



Dear Parents,

March 4, 2010

My thanks to teachers and parents for taking the extra time to work together during this week's **winter conferences**. We encourage parents to contact your child's teacher whenever you have questions about your child's academic or social program. A special thanks to the **kindergarten parents** and the Home and School Reps, Lisa Knoll and Jennifer Rosenberger, for providing dinner for the teachers on Tuesday evening.

There will be **no school** on Friday, March 5 because of Parent Teacher Conferences.

The **2010-2011 school registration** is due in the office by March 12th. If you have not returned your registration form, please do so as soon as possible. If your child is not returning to St. Joseph's in the fall, please contact the school office at 651-457-8550.

Report cards will go home on Friday, March 12th. Tuition accounts/fees must be current through February for students to receive their report cards.

Wayne Beaman, our Art teacher and head wrestling coach at Sibley High School, has been named "**Coach of the Year**", for section 3 of the AAA division. Congratulations Wayne, on this much deserved honor.

The junior high musical "**Annie, Jr.**" is just around the corner. Public performance dates are set for 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.

A **Taco Dinner** with Padre Mario Ochoa is planned for Saturday, March 13 following 5:00 mass with proceeds raised going towards the health clinic in San Jose, Guatemala. Chef Sam Rose will once again 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. Volunteers are needed for set up, clean up and during the event. Bilingual volunteers are also needed to help with translation during weekend masses and the Taco Dinner. If you can help in any of these areas, please call Julie Pfitzinger at 651-457-8609 or Lorilee Petrangelo at 651-454-4577.

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.

Congratulations to Ms. Quinlan, Director of Bands, and Emily Anderson, Katie Orfei, Grant Grojean and Mary Nieters, 8th graders and Lauren Farley and Aaron Schweitz, 7th graders, who participated in the **Minnesota Honor Band**, Wednesday, March 3rd at UMD in Duluth.

Ash Wednesday, we began our all-school **Lenten coin collection** for our Guatemalan pen pals. The money raised will aid our sister parish of San Jose, Guatemala in building and sustaining a new medical clinic. Coins will be collected in homerooms from February 17 - March 4 and will be presented to Padre Mario at the March 12th school mass.

Registration for spring sports (grades 6-8) is February 26 - Wednesday, March 10th. Spring sports include track, girl's softball and boy's baseball. If you are interested in coaching a spring sport, please contact Mrs. VanDiver, Athletic Director, at 651-457-8550. A spring sport's registration form went home last week. If your child(ren) has played a fall or winter sport, we will only need the registration form and fee returned. If this is the first sport being played this school year, please check the box on the registration form and the rest of the forms will be sent home. Forms and fees of \$55.00 should be turned in by Wednesday, March 10th. Registrations will not be accepted after Wednesday, March 10th. Sports participation fees are not refundable.

Thank you to Teri Wirt, Michelle Kluck, Julie Cooper and Lisa Steveken for their work on the **midyear Used Uniform Sale**. All proceeds support Home and School sponsored events.

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. Today in your email you should have the link to complete this survey. I

encourage you to take this survey within the next seven days. 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, please contact the school office.

Please join us for **mass** next week, Friday, March 12th at 9:00 am in the church. Padre Mario will be participating in our school mass.
Jane E. Nordin, Principal