

February 18, 2009

Dear Parents:

Traffic/Car Line Updates:

A month ago we began our new afternoon car line procedures. Since then the faculty and the Traffic Task Force have continually observed and adjusted the traffic and student dismissal patterns to ensure student safety and the efficiency of the car line. While it is impossible to create the “perfect” dismissal pattern/routine for a community of 333 students, 207 families, and 35 staff, I believe every effort has been made to take into consideration the various needs of our community regarding safety, efficiency, expediency, and opportunities to gather. I appreciate the spirit of cooperation, goodwill, and positivity displayed by our parents during this time of change and growth. The one thing that we all must remember is that *student safety comes before any other need*.

Today all of the new procedures/policies are included in today’s envelope for your review. I have shaded the areas where there have been significant changes from the January guidelines. Please take a moment to read through these procedures/policies. I will also be sending this information out on Thursday and Friday via parent e-mail to ensure that all our families receive it.

Uniform Committee Meeting

The Uniform Committee will hold its final meeting tonight at 8:00 pm in the library. If you are interested in learning more about the modifications that will be made to the school uniform, please join the committee in the library tonight. Please note: the changes to the uniform will span a two year period. Both the current uniforms and the new uniforms may be worn in the 2009-2010 school year. The 2010-2011 school year will be the year when the new uniform will be required. The two year transition is designed to allow enough time for children to grow out of the uniforms parents have already purchased.

Mardi Gras

Next Tuesday, February 24th, Student Council will be celebrating Mardi Gras. Students are creating masks in their classes and will wear them during a Mardi Gras parade which will be held during morning assembly. We hope you can stay on Tuesday morning for a few extra minutes to join our student body in prayer and in our Mardi Gras celebration.

Ash Wednesday

K-8 students will be attending 10:00 am Mass on Ash Wednesday, February 25th. Students will receive ashes during this Mass. This is a formal uniform day.

Spring Show

The Spring Show Committee is pleased to announce that the 2009 Spring Show theme is *We the People*. Information regarding the Spring Show auditions for students in K-8 is included in today’s envelope. The Spring Show will be Thursday, May 21st.

Watch for Recycling Information

Next Wednesday we will send home information regarding a recycling program we will be implementing at St. Cecilia School. We will be recycling inkjet and laser cartridges, used cell phones, laptops, video games, digital cameras, iPods, etc. Watch for further details in next week’s envelope.

Thank you, parents, for all you do to grow our faith-filled environment.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Mary Alvarado
Principal