



Dear Parents,

March 19, 2010

There will be **no school** on Monday, March 29-April 2 for District 197 Spring Break and April 5-9 for the N.C.E.A. Convention. School will resume on April 12th.

Congratulations to Miss Baldus and the junior high cast and crew on the great success of this year's play, "**Annie, Jr.**". There are public performances scheduled for tonight (Friday) at 7:00 pm and tomorrow (Saturday) at 1:00 pm. You may still purchase tickets at the door.

The **6th grade** will have their **Biography Fair** on Friday, March 26 from 1:00-3:00 pm in the Great Room.

St. Joseph's Preschool is registering students for next fall. There are several new programs being offered. Contact our director, Annie Broos, at 651-789-8300.

Thank you to all the **Art Adventure** volunteers who did presentations in the classrooms for students or who helped on the Mpls. Institute of Art field trip. We thank Home and School Association for sponsoring this program for our students.

Internet Update: As some of you may know, over the past 2 weeks, we have been experiencing some difficulties receiving and sending emails. We have worked closely with our email host and Comcast and feel that we have found a solution. As with anything new, there may be a few "hiccups" in the service but we expect things to be much better. We apologize if you had difficulty communicating with our staff in the past few weeks and **thank you for your continued patience and support.** Please feel free to call Lynn Kennedy if you continue to experience difficulties.

The **kindergartners** will have their Baptism retreat on Tuesday, March 23 from 2:15-3:15 pm.

I encourage all families to complete the **national census** you received in your mail this week. Numbers count in many areas that directly affect education. Thank you.

The St. Paul Cathedral is hosting a **reproduction of Michelangelo's Pieta`** through Holy Week. Of course the original Pieta` is found in St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. Fr. Creagan has seen the one at the Cathedral and reports it is a beautiful replica of the original.

The 5th grade **D.A.R.E. graduation** will be at 2:00 pm in the Great Room on Tuesday, March 23.

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. On Friday, March 5, 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 will be visiting classrooms on Monday. 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.

There is a flyer coming home today from, Dakota County Public Health Department on **"Parenting Teens: What Works?!"** at Friendly Hills Middle School on Monday, March 22 from 7:00-8:00 pm.

The school office has **pamphlets** for St. Thomas Academy's Youth Football Camp and The Hockey Academy and CDH Soccer Camp. If you are interested you may stop by to pick one up or have one sent home.

Please join us for **mass** next week, Friday, March 26th at 9:00 am in the church.

Jane E. Nordin, Principal