. (This one is a change.)

Pre-registration for the 2009-2010 School Year

Included with the information from the school office this week you will receive a pre-registration form for the 2009-2010 school year. Your prompt response assists the School Commission and myself in making plans for next year. Thanks in advance for your help.

Three-year-old preschoolers received this information a few weeks ago. If you haven't registered your child for four-year-old preschool and you intend to do so, please do this as soon as possible. Our Open House occurred this week and registrations are coming in. We don't want to miss signing your child up!!

Lost and Found Items

There are some wonderful items in our Lost and Found box by the trophy case in the main hallway. St. Joseph School sweatshirts, Nike jackets, many hats, gloves, a belt, sweaters, sweatshirts, more jackets, etc. If your child is missing something, you might want to check out the Lost and Found box. Many treasures are hiding there!

Happy St. Patrick's Day

March 17 is St. Patrick's feast day and it is traditional to wear green on this day. Students may wear green shirts with uniform bottoms.

Basketball Season

Our basketball season has ended. Our boys' team is runner-up in the city. This is outstanding for a team that won one game during the regular season. Congratulations to: Trace Holt, Billy Blocher, Brendan Brown, Ryan Douglas, Jared Gilles, Hank Johnson, Matt Kenkel, Braiden Kincade, John Lux, Drew Mathies, Ben Reuter, Nick Walke, Logan Young, and Michael Hornsby. Also congrats to our coach: Don Lux.

The girls' team completed their season a few weeks ago. Thanks to our coach: Craig Laker and to our girls who participated: Hannah File, Elizabeth Clark, Hannah Dwenger, Cora Reinhart, Zoe Laker, Addyson Miller, Megan Thoman, Makayla Schacht, and Katie Settles. The girls worked very hard throughout the season.

Thanks to our cheerleading sponsor: Jennifer Haehl and our cheerleaders: Makayla Schacht, Megan Thoman, Jennah Foltz, and Katie Settles. Our cheerleaders were outstanding—they could create a lot of noise with only four girls!

Hurrah—we've reached our SCUFFY goal!!

Thanks to all of our students, faculty/staff, and parents who helped make our SCUFFY drive a great success!! With all of our activities, St. Joseph School was able to raise \$2,384.54 for SCUFFY.

A huge thanks to Ms. Martin and Mrs. Williamson for planning all of the activities. Our kindergarten class won our Survivor competition and shared the pizza party with the third graders. Mrs. Williamson's first graders and Mrs. Endris's fifth graders will be enjoying an ice cream sundae party with Fr. Chris. The fifth graders also earned the movie and popcorn party. Great work!!

School Commission Pancake/Sausage Breakfast

On behalf of the School Commission I would like to thank all of our parents who helped with the pancake/sausage breakfast on Sunday, February 22. And also thanks to all of you who supported the breakfast by enjoying some pancakes and sausage. The School Commission earned approximately \$700. This money helps with the capital improvements throughout the school. Our school window project is an excellent example of the School Commission's fundraising efforts.

Thanks to Myers Frozen Food Provisioners, Mickey's T-Mart, and our Cub Scouts for donating items for this event.

February PTO Dinner

A big thanks to Jana Dorsey and the third and fifth grade parents who helped with the February pizza dinner. What a wonderful success—we were able to earn approximately \$550 to help with our PTO's projects!!

March PTO Dinner, Meeting, Awards, and Program

On March 17 our kindergarten class will be presenting their Safety Town program for our PTO event. The first grade class will be sponsoring the dinner beginning at 5:00 p.m. and ending at 6:15 p.m. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the gym with the program following

There will be a newsletter next week with the Students of the Month included.

More Great News!!

Thanks to Mrs. Brandy Coomes for coordinating our Boxtops for Education! We will be receiving \$432 for our efforts from October to February. Keep sending those Boxtops in!!

Boxtops for Education Choice of Dress Day

March 19 will be our Boxtops for Education Choice of Dress Day. Remember—to be eligible each family must bring in 30 boxtops. This is per family not per student. Thanks for your help!

Yearbook News

Our St. Joseph School yearbook has been sent to the publisher. There are a bunch of great pictures in the yearbook this year—all students are included from preschool through grade 5. Many of you have already reserved your issue by sending in \$16.00. A limited number of yearbooks are ordered, so please don't delay—order yours today!!

Books and Beyond/Book-It! News

Each year the faculty and staff plan a special reward for those students in kindergarten through grade five who have completed our outside reading requirements. This year we have made plans to attend an Indianapolis Indians game on May 19. The game begins at 11:00 a.m. Buses have been reserved for the day but we will need some parents to accompany us.

Students must complete eight months of outside (of school) reading to be eligible for the trip. If your child has fallen behind, it is not too late to catch up. Help them get started today—this will be a great trip!!

Circle the State with Song Participants

This past weekend several of our fourth and fifth graders participated in Circle the State with Song in Columbus. Our singers were Megan Thoman, Cora Reinhart, Hannah Dwenger, Makayla Schacht, and Katie Settles. A big, big thanks to Mrs. Disser, our music teacher, for preparing and accompanying the girls to the event.

Market Day/Choice of Dress Day

Our March Market Day pick-up is on Thursday, March 12, between 4:30-5:30 p.m. This is also a Choice of Dress Day for students and staff.

Retro Bill Presentation

Our kindergarten through grade four students have been invited to attend a convocation at the high school. Retro Bill who is nationally associated with the DARE program will be presenting. The date is Thursday, March 12, at 12:35. Buses will be transporting our teachers and students.

Spring Break

Spring break is scheduled for March 20 through March 29. There is no school on Friday, March 20. School will resume on Monday, March 30. Have a safe and happy break with your children!!

Thanks!

Thanks to the Forvilles, the Hubbells, and the Thomans for donating items to our kindergarten room.

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Congratulations to the following individuals for using their hearts and hands to help others: Mrs. Wickizer, Ms. Martin, John Lux, Jared Gilles, Elizabeth Clark, Cameron Rodgers, Alex Watson, Mikey Lay, Julia Prickett, Mason Lasure, Andrew Walke, Mimi Kobayashi, Jake Wingo, Jaeden Carter, Logan Cord, Kayleigh Kieninger, Grace Coomes, Dylan Thoman, Sam Watson, Sebastian Sandman, Nate Reuter, Katie Lux, Lucy Furiak, Luke Foltz, Konrad Dorsey, Damon Lux, Emily Foltz, Jennah Foltz, Katie Settles, Evita Koch, Trace Holt, and Emily Kennedy.

Menus for the weeks of March 9 and 16

Monday, 3/9—Ham and cheese sandwich

Tuesday, 3/10—Pork chop sandwich

Wednesday, 3/11—Pizza pockets with cheese

Thursday, 3/12—Spaghetti with breadstick

Friday, 3/13—Fish

Monday, 3/16—Pizza Hut

Tuesday, 3/17—Hotdog

Wednesday, 3/18—Dismissal at 11:00 a.m.-Lunch will not be served.

ASC Students—please bring a sack lunch.

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Friday, 3/20—SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION!! HAVE A GREAT
SPRING BREAK!!