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# FAMILY FOCUS

## January 13, 2010

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Dear Families,

I cannot tell you how important it is for you to send in your school registration form. We will have registration for new families on January 20<sup>th</sup>. It would be wonderful to have all of our current families registered by that date so that we will be able to see how many new families we can accept. We are currently working on budget. Having accurate numbers is so important for planning and cost. Our numbers will determine how much tuition will increase, how many faculty members are retained and what programs we will be able to keep. We can have up to 30 students in one classroom. If we do not have more than 30 students, two classes may be combined to become one. Thank you for giving this your utmost attention.

Here is a breakdown of totals by grade and numbers registered as of this date.

Kindergarten	6 registered	Grade 5	7 registered
Grade 1	9 registered	Grade 6	8 registered
Grade 2	13 registered	Grade 7	7 registered
Grade 3	9 registered	Grade 8	5 registered
Grade 4	7 registered		

I know that you can see my concern from these numbers.

If you did not attend the PTO Meeting last evening, you missed a good presentation concerning Internet Safety and the safety of our children. We do teach I-Safe here at school, but we can never have too much safety information when it concerns the welfare of our children.

**Mrs. Margaret Bowen**

### YEARBOOK COVER DESIGN CONTEST

**Design a cover for the yearbook and your prize will be to get a free yearbook! The contest is open to all grades; so get your ideas for the cover to Mrs. Brooks in the art room today. The deadline is Friday, January 15th, Be sure to put your name on your entry or you will be disqualified.**

### Calendar

Wed, 1/13	MARKET DAY In the Weiker Room
Thurs, 1/14	9:40 MASS <b>1:00 EARLY DISMISSAL</b>
Fri, 1/15	
Mon, 1/18	<b>NO SCHOOL MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY</b>
Tue, 1/19	Quick Recall Match #2 Home game (Library)
Wed, 1/20	<b>REGISTRATION NEW FAMILIES 8:00 AM TO 6:00 PM</b>

**The pre-registration forms for 2010-2011 were in the Wednesday Folders last week. Please note the deadline is February 1, 2010. There is a \$50.00 late fee for forms that are turned in after this date.**

We have received the applications for School CHOICE Scholarships in the school office. These scholarships are for tuition assistance based on income guidelines. If you would like an application for School CHOICE Scholarship or would like more information, please contact the school office at 635-7141.

## T.O.S.S. CORNER

Next T.O.S.S. event will be.....

### SNOW TUBING AT PAOLI PEAKS

Saturday, January 23 at 2:30 pm.

Meet in the Marteen room.

(permission slips and health forms found on SSM web site and waiver found on Paoli Peaks web site must be completed and turned in prior to January 21.)

For any additional questions and to RSVP, call Michele Osbourn at 635-5908 or Angela Allen at 376-9565.

## REVERSE RAFFLE NEWS

**HELP US REACH OUR \$50,000 GOAL!** This money helps our kids get the technology, library materials, classroom supplies, etc that they need! You can help by participating in the following ways.

**COLLECTION WEEK** Don't forget this week is collection week for the Reverse Raffle AUCTION donations. Students that bring in a gift for our auction valued **over \$15 THIS WEEK** will receive a donut party on Friday (one gift per family). This is not the same as Class Basket items. Encourage your kids to wear a crazy hat and / or socks on Tuesday, January 19th. Just bring in \$1 per student for Reverse Raffle. This is the day **after** the Martin Luther King Holiday so **MARK YOUR CALENDARS** and remind your friends!

**Buy a Reverse Raffle Ticket.** We sell 500 chances and to date we have sold about 150 of the 500. They are \$50 each and they get you a chance to win the CASH prizes as well as admission and dinner for 2. Come see what a FUN night it is! Volunteer to help out. If you would like to work set up, clean up or the night of the event please contact Jennifer Cecil at 634-9335.

### St. Stephen Martyr Alumni Committee is sponsoring A CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

**WHEN:** Saturday, JANUARY 23rd at 7:30 pm.

**WHERE:** Activities Building

**HOW MUCH:** \$30/team amateurs only

**EMAIL** Sandy Stutzenberger at [sgs03@AOL.com](mailto:sgs03@AOL.com) for reservations.

**Saturday registration is at 7:00; games begin at 7:30.**

**Cash prizes and door prizes.....cash bar for soft drinks and beer, hot dogs, nachos, pizza, popcorn, etc.**

## KUDOS KORNER

**Tori Shackleton's** mom has sent us an update on the Bake Sale Tori organized prior to the holidays for the St. Vincent De Paul Soup Kitchen. Tori purchased \$68.00 worth of cups for warm drinks to be served to the men, women and children who rely on the Soup Kitchen for their meals. Tori goes monthly to serve dinner and they requested cups as one of their most needed items. She would like to extend a big THANK YOU to all who brought in the baked goods and all who purchased them. A lot of lives will be touched by everyone's generosity. Keep up the good work, Tori. You are a model of stewardship for us all!

**PE uniform order forms** were sent home. The order forms are due back by January 20th with an anticipated delivery of uniforms in late February. If anyone has any questions about the uniforms they can call Mrs. Amanda Thompson 931-0790.

**It's Yearbook Time!!!** The form for ordering yearbooks was sent home in the Wednesday folder. This year families have the choice of ordering their yearbook in black and white for \$9.50 or in color for \$14.00. Completed forms with payment must be received by **Wednesday, January 27, 2010!!!** Please make note of the deadline as it is not preprinted on the order forms this year.

### Mercy Academy - JR JAG DANCE CLINIC

Our annual JR JAG DANCE CLINIC will be held at Mercy, **February 6, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Students grades K-12 are welcome and are invited to perform the dance they learn at Mercy's home basketball game Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$35 per student which includes a T-shirt, tutu, Papa John's pizza and a copy of the performance music. For more information please contact Leslie Storey Hibdon at [leslie.storey@mercyacademy.com](mailto:leslie.storey@mercyacademy.com) or (502) 671-2010.

## NOTE OF THANKS . . .

To Mrs. Bowen, SSM faculty and staff, particularly 7th and 8th grade teachers, especially Mrs. Waskevich, students and parents: Thank you all from the bottom of my heart for helping me to achieve my goal of becoming a certified teacher. Spending 17 weeks with the 7th and 8th grade students and teachers has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life and for that I feel truly blessed. Thank you for welcoming me and letting me be a part of your school in a student teaching capacity. It was also an eye-opening experience as a parent as to the hours SSM teachers spend in lesson planning and meeting countless other needs of each child and makes me so appreciative to be a part of this. I miss the students already! Thanks for all the support and encouragement in realizing my dream. Cathy Shircliffe

Please note: All announcements that are to be included in the weekly Wednesday Family Focus are to be received by the school office or e-mailed to Mrs. Brooks at:

[cbrooks@ssmartyr.org](mailto:cbrooks@ssmartyr.org) no later than Tuesday morning.

To view the extra pages of the Family Focus just logon to <http://www.ssmartyr.org/17-Family-Focus-Update-Main.htm> and click on the date of the Focus you would like to view.