

Walking With Jesus in Faith, Hope, and Love

March 4, 2009

Dear Parents:

Registration/Tuition Rates and Fees

The registration forms and tuition rates and fees for the 2009-2010 school year will be sent home next Wednesday in the family envelope.

Fish Bake/Stations of the Cross

Last Friday, St. Cecilia School hosted the Parish Fish Bake. Thank you to the many parents who volunteered, and to Mrs. Herrel and the Fourth Grade Class for assisting with the set-up for the Fish Bake. Did you know that the Fish Bake includes not only fish, but mashed potatoes, cole slaw, rolls, fresh tortillas, salsa, and Oreo cookies? Did you know that attending a Fish Bake is a great way to gather with other St. Cecilia School and Parish families? Did you know that all families are invited to attend the Stations of the Cross immediately following the Fish Bake? Did you know there is no set price for the Fish Bake but donations are always gratefully accepted? Now that you know all the Fish Bake Fridays have to offer, won't you consider attending a Parish Fish Bake and the Stations of the Cross this Lenten season?

Auction Meeting

It's hard to believe, but, the 2009 Auction is only seven months away and now is the time to begin the planning! There will be an informal meeting on Tuesday, March 17th at 8:00 am in the modulars for any and all parents interested in volunteering for the Auction. The Auction is THE major fundraiser for our school and the proceeds directly benefit the students enrolled in St. Cecilia School today and tomorrow. Everyone is welcome; everyone is needed so I hope to see you on March 17th. (If the date/time conflicts with your schedule and you want to be a part of this important and exciting event, please contact the Front Office and we will make sure the Auction managers contact you directly.) Parents are welcome to bring their young children with them to this meeting.

Free Money!

St. Cecilia School has several ongoing activities that provide money to our school.

- The first is the *Box Tops for Education* program. Cut out and send to school the *Box Tops for Education* labels that are found on many products that you regularly purchase, such as cereal, tissue, cookies, etc. You may send in the box tops all year long or save them up and send them in periodically.
- The second activity is the *Cartridges for Kids* program. A flyer went home last week detailing all of the items that can be dropped off in the classrooms every day, including ink cartridges, cell phones, pagers, etc. Please save the larger items for the *Recycle Fest*, scheduled for Saturday, April 4th. Proceeds from these programs are dedicated solely to enhance and expand our technology program.
- Additionally, each classroom is now recycling paper used in the classrooms. These recycling activities help teach our children to be good and responsible stewards of God's amazing creation!

Chapman University Holocaust Art Contest

Each year Chapman University sponsors an Art and Writing Contest dedicated to remembering the victims of the Holocaust. This year we had three students, Charlotte Woolfolk, Emily Duong, and Christina Trinh, enter artwork into the contest. Christina Trinh has been selected as a finalist. All three students will be attending a reception and awards ceremony on this Friday, March 6th at Chapman University. Congratulations, students and Mrs. Truxaw, for sharing your wonderful gifts and talents!

Decathlon/Free Dress

The St. Cecilia School Academic Decathlon will be participating in the Diocese of Orange Academic Decathlon on this Saturday, March 7th at Santa Margarita Catholic High School. The Super Quiz @ 12:30 pm is open to the public; all students are invited to come out and show support for our decathletes. Any student attending the Super Quiz may wear free dress on Monday, March 9th. Special thanks to our decathletes for all of their hard work and commitment to preparing for the Decathlon: Madison Bartyczak, Geoffrey Curran, Emily Duong, Christian Ghattas, Emily Guirgis, Jay Lim, Margaret Rewers, Michael Rossi Matthew Sanchez. and Nathan Tran. Thanks also to their coaches: Mrs. Katy Robino, Ms. Kelly Luu and Mrs. Melanie Curran and the Team Mom, Mrs. Guirgis.

Disability Fair

Charlotte Woolfolk, a seventh grader and Girl Scout, is planning and organizing a Disability Fair to be held in the Parish Hall on Monday, March 16th. The purpose of the Fair is to increase our students' understanding of persons with disabilities. The day's activities include guest speakers and opportunities for students to visit different booths sponsored by different groups who serve those with disabilities in our community. More details, including the times the classes will be visiting the booths, will be sent home in next week's envelope. A few parent volunteers are needed on March 16th; if you can help on that day, please contact Mary Woolfolk at cawmfw@yahoo.com.

St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's Day

Students will be celebrating the feast days of St. Patrick and St. Joseph this month. On Tuesday, March 17th, students may wear green shirts with their uniform bottoms. On Thursday, March 19th, students will be visiting the St. Joseph table in the Parish Hall – more information about this will follow.

Sees Candy Sale

Our 7th Grade students are selling Sees Candy for the next two weeks. Proceeds from the candy sale will offset the costs of 8th Grade Leadership Camp. Please consider supporting our future leaders. Order forms are included in this family envelope.

God Bless you for all you do.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Mary Alvarado