



ST. CECILIA SCHOOL

*Plant your roots in Christ and let Him be the foundation for your life.
--Colossians 2:6-7*

September 9, 2009

Dear Parents:

Letter from Bishop Tod D. Brown

Enclosed in today's envelope is a letter from Bishop Tod D. Brown addressed to all parents of children enrolled in the Diocese of Orange Catholic schools. The Bishop discusses the significant and essential role parents play in the faith development of their children. Bishop Tod invites parents to complete the "Parent Faith Formation Pledge" and return it to him. If you choose to complete the pledge you may mail it directly to the Bishop's office at Marywood, or, you may send it in a sealed envelope marked "Attention Bishop Tod D. Brown" to the school office and we will mail the letters to the Bishop's office at the end of next week.

Back-to-School Nights

Back-to-School Night for grades preschool through three is tomorrow, Thursday, September 10th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Please go directly to the Parish Hall to sign in and receive an agenda of the evening. Back-to-School Night for grades four through eight is next week on Thursday, September 17th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. We look forward to seeing you at one (or both!) of our Back-to-School Nights as we have much to share with you about your child's learning! Please note: we will not be having hospitality at the Back-to-School nights so parents are encouraged to have a bite to eat before arriving. Thank you!

New Refrigerator

During the summer months we purchased a new refrigerator for the milk our students purchase. The old refrigerator was just not cooling the milk properly and repairing it was not cost effective. Also, we have adjusted our procedures for milk distribution. A case of milk is brought to the lunch tables at each lunch period and is distributed to students who have pre-ordered. Any remaining milk is immediately returned to the refrigerator. So, if you would like to order cold milk for your child for this year, please send in the order by this Friday, September 11th.

On a side note...the cost of the refrigerator was approximately \$2400. Payment for this purchase was made out of the Needs Analysis/Savings account that is funded annually by the Auction proceeds. Your support of the auction makes it possible for us to repair, upgrade, and/or purchase new equipment as needed to ensure the best possible school environment for your children. Thank you for your support of the Auction.

Auction

Included in today's envelope is an Auction newsletter highlighting the many exciting events planned for this year's Auction. Also included is information regarding invitations and reservations. Please take time to read through this information and begin planning for a wonderful evening in October!



Influenza Preparedness

Enclosed in today's envelope is a flyer from the Orange County Department of Education entitled "Influenza Preparedness for Schools." Please take a moment to read over the information, and, please take time to remind your children of the importance of good hand hygiene and good respiratory etiquette. The teachers are doing the same reminding at school. If we work together on this we can significantly reduce the chances of a flu outbreak, or at least minimize the degree of an outbreak, at school.

Calligrapher Needed

Are you a calligrapher in need of service hours that can be completed at home? If so, the auction managers would like to speak with you! Please contact Mrs. Darlene Bayardo at adbayardo@hotmail.com.

Network Night

Please mark your calendars for Thursday, October 1st for our annual Network Night, sponsored by the Development Committee. More details about the Network Night will be included in next week's envelope.

Two Babies and a Wedding!

Congratulations to Vinnie and Katie Robino on the birth of their daughter, Ava John, in August. (Mrs. Robino is our former science teacher and will hopefully be returning to campus as a substitute teacher.) Savi and Sopheap Seang welcomed a son, Bryant Sosa, into their family in August. (Mr. Seang is our PE teacher and Athletic Director.) Mr. Mike Marshall, our sixth grade teacher, married Shawna Gleeson in Hawaii on August 6th. Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall!


Prayer Requests

Prayers are requested for Mr. William Kozel who is ill. Mr. Kozel is the father of Mrs. Holleran, our preschool and K-4 technology teacher. Prayers are also requested for Bryant Sosa Seang, the newborn son of Mr. Seang our PE teacher. Bryant has been hospitalized for the past week for an infection; he is expected to return home on Friday.

Did you know?

Yesterday was the Nativity of our Blessed Virgin Mary, this Saturday is the Feast of the Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and Tuesday is the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. Let us make an extra effort over the next week to pray the Rosary with our children, remaining always mindful that the Blessed Mother loves each one of us and carries our prayers to the heart of her Son.

Gratefully,


Mrs. Mary Awarado
Principal

Reminder: Our first school-wide liturgy will be on Friday, September 11th at 10:00 am. Formal uniforms are required. (Sweaters and sweatshirts do NOT need to be worn due to the heat.)