



Dear Parents,

March 12, 2010

The **2010-2011 school registration** was due in the office today. If you have not returned your registration form, please do so immediately. We will begin filling openings with new families next week. If your child is not returning to St. Joseph's in the fall, please contact the school office at 651-457-8550. Thank you for your prompt attention.

Report cards for 2nd Trimester went home today. Please take some time to talk with your child(ren) regarding their academic and social progress.

The junior high musical "**Annie, Jr.**" is set for next Friday and Saturday. Public performance dates will be Friday, March 19th at 7:00 pm and Saturday, March 20th at 1:00 pm. All students will have the opportunity to see the play during that week in school. You may pre-purchase tickets in the school office by returning the form coming home today or pay at the door. We have lost a past source for renting bleachers for the play. If you have any contacts / resources in this area, please contact the school office or Miss Baldus.

A **Taco Dinner** with Padre Mario Ochoa is Saturday, March 13 after the 5:00 pm mass with proceeds going towards the health clinic in San Jose, Guatemala. Chef Sam Rose will be preparing a delicious taco meal with all the trimmings. Tickets will be sold following all masses this weekend, March 6 & 7. Donated desserts would also be appreciated. If you can help in any of these areas, please call Julie Pfitzinger at 651-457-8609 or Lorilee Petrangelo at 651-454-4577.

Amanda Castro, grade 8, will be featured in an episode of "Horsing Around" in a Science Girls program on PBS (Ch. 2) . It will air at 5:30 pm Friday and again at 7:30 am on Saturday. Once it airs on TV, you may then watch it online.

This past week's lock-downs in Minneapolis public schools / Cretin-Derham High School is a reminder of the **negative aspects of social networking**. We have already dealt with several cases of cyber bullying and classroom issues related to postings on Facebook, UTube, etc. Our school's handbook is clear about the use of cell phones or electronic devices during school hours. Students who are involved in cyber bullying or other postings which affect our classroom / school's environment will be held accountable even if they were made outside of the school campus / hours. Consequences for such behaviors could include suspension or even expulsion. This is a very serious situation and we ask you to visit with your child(ren) regarding these policies.

The **7th grade** is looking for 5 volunteers on Friday, April 16 to chaperone students attending the play "Tom Sawyer", (9:50 am -1:30 pm). Please contact Teri Wirt, Home and School Rep at 651-340-4100

A reminder that pre-sale **St. Joseph's Yearbook** orders are due back by March 19th. We base our yearbook order on pre-sale numbers.

Every seven years, our school goes through a process of reaccreditation through MNSAA (Minnesota Non-public School Accreditation Assn). Our current accredited status expires in the Spring of 2011. One important and required component of the accreditation process is a **parent survey**. The SLRP (Strategic Long Range Planning) committee has developed a survey and will use the information to write a new Strategic Plan for Improvement. Last week you should have received the link to complete this survey in your e-mail. I encourage you to take this survey as soon as possible. The value of the survey results increases with full participation. Your input is valued and vital to the continued success of St. Joseph's School. **Your responses to the survey will be confidential**. If you have difficulty completing the survey or don't see the link in your email, please contact Tom Arons at twaarons@yahoo.com. If you prefer having a hard copy to complete or did not receive your survey by e-mail, please contact the school office, 651-457-8550.

"How To Live The Eucharist" - Sunday and Monday, March 21-22 will be our Parish Mission with speaker Fr. James Kubicki, S.J. The talk will begin at 7:00 pm with time for prayer, reconciliation, and benediction. Pope Benedict calls the Eucharist a mystery to be believed, a mystery to be celebrated, and a mystery to be lived. We know what it means to

believe, but what does it mean to "live the Eucharist?" Fr. Kubicki is the director for the apostleship of prayer. The web site is www.apostleshipofprayer.org. Don't miss this great opportunity for spiritual renewal.

The **Home and School Assn.** is sending home a form for openings in all grade levels for a representative for next year. If you are interested, please fill out and return to school.

You are invited to attend a **Wine Tasting Event** on April 16 in the Great Room. See the green flyer coming home today.

The school office has **pamphlets** for St. John's Prep Summer Camp (www.sjprep.net) and a **brochure** for The Art Academy Spring/Summer classes. If you are interested you may stop by to pick one up or have one sent home.

Please join us for **mass** next week (Feast of St Joseph), Friday, March 19th at 9:00 am in the church.

Jane E. Nordin, Principal