

Walking With Jesus in Faith, Hope, and Love

February 25, 2009

Dear Parents:

Thank you to the many parents who were able to stay yesterday for our Morning Assembly and Mardi Gras parade. It is always wonderful to have our parents on campus to share in our learning experiences and celebrations!

Today, Ash Wednesday, the students in kindergarten through eighth attended Mass and received ashes. Our preschool and pre-k children received their ashes in the classrooms. During the season of Lent the teachers will be discussing Lenten practices and praying with the children each day in religion class. It would be a positive extension of the school faith experience if the children would also pray each night with their family members. If you would like resources to assist you with your Lenten prayers, please contact your child's teacher. Also, there are resources available through the parish office.

Recycling Events/Fundraisers

Enclosed in today's envelope are flyers for two recycling events that will generate funds for our school's **technology program**. Items that will be accepted for recycling are listed on the flyers. Other information regarding sponsorships and volunteer needs is also included on the flyers. Please take a moment to read through this information; this is an easy way to raise money for our children's technology education and participate in recycling that enhances our environment. Thank you in advance for your support!

- The first event, *Cartridges for Kids*, will be an ongoing opportunity for families to donate used ink cartridges, cell phones, etc. The first month of this program will be a contest between the classes. The prize for the class that brings in the most items (see list on the flyer) will receive a digital camera and free dress. There are opportunities for businesses to sponsor classrooms; there is no cost associated with sponsorship, just a commitment to donate recyclable items on behalf of St. Cecilia School.
- The second event, *Recycle Fest*, is a one day event on Saturday, April 4th, where we will collect larger recyclable items. There are many opportunities for parents and NJHS students to earn service hours through this project.

If you have any questions about our recycling program, please contact Mrs. Lejano at llejano@stceciliak8.org.

Prayer Requests

Prayers are requested for the mother of Mrs. Singleton, Belisa Caballero, who has a stroke last week. Mrs. Caballero is in the hospital at this time. Prayers are also requested

for Simin Fahim, the mother of our Outreach Concern counselor, Miss Sami Fahim. Miss Sami's mother also had a stroke last week and remains hospitalized.

Monday Activities

Monday's calendar is filled with activities; please take a moment to review the items below so that you are informed about these events:

- Dr. Seuss's Birthday Celebration: we will be celebrating the birthday of Dr. Seuss with readings of different stories at every grade level. The classes will be rotating to different rooms to hear three different stories written by Dr. Seuss. This activity will take place immediately following morning assembly.
- Sports Awards Luncheon: students who participated on the after school basketball teams will enjoy a pizza party during the lunch period in the Parish Hall.
- Sports Awards Assembly will begin at 1:15 pm in the Parish Hall
- Student of the Month Assembly will begin at 2:00 pm in the Parish Hall. We will have a special Irish Dance presentation from two of our students, Olivia Schulist and Tara Seaman. All parents and younger siblings are welcome to attend the Student of the Month Assembly – hope to see you there!

Academic Decathlon

Our Academic Decathlon has been busy studying and preparing to participate in the *Diocese of Orange Academic Decathlon* on Saturday, March 7th at Santa Margarita Catholic High School. All students are invited to watch our team compete in the Super Quiz against 18 other schools in the Diocese. The Super Quiz begins at 12:30 pm in the SMCHS gym. Students who attend the Super Quiz may wear free dress on Monday, March 9th. Go Trojans!

Employment Opportunities

Travelers Insurance, our science class A.C.T. sponsor, has a number of positions listed on their website for their Orange and Diamond Bar offices for experienced claims professionals in workers compensation, general liability, auto and property claims, appraisal, and nurse case management. To search current job listings, go to www.travelers.com, follow the "Careers" link and use the job search tool. If you are interested in a particular position, please contact Paul Curran, a St. Cecilia parent and Travelers claim representative via email at paulcurran@mac.com for additional information about their referral program.

Thank you, parents, for your ongoing support of St. Cecilia School.

Gratefully,

Mrs. Mary Alvarado
Principal

*Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love*

--Joel 2: 13