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FAMILY FOCUS

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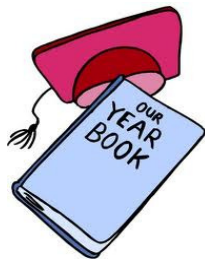
Dear Families,

We Are Back! My U of L Basketball poster has to come down off my office door because I lost a bet with a 6th grader. I know better than to bet! That is how my New Year began. I can't help but reflect back on how kind and generous the people of SSM are. Thank you for the beautiful Christmas cards with your children on them. Thank you for the gifts. Thank you very much for the food. I make the best-ever holiday tray for company with all the goodies I have been given.

Here at school we are working on making another Reverse Raffle a huge success. We are putting new computers in the classrooms for the teachers. We are looking at the required actions we have been given by the SACS Accreditation team. We will start our budget process. We will focus on celebrating Catholic Schools Week. We will be having Registration for new families on January 12th. If you know of any families that would like to send their children to SSM, give them a little reminder.

We will be keeping all of our families in our prayers for the New Year.

Mrs. Margaret Bowen



Yearbook order forms are in your child's folder today. These are due back by 1/30!!

Pre-Registration forms for the 2012-2013 school year are due by 1/20!

Weekly Calendar

- Wed, 1/4
- Thurs, 1/5 SAC Board Meeting 7 pm
- Fri, 1/6 Reverse Raffle Dress Down for a \$10 gift donation
- Mon, 1/9 Student Council Meeting after school
- Tues, 1/10
- Wed, 1/11 Reverse Raffle Dress Down for a \$2/\$5 donation
Market Day Pickup
Weiker Room, 5:30 pm
- Thurs, 1/12 Registration for New Families (8-3 and 6-7 pm)



Quick Recall Notice

Practice for 4th and 5th grade Quick Recall will be after school on Monday and Tuesday, 1/9 & 1/10 from 3-4 pm. The first match will be on January 17th!!

Art Club Notice

8th Grade Art Club will begin on Thursday, January 5th, from 3-4 pm.

Contact Mrs. Brooks at cbrooks@ssmartyr.org with questions.



The application forms for tuition assistance from PSAS (Catholic Education Foundation) are available from the Parish office. Forms must be postmarked no later than March 15, 2012. For more information, please contact the Parish office at 635-5813 or the School office at 635-7141.

January PeaceBuilder's Theme Tolerance/Honoring and Accepting

"Our greatest strength as a human race is our ability to acknowledge our **differences**, our greatest weakness is our failure to embrace them."

~Judith Henderson

Please send all Family Focus news items to Wendy Gerhard at wgerhard@ssmartyr.org by Tuesday at noon!!





KUDOS KORNER

Bell Choir



Kudos to the SSM Hand Bell Choir for an awesome performance at WAVE3 which aired throughout the day on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day! They were wonderful.



Kudos also to Maria Osbourn (6A) for her performance at the German-American Club's Christmas celebration. She played a beautiful song on her flute.



Sister Karen and Mrs. Carter especially want to recognize the Kindergartners and First Graders who worked so hard on their Christmas show! They were AWESOME!

SSM ONLINE

www.ssmartyr.org



Daily School Bulletin, Family Focus
Parish information & forms
Athletic information & forms
Market Day order forms
Lunch Menu, School Handbook
PTO/SAC Board Information

Please check the website every day! If you are having trouble viewing or finding online items, please call Wendy at 635-7141.

Pull Tab Collection

The Student Council is sponsoring a pull tab collection in January. Please bring your pull tabs between **January 10th and 20th**. There will be a box in the Marteen Room where students can leave their tabs.



REVERSE RAFFLE INCENTIVE DAYS!

Don't forget this Friday, 1/6, is a dress down incentive day for any student/family that brings in a new/unused gift worth at least \$10. Next week, students can "mix and match" their outfits for \$2 per student/\$5 family of three or more on Wednesday, 1/11.

Families who are Wheel of Chance sponsors can dress down without providing a gift or paying the money!! If you would like to become a Wheel Sponsor, look for the handout in your child's Wednesday folder today!

Be on the lookout for the Labels for Education collection sheet in Sunday's paper (1/8). This sheet is worth an additional 100 Labels for Education points. You can send these to school marked to the attention of Amanda Thompson!!



REVERSE RAFFLE NEEDS YOU!!!



The 2012 Reverse Raffle is fast approaching! Mark your calendar for this fun event—February 18th!



We are in great need of volunteers to help pick up donations from businesses. You **do not** have to solicit a donation—just pick items up!! If you can help with this, please call Angie Laemmle at 644-5570.



We also need talented bakers to make or provide a dessert or two for the dinner! This is a great way to help out. Just drop off your dessert(s) on the 17th! If you can help with this, please call Pat Laemmle at 637-6622.