



ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2009

A NOTE FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD

Dear Parents:

Many of you have taken the opportunity to review the Southwest POD Task Force presentation to Bishop Finn. If you have not done so yet, the presentation is available on Sycamore. One of the five key foundational pillars of the plan is stewardship, particularly, an emphasis in the parishes on a life-long, year-round commitment to stewardship.

This month our nation observes the Thanksgiving Holiday. Joyful appreciation of the blessings we have received is the first characteristic of a true steward. Why is this important? Because without recognition that God has given us all things, including our children, we will not be able to fully commit our time, money, prayers and personal service to advancing the mission of the church.

As of this writing, the Bishop has not yet approved the Southwest POD Task Force recommendation. However, before a parish wide focus on stewardship can begin, we all must discern our own discipleship commitment by:

- Praying for the wisdom to understand our unique calls to discipleship.
- Reading and reflecting on stewardship. A good place to start would be to read the USCCB summary of their pastoral letter on stewardship. Click on this link for the document:
http://www.sycamoreeducation.com/public_documents.php?id=1055&docid=74671
- Asking ourselves: *Are we fully responding in proportion to the gifts we possess?*

A favorite reflection of mine is this prayer-poem by St. Teresa of Avila:

Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours,
Yours are the eyes through which to look out Christ's compassion to the world;
Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good;
Yours are the hands with which He is to bless people now.
Amen.

One of our chief missions as parents and stewards of the gift of children is to nurture our children in the light of our faith – a true gift which we have all received! St. Elizabeth School fully assists parents in this important mission and if you have any doubts, read the visiting team's assessment of our school. In keeping with the theme of Thanksgiving, the administration, teachers, staff and the school board are profoundly grateful for everyone's efforts during the accreditation process particularly the preparations (cleaning, dusting, sanitizing, organizing, etc.) for the site visit.

Jeff Randolph

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER CHRISTSKILLS – HARD WORK & FORGIVENESS

YEARBOOK ORDER FORMS WERE SENT HOME ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

ORDER FORM AND PAYMENT ARE DUE NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 25.

8TH GRADE YEARBOOK AD FORMS WERE GIVEN OUT AT THE 8TH GRADE PARENT MEETING SEVERAL WEEKS AGO. IF YOU DON'T HAVE ONE, OR HAVE MISPLACED YOURS, THE FORMS ARE POSTED ON THE 8TH GRADE TEACHERS' HOME PAGES FOR YOU TO DOWNLOAD AND PRINT.

CHECK SYCAMORE FOR READING WEEK ACTIVITIES



KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP NOVEMBER 10

Kindergarten Roundup for the 2010-2011 school year will be held on Tuesday, November 10 @ 6:30 p.m. in the school library. Kindergarten Roundup is an informational meeting for parents - you will be given important information about our school and our kindergarten program. To give you a head start on gathering documents, you will need a county/state issued copy of your child's birth certificate and a copy of your child's baptismal certificate as part of the registration process. If your child was baptized at St. Elizabeth and you do not have a copy of their baptismal certificate, you will need to contact the parish office to get one. If your child is currently in our preschool, your immunization records will be on file. If not, immunization records must be submitted with the registration form as well. Registrations are not complete without these documents. The kindergarten registration fee for 2010-2011 is \$530. A fifty percent deposit of \$265 is due with the registration form and documents. The balance is due by January 30, 2010 to hold your spot. The entire registration fee is non-refundable. Tuition rates have not yet been set for the new year. All fees and tuition rates are subject to change.

Please call Nancy Miller in the school office to RSVP for Kindergarten Roundup. Let us know your name, your student's name and whether one or both parents will attend.



Please click on the document "Accreditation Memo" under the documents tab on Sycamore for a summary of the Accreditation Visit at the end of October.



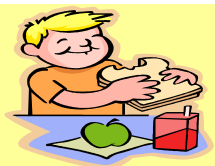
The **BOOK FAIR** will take place next week, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, November 9, 10 and 11. Students will visit the book fair during the school day with their class. If your child would like to purchase books, please make sure they bring money with them.

There will also a family night on Tuesday, November 10 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.



The last day to register for **Boys' & Girls' Basketball** (4th grade thru 8th grade) is Sunday November 8 at Midnight. You must sign up on line in order for your name to show up on the team roster. Go to www.steathletics.org and click on the "register here" button. If you need assistance please PAN or call Martha Kauffman 816-522-8911

FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLL IS POSTED ON SYCAMORE



LUNCH MENU FOR NOVEMBER 9 – NOVEMBER 20

Monday, November 9	Mini corn dogs, baked beans, fruit, snickerdoodle cookie
Tuesday, November 10	Hamburger, french fries, fruit, animala crackers
Wednesday, November 11	French toast sticks, sausage, juice, rice krispy treat
Thursday, November 12	Honey-glazed ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, cinnamon roll
Friday, November 13	Fish shapes, baby carrots, fruit, Missy's peanut butter bars
Monday, November 16	Sloppy Joe, tator tots, fruit, chocolate chip cookie
Tuesday, November 17	Burrito, rice, fruit, brownie
Wednesday, November 18	Egg w/sausage on English muffin, smiles, juice, spice cake
Thursday, November 19	Chicken fingers, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, ice cream sandwich
Friday, November 20	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

November 6	Newsletter Posted
November 9	2nd Grade Reconciliation – 7 p.m.
November 10	Kindergarten Roundup – 6:30 p.m.
November 20	Junior High Walk-a-thon
November 23	5th Grade Open House @ 6:30 p.m.
November 24	K-1 Concert @ 7 p.m. in Seton Hall
November 25	NOON DISMISSAL – NO AFTERCARE
November 26 – 27	NO SCHOOL – THANKSGIVING BREAK
December 3	Band Christmas Concert
December 4	Newsletter Posted
December 8	NO SCHOOL – Immaculate Conception
December 9	Christmas Concert (2-3-4) 7 p.m. in Seton Hall
December 18	Newsletter Posted
December 22	PS Program
December 22	CHRISTMAS BREAK BEGINS WITH NOON DISMISSAL – NO AFTERCARE
January 4	School Resumes – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Mom's Mass @ 8:30 a.m.
January 8	End of Quarter 2
January 9	HSPT Test
January 14	Report Cards Home
January 15	NOON DISMISSAL – OPTIONAL CONFERENCES
January 18	NO SCHOOL – MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY