



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

Dear Parents:

Auction 2009

What an amazing event our annual Auction was last Friday evening. Many thanks to all those who helped bring this event to fruition, especially our managers, Mrs. Becky Byszewski, Mrs. Darlene Bayardo, Mrs. Eileen McCarthy, and Mrs. Nancy Walz. You did an A+ job! ! Included in today's envelope is more detailed information about the Auction. Final figures will be published as soon when they become available.

Veterans' Day Celebration

The students will be participating in our annual Veterans' Day Celebration on Wednesday, November 11th @ 9:00 am. Students may wear red, white, and blue this day. If you would like your favorite veterans to be remembered in our celebration next week you need to return the form with their names to school **no later than this Friday.**

Parent Meeting re Emergency Preparedness

There will be a parent meeting next Wednesday, November 11th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. The yellow flyer in today's envelope gives more details about this meeting. Since the safety of our students is our top priority, we are asking that if at all possible at least one parent from each family be present at this meeting.

St. Cecilia Booster Club

St. Cecilia School is forming a parent Booster Club. If you are interested in promoting a strong school community steeped in school spirit and supporting our afterschool sports program please join us on Thursday, November 12th @ 7 pm in the school library. Please see the flyer in today's envelope.

Preschool/Pre-Kindergarten Interest Questionnaire

It's hard to believe, but plans for the 2010-2011 school year are already underway. At this time we are seeking information regarding our school families' needs for preschool and/or pre-kindergarten. If you have preschool age children at home, or will have preschool age children in the next few years, please complete the questionnaire included in today's envelope. Also, you are invited to attend a focus meeting regarding our preschool and pre-kindergarten on Thursday, November 19th at either 9:00 am (preschool classroom) or 7:00 pm (pre-k classroom). The purpose of the meeting is twofold: to share with you information about our current program, and, to find out from our school families what types of preschool/pre-k needs they have.

National Junior Honor Society's Food Drive

Our NJHS students are sponsoring our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive from Monday, November 16th through Friday, November 20th. The collection from this food drive is donated to the parish food bank and distributed to families in need in our local community. Your support is always appreciated!



School-wide Liturgy

Our school-wide liturgy this month will be on Friday, November 20th at 10:00 am. This liturgy is being planned by the kindergarten class. We will also be celebrating the Feasts of St. Cecilia and St. Valerian on this day. We hope you are able to join us in this celebration.

Our Words of Thanks...

Since Thanksgiving Day is just a few weeks away, I wanted to share with you some excerpts from our eighth graders' gratitude prayers. How blessed we are to witness and be inspired by the spiritual growth of our young people. Our student writers featured below are: Emily Duong, Angela Goodwin, Justin Pearson, Nathan Tran, Courtney Jarvis, and Chloe Fiorentino.

Dear Lord,

Bless me with your guidance as I go throughout my day, and help me to fulfill my duty as your disciple...

Bless and protect all those who are in need of acceptance...

Help me remember to always embrace the gift of life...

I cherish and love all your gifts to me...especially my parents.

I am grateful for the love you have surrounded me with, and I hope to return that love to you and those who are around me...

I also thank you for my parents, shelter, food, and all of the other blessings you have gifted me with in my life...


Thank you for this free country where I can openly pray, worship, and praise your holy name. I appreciate the security and care that surrounds me, even though I often take this for granted....

Thank you for blessing me with a supportive family and an extraordinary education...

The greatest gift you have given me is your unconditional and eternal love. Amen.

May this month be a time to remember our call to be a people of gratitude, for God continues to bless us through one another.

Gratefully,


Mrs. Mary Alvarado
Principal