



ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2010

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Dear Parents,

The view from my window is spectacular! Every day (unless there is major snow, rain, cold or a funeral), I am able to watch the panorama of our children at play. I am watching the second grade as I write.

They exit the ramp running joyously. Some head for the playground and some run around the parking lot for the sheer joy of running. Gradually, they separate into groups and begin to be serious about their play. There is, almost always, a rousing game of tag, a.k.a. "catch me." This game seems to be popular with the girls. Among the boys there is a group of future NFL stars who are learning to play football with a half deflated round playground ball. There is a great deal of discussion about how to line up and there are some ferocious kicks. So far the game has not involved passing or running, just one team kicking off, the other team catching the ball and kicking back. Some of the playground people conquer the monkey bars over and over. Others love to head up to the bridge to talk and to survey their domain. The slide gets lots of use, as do the teeter-totters.

The greatest thing about this time for them is that they are in control. They can make up their own rules, choose to practice a skill over and over till it is mastered, and spend quality time talking to their friends. They know that the choices belong to them unless a purposeful choice causes pain or hurt to someone else.

As I watch our children play and learn, I am mindful of how blessed we are as a community. The gift of these blessings calls us to demonstrate the Christskill of generosity and share what we have with those in need. For that reason, we are dedicating the next two weeks to collections for Haiti. Our donations will go to the Global Orphan Project, a not for profit organization headquartered here in Kansas City. The group has organized a Haiti Relief Fund and guarantees that 100% of your gift to it will go to providing food, water, clothing, medical needs, debris removal and repair efforts resulting from this disaster. I hope that you will visit the Global Orphan Project website. Their people on the ground in Haiti update frequently with the latest information and blog about what they have witnessed. Our greatest strength comes from our faith and the love of our families. What better way to share that love than to reach out to children who have lost those who love them most?

Catholic Schools Week begins on Sunday, January 31st. Shamrock Sound will be singing at the 10 AM Sunday Mass and each grade will display a poster describing their service projects in the back of the church. Be sure to check Sycamore for a listing of the many activities scheduled for this important week.

In God's love,

Sandy Nickel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JANUARY CHRISTSKILLS – INITIATIVE & COOPERATION
FEBRUARY CHRISTSKILLS – INTEGRITY & LOVE



CHRIS CAKES ORDER FORMS DUE NEXT WEDNESDAY, JAN. 27

Catholic Schools' Week (CSW) is just around the corner. We will have a Chris Cakes lunch on Tuesday, February 2 for Grades 1-8 and Thursday, February 4 for PS, PK and K (In Seton Hall). Hot lunch will not be served on Tuesday, February 2 – if your child chooses not to eat pancakes, they must bring a sack lunch.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED TO HELP WITH CHRIS CAKES – There is a spot on the order form to sign up to volunteer. If you volunteer and want a lunch, please make sure you place your order and send payment for both you and your child(ren).

Order forms and payment are due by Wednesday, January 27.

GET "WIRED WITH WISDOM"

The parent education portion of St. Elizabeth's new Internet Safety Program, Web Wise Kids, is now available! The program is called Wired With Wisdom. It was designed to give busy parents the confidence and skills needed to manage their family's Internet environment. For more information on the new program, including instructions, see Sycamore for the document "Wired With Wisdom." If you are using a Mac, you must use the browser based version of the program. Please don't miss out on this chance to learn how to keep your kids safe on the Internet. Thanks!

News from the Athletic Committee

Basketball Season is in full swing. Please remember to schedule your volunteer time in the gym. Each family is required to provide **10 HOURS** of service. To volunteer for Concession or Gate call, PAN or email Cheryl Brown or Matt Hilderbrand. To volunteer at the clock, call, PAN or email Everett Lanter (training on the clock will be provided).

Looking for a Summer Camp, Clinic or Club Team? Don't forget to check out the St. Elizabeth Athletics Website www.steathletics.org For instance, check out the hitting clinic being put on by Albert Pujols (St. Louis Cardinal 3time MVP) scheduled for Sunday January 31st 1pm – 4pm at Millhouse Indoor Baseball www.millhouseAEP.com

Moms – Are you looking for a fun way to get in shape and meet other St. Elizabeth Moms? Join us for women's basketball every Sunday evening in the Gym 7:00pm – 8:30pm. For questions or for additional information call, PAN or email Anne Randolph.

Important Dates:

February 1 - Boys' Volleyball and Boys' & Girls' Track & Field registration begins (on-line at www.steathletics.org)

March 8 - Basketball Team Photos & Uniform Check-in

March 8 – Track & Field Practice begins

March 9 – Boys' Volleyball Practice begins

April 8, 9 & 10 – Moms & Pops Weekend

May 10 – St. Elizabeth Athletic Awards Ceremony (Grades 5 thru 8)

GO IRISH!!



LUNCH MENU FOR JANUARY 25 – FEBRUARY 5

Monday, January 25	Hot Dog, baked beans, fruit, chocolate chip cookie
Tuesday, January 26	Hamburger, french fried, fruit, animal crackers
Wednesday, January 27	Baked pasta, salad, garlic toast, fruit
Thursday, January 28	Pork patty, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, pineapple upside down cake
Friday, January 29	Fish shapes, baby carrots, fruit, ice cream sandwich
Monday, February 1	Sloppy Joe, tator tots, fruit, sugar cookie
Tuesday, February 2	CHRIS CAKES – NO HOT LUNCH
Wednesday, February 3	Burrito, rice, fruit, brownie
Thursday, February 4	Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, gingerbread
Friday, February 5	Deli sub, baby carrots, fruit, jello

Hot lunch with milk - \$2.00. (Grilled cheese sandwich or chef salad can be substituted for the main entrée)
 Milk - \$.30 Water - \$1.00
 Extras: Hamburger, burrito, French fries, chicken nuggets, etc. \$1.00
 Cinnamon roll, ice cream, chips, yogurt, granola bar - \$.50 Garlic toast, cookie, cake - \$.30

CAFETERIA NOTE: IF YOU DO NOT BRING A LUNCH FROM HOME OR DO NOT PURCHASE A HOT LUNCH, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PURCHASE EXTRAS.



DATES TO REMEMBER



Week of January 31	CSW
February 2	Chris Cakes Lunch – 1st – 8th Grade
February 3	Teacher Appreciation Luncheon – 11:30 a.m.
February 4	Chris Cakes Lunch – PS/PK & K in Seton Hall
February 5	Newsletter Posted
February 5	8:00 a.m. – Breakfast of Champions
February 5	8:30 a.m. – Gym – Spelling Bee
February 5	9:30 a.m. – Talent Show
February 5	10:30 a.m. – Talent Show
February 5	8th Grade vs Teachers Volleyball Game - Gym
February 6	Trivia Night
February 8	First Communion Parent Meeting @ 6 p.m.
February 11	Mid Term
February 12	NO SCHOOL – DIOCESAN INSERVICE DAY @ ST. PIUS HS
February 15	NO SCHOOL – PRESIDENTS' DAY
February 17	Ash Wednesday
February 19	Newsletter Posted
February 19	2:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross