



Dear Parents,

May 21, 2010

The following **teachers** were recognized for their years of service at last Thursday's Home and School Meeting:

5 Years - Mary Knezovich, Sue Hoeffel, Kelly Hagen, Lisa O'Neill, Lisa Schleif

10 Years - Rod Cina, Theresa Mette, Carolyn Pilney

15 Years - Eileen Milos

20 Years - Jackie VanDiver

25 Years - Kathy Rowe, Lisa Taplin

We thank them for their outstanding and dedicated service to St. Joseph's School and Parish.

Congratulations to Beth Baldus and the junior high choir and Erin Quinlan and the Prep, Jr. Varsity and Varsity bands on outstanding performances at last evening's **Spring Concert**. Those attending had the opportunity to view student art projects displayed by Wayne Beaman, our art teacher.

Last **Saturday's W St Paul Parade** was a wonderful time to participate in the community and show our school spirit and pride. Our Marching Band, directed by Erin Quinlan, was fantastic! They marched and played with great "Spirit" and were a wonderful source of pride for our school. A large number of families marched also. Thanks to Jamie Rued, School Board, for arranging for a convertible for the administrators and all who helped coordinate/participate in this fun event. Ms. Quinlan thanks all band parents who helped during the parade.

A volunteer sign up form for **Fitness Fun Day** on Wednesday, June 9 went home last week. Fitness Fun Day, sponsored by the Physical Education Department, is a fun end-of-year activity for the students. They will spend half the day participating in games and relay events and then will be treated to a barbecue hot dog lunch, sponsored by the Home and School Assn. The **7th graders** will be going bowling at Cedarvale Lanes in Eagan for their Fun Fitness activity. Information and a permission slip went home last week with 7th graders.

Summer band registration is due Friday, May 28. If you have any questions, please contact Erin Quinlan at 651-457-8550.

With the end of school just around the corner, please remember that diplomas, report cards and student files will be held until all **tuition and fees are current**. Contact Mike Snyder, parish administrator, if you have questions or special needs.

Congratulations to Anne Kane, eighth grader, who is the recipient of a scholarship to the Space Academy at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. Anne was awarded this honor for her interest in rocketry and space science and her demonstration of knowledge of Space History and the United States' Space Shuttle Program. My thanks to Mr. Bruce Becker for making this opportunity available to our junior high students. We are proud of you, Anne!

The **School Board** would like to thank all of you who took the time to complete our **survey** for accreditation. Over 180 families completed the survey. Please look for an executive summary of the results next September. We'll be busy over the next several months analyzing responses and using survey input to assist with our long range planning.

Several teachers have received **teacher requests** for the upcoming year. The Parent/Student handbook (pg. 29) states that the "classroom teacher, because of their knowledge of each student's strength and needs, is best suited to make classroom placement". Occasionally, there may be special circumstances. Those requests must be made through the principal.

The parish will be offering a **Virtus: Protecting God's Children** training on Tuesday, May 25 from 6:30-9:00 pm in the parish Great Room. The Archdiocese requires all volunteers who work with children to complete a **background check** and attend the **Virtus training**. If you wish to volunteer at school, **you must** have a background check completed and attend a Virtus training. For more information or to register go to: www.virtus.org.

The **school office** has registration forms for Cretin-Derham Hall Summer Softball Camp for grades 4-7. You may pick up a registration form or have one sent home with your child.

Please join us for the next school **mass** on Friday, May 28th at 9:00 am. We will be recognizing our students for their leadership and participation in extra-curriculars.

Jane E. Nordin, Principal