



ST. CECILIA SCHOOL

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

March 24, 2010

Dear Parents:

We are in the final days of Lent, and vacation is just around the corner. It is perhaps a temptation to put aside our Lenten promises and sacrifices, yet, as Holy Week approaches we must remain faithful to our promises and sacrifices. The teachers continue to instruct the children about Lent, and we participate as a student body in Lenten devotions and practices. The students in grades three through eight have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the past two weeks. This week we attended the Stations of the Cross which were led by a few of our student council members. Next week we will attend the Living Stations which are being presented by our seventh graders. On Friday evening the parish is invited to pray the Stations of the Cross after the Soup and Salad Supper. If you have not yet had the opportunity to participate in any of these Lenten devotions, perhaps you can spend some time with your child at Eucharistic Adoration or attend one of the Holy Week events scheduled at the parish. It is important for parents and children to share these faith experiences with one another.

Upcoming Liturgical Events

Friday's school wide liturgy has been rescheduled to Wednesday, March 31st @ 10 am. This liturgy is being planned by our fifth graders. The Living Stations of the Cross will also be on Wednesday, March 31st @ 1:30 pm in the Church. **Wednesday is a FORMAL UNIFORM DAY.**

Saint Joseph Table/Year of St. Joseph

The St. Cecilia School St. Joseph Table raised \$462.70. This money is donated to the St. Cecilia Church food bank. Thank you to the mothers, Mrs. Holland, Mr. and Mrs. Russo, and Mrs. Clough for organizing the beautiful table and delicious baked goods.

Our pastor, Father Al, recently announced that the parish would honor St. Joseph over the next year through prayer and devotions. When we return from Easter break the faculty will be planning ways for the children to celebrate the special relationship St. Joseph shares with our Savior and with us. Watch for more details...

Father Gerald Horan, Vicar of Faith Formation

On Thursday we will welcome Father Gerald Horan, Vicar of Faith Formation, to our campus. Father Jerry is our former Superintendent of Catholic Schools and he is an alumnus of St. Cecilia School. Father will be visiting the different classrooms throughout the day, talking with both students and teachers. We look forward to welcoming Father Jerry!



2010-2011 Calendar Dates

The school calendar for next year will be published after Easter break. A few dates that we can provide to our families at this time are:

- Monday, August 30th Jump Start the School Year
- Wednesday, September 1st First Day of School (K-8)
- Friday, September 3rd Orientation for Preschool/PreK

School Closed on Holy Thursday

Just a reminder the last day of school before Easter break will be Wednesday, March 31st. School will be closed on Holy Thursday. Please note: this is a calendar change!

Re-registration Deadline Extended

The deadline to turn in your re-registration form and \$200 per student fee has been extended to Tuesday, April 13th at 9:00 am. The registration fee after this date/time will be \$250.00.

Tuition Assistance Applications

Another reminder...tuition assistance applications are due to PSAS by April 30th. If you have not yet picked up a packet and wish to apply for assistance please contact Mrs. Warren for a packet. Please note: late applications are unlikely to receive assistance.

Fifth Grade Super Spellers!

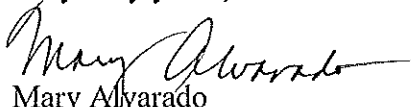
Congratulations to our fifth graders, Laurel Ayuyao, Quinn Mahony, and Sage Kenlein, who qualified to participate in the 4th Annual Parenting OC Grade School Spelling Bee on Saturday, April 10, 2010 at the Orange County Fairgrounds. Thanks goes to Mrs. Phillips, our fifth grade teacher, for holding an in-class spelling bee to determine our school finalists. Go Trojans!

Report to Parents

Included in today's envelope is an article on cheating published by the National Association of Elementary School Principals. While cheating is not frequently reported in our school, it is a matter that parents and educators should always consider serious. This article highlights some of the traditional forms of cheating, as well as, some new areas of concern that we must face in our ever advancing technological world. I hope you find this article useful as it not only identifies areas of concern, but, it offers practical suggestions for building honesty and integrity in our students.

May your Holy Week be filled with prayerful reminders of our Savior's love for you, and may you and your family celebrate a joyous Easter.

Very truly yours,


Mary Alvarado
Principal