



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

November 11, 2009

Dear Parents:

Today we celebrated Veteran's Day with an assembly that included guest speakers from the US Marine Corps and Army National Guard. The Lance Corporal Worley Young Marines of Norwalk were the Color Guard and presented a flag folding ceremony. The students learned about the history of Veteran's Day and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the inspiration behind the hymn *God Bless America*. The names of the veterans from the St. Cecilia School families will remain displayed in the parish hall through next week.

#### **Information Needed**

Included in today's envelope is a three-part flyer requesting information from our school families. The first section is from the Development Committee making a final request for names of school parents who have businesses they would like included in the St. Cecilia School Business Directory. The second section is also from the Development Committee asking for parent volunteers who are willing to occasionally speak after the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses on behalf of the school. The Development committee will provide a prepared script for these occasions. The third section is to indicate your interest in enrolling your child(ren) in an after-school Italian language class. The class will meet several days a week immediately after school. We have an opportunity to apply for a grant to fund this program which will make the class available at no tuition cost; however, there may be a very modest materials fee. Before moving forward with the application I want to make sure we have enough of an interest from our school families. Please complete any and all sections that apply to you and your family and return the form to school no later than Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

#### **Reminders For This Week:**

- **Safety Preparedness Parent Meeting:** tonight at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall
- **Booster Club:** Tomorrow evening is an organizational meeting at 7:00 pm for parents interested in forming a St. Cecilia School Booster Club.
- **Ride the Holiday Train:** Reservations and payment for this event are due tomorrow. Flyers were sent home last week via e-mail and in student backpacks. Additional flyers are in the front office.
- **Diocesan In-Service:** There is no school on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> as all teachers will be attending a Diocesan In-Service at Mater Dei High School.



### **Christian Outreach**

Next week we will have two opportunities for our students to participate in Christian Outreach activities. The first is the NJHS sponsored food drive for the Thanksgiving Food Baskets, which begins on Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> and concludes on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. The second is the Baked Goods for Books sale during recess on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> sponsored by the second grade class as part of their C.A.R.E. project.

### **School-wide Liturgy**

We will be celebrating Thanksgiving and the Feast of St. Cecilia on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. The kindergarten class is planning this liturgy. This is a formal uniform day.

### **The Book Fair is Coming**

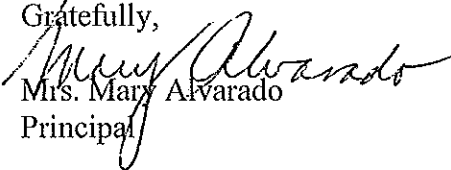
Our annual Scholastic Book Fair will be on campus from Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> through Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Every class will visit the book fair during their regularly scheduled library periods. The Book Fair will be opened from 7:30-3:30 daily, and will also be opened from **5:00-8:00 pm on Tuesday night**. Books make wonderful Christmas gifts and support our efforts to promote lifelong reading!

### **Santa Photo Day**

Red and green free dress, Santa Photo Day, and the Feast of St. Nicholas will all be celebrated on Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. More details will be sent home in the upcoming weeks.

Thank you parents for your ongoing support of our school, students, and staff. You are truly appreciated!

Gratefully,

  
Mrs. Mary Alvarado  
Principal