

*Walking With Jesus in Faith, Hope, and Love*

April 1, 2009

Dear Parents,

**Recycle Fest on Saturday!**

This is the final week of our Cartridges for Kids Recycling Contest. Students may bring recyclable items in to school with them on Friday. If your family brings larger items in to the Recycle Fest on Saturday between 8 and 2 PM, please let Lourdes Lejano know which class should receive points for the contribution (1 point per item). We would love to have your assistance in spreading the word about the Saturday Recycle Fest. Please consider posting one of the enclosed flyers on community bulletin boards, street corners, or other heavily trafficked area. **We also still need volunteers from 8 – 11AM and from 11 – 2 PM.** All proceeds will be used to directly support the technology program. Thank you for your support.

**Registration 2009-2010**

Just a gentle reminder...Registration forms and fees for the 2009-2010 school year were due in the office by yesterday, March 31, 2009. If you have not yet submitted these items please do so by Friday, or, contact Mrs. Warren at [awarren@stceciliak8.org](mailto:awarren@stceciliak8.org). Thank you.

**Golf Tournament 2009**

Included in today's envelope is the brochure for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament and an order sheet for the Golf Tournament Ball Drop. The golf tournament is sponsored by the Development Committee and the proceeds raised from the tournament support the development activities of the school, such as Grandparents/Special Friends Day, the alumni newsletter, and the endowment. I hope you will consider supporting and participating in the Golf Tournament.

**Memorial Prayer Service**

Next Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am the kindergarten, first, and second graders will be having a prayer service in memory of Ronan McCarthy. April 6<sup>th</sup> is Ronan's birthday. The prayer service will be held in the preschool/pre-K yard where a small wall hanging is being installed in Ronan's memory. Also, a McCarthy family friend has donated a small book shelf and books in Ronan's memory. We will have these on display at our prayer service and then move the shelf into the library. The prayer service will be simple and brief (probably about 15 minutes) and will be lead by a couple of our second graders. You are most welcome to attend the service, but, due to space limitations in the yard, we ask parents to stand outside the fence near the third grade classroom.

***Please note: the date of the Spring Show has been changed to Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.***

**Student of the Month Assembly**

Our Student of the Month Assembly will be held on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 pm in the Parish Hall. We will have a guest speaker at the assembly who will speak for about five minutes about the *Get on the Bus Ministry*. This ministry supports children who are separated from their mothers because their mothers have been incarcerated. The specific request from this ministry is for items to be included in "Staying in Touch" bags that will assist the children in their ability to communicate with their mothers throughout the year. The items needed are crayons, pencils, stationery, etc. More information will be forthcoming after Monday's assembly. Participation in this collection is voluntary.

### **Living Stations**

On Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, the seventh grade class will be presenting the Living Stations in the church at 9:15 am. **This is a FORMAL UNIFORM day for students.**

### **Spring Show Sign Ups/Date Change**

The Spring Show sign up deadline has been extended to Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:40 pm. The packets of information, along with the sign up forms, are available in the Front Office. Audition dates are Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 pm in the modulars.

### **Free Dress Day Changed**

Due to the Formal Uniform requirement on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, the students who support the food bank through a canned food donation may wear **Free Dress on Wednesday**, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Canned food items may be brought in on Tuesday or Wednesday.

### **Uniform Code**

Included in today's envelope is a flyer explaining the changes in the uniform code. PLEASE NOTE: **The changes are OPTIONAL for next year (2009-2010) and MANDATORY for the following year (2010-2011).** This two year transition was deliberately built into the plan to allow parents the two year time frame to purchase the new uniforms. Used uniform sales of the current uniform items will continue. Please look for further information regarding the upcoming spring sale. A special word of gratitude goes to Dr. Randy Fiorentino, our PTG President, and the Uniform Committee, who met numerous times to finalize the selection of the new uniform.

### **Disability Awareness Fair**

Thank you to Charlotte Woolfolk (7<sup>th</sup>), for organizing the first Disability Awareness Fair at St. Cecilia School. Enclosed in today's envelope (see reversed side of calendar), is a thank you note that Charlotte and our students received.

### **Summer School/Camp Flyers**

As summer quickly approaches, we receive many requests to distribute forms for summer school and summer camp programs. We are placing these flyers in our literature racks in the Front Office. Feel free to stop by the Front Office to pick up these flyers, or, if you are unable to get to the Front Office and would like the information, please contact Mrs. Jezowski and she will send them home to you.

### **Palm Sunday and Holy Week**

This Sunday is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. The teachers will be including lessons about Holy Week in their religion classes. It is the final week of Lent and an important time to remain committed to our Lenten sacrifices and to pray and fast.

### **Easter Vacation**

Please note that our Easter vacation is two days longer than usual this year. Vacation begins on Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at noon and school resumes on Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. The National Catholic Education Association's annual convention is being held at the Anaheim Convention Center and is being hosted by the Diocese of Orange. Therefore, all professional staff members (teachers/administrators) are required to attend the convention on Tuesday, April 14-Thursday, April 16. This is a wonderful opportunity for our teachers to gain professional development in all areas of the curriculum. We wish all of our families a blessed and joyous Easter.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Mary Alvarado  
Principal

*"In the same way, the Son of Man did not come to be served. He came to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many people."*

Matthew 20:28