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CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Shaping Spirits and Minds



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Dear Families,

Don't you just love snow days! Judy Feger bakes and we all get her goodies. You get to throw the kids out in the snow and watch them play. Great days if you don't have to drive. Now down to the business of making up those snow days...We will still be off this Monday, Feb. 15th. They are calling for more snow and I don't want to take that chance. Some teachers and families may have already made plans so we will be off that day. What we will do is go to school on Wednesday, March 3rd. We will have conferences on Thursday, March 4th and no school on March 5th. March 5th counts for our Professional Development day and Thursday counts for a day of school. We will add the other days to the end of our calendar and at this time we are still out before Memorial Day. Please mark your calendars.

We have been trying to keep you informed with our registration numbers. It is so important to pre-register your children. If you are unable to pay the pre-registration fee, please contact me. As we look at budget, we may have some grades go to one class, which happened to our current 3rd grade. We may also have to accept the first 30 and notify anyone else that hopes to register that we are full. Please, it is so important for us to have this information as we proceed with plans for next year's budget.

Mrs. Margaret Bowen

Calendar

- Thu, 2/11 1:45 Spelling Bee
Grade 4-8 Marteen Room
- Fri, 2/12 8th Grade Fish Fry
For D.C. Class Trip
- Sun, 2/14 **HAPPY** 
ST. VALENTINE'S DAY!
- Mon, 2/15 NO SCHOOL**
President's Day
- Tue, 2/16 Mardi Gras
Quick Recall Match 6
- Wed, 2/17 **ASH WEDNESDAY**
SSM Mass Schedule:
8:00 am, 9:40 am, 7:00 pm
- Thu, 2/18 3:30 1st Round of Quick
Recall Tournament
at St. Raphael

Don't have time to bake a cake for the Fish Fry? You can purchase one from Nord's Bakery for just \$7.75. Call Mike Nord at 634-0931 and tell him you want a "picnic cake" for the Fish Fry. You can get one at this special price.

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.

KUDOS KORNER

SPELLING BEE WINNERS AND RUNNERS-UP

HR	WINNER	RUNNER-UP
4A	Steele Whitney	Dillon Smothers
4B	Maria Osbourn	Rosemary Scarpaci
5A	Sarah Bloom	Desiree Douthitt
5B	Jack Walsh	Hayden Hart
6A	Sara Sutton	Joey Sullivan
6B	Sydney Welch	Jilly Gerhard
7A	Daniel Stapp	Kirsten Swikert
7B	Abbey Sullivan	Summer Wright
8A	Max Jones	Caroline Edwards
8B	Akhil Warriier	Steven Osbourn

JOIN US FOR THE SSM SPELLING BEE,
Thursday, 2/11 at 1:45 pm in the Marteen Room.
Congratulations and good luck in round 2!!

ENROLLMENT NUMBERS AS OF TODAY

Kindergarten	30	Grade 5	40
Grade 1	31	Grade 6	30
Grade 2	31	Grade 7	34
Grade 3	34	Grade 8	41
Grade 4	26		

ARE YOU WILLING TO SHARE YOUR PHOTOS??

We are working on print materials for the upcoming **Building a Future of Hope** campaign for SSM. We need fairly current photos of school children, the children's masses, baptismal font, interior of the church, etc. If you have any available, please send to the school office in an envelope or a baggie that has your name clearly printed on it. Thank you for helping us in this endeavor.



Please clip and post on your fridge

Lenten Fish Frys at SSM will start with the 8th grade Fish Fry on February 12, 2010. All 8th grade parents & students are encouraged to participate to support their trip to Washington D.C. in the spring.

Fish Fries following the 8th grade are a major part of the Athletics budget for 2009-10. Athletics uses the profit from the Fish Frys to defray the cost of uniforms, equipment, league fees, etc. **This year we are requesting that each class work one week at one of the scheduled Fish Fries.** Each Friday it takes 60 people (not including the fryers & behind the scenes people) to make these Fish Frys run smoothly. If you cannot help out the week that your child's class is scheduled then by all means sign up for another week. We need your help!

IMPORTANT: Any children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult attending fish fries. Any child that is not accompanied by an adult will be asked to leave. We will not tolerate children running & playing in the gym, hallways & bathrooms. This event is attended by all ages and we want it to be safe and courteous for all.

PARKING: Please park in marked parking spaces only. Overflow can go to the Audubon School lot. Daycare is in session until 6:00 pm so please be observant of children & parents exiting the building and posted parking signs.

Workers shifts are from 4:30 to 6:00 or from 6:00 to 7:30.

February 12 th	Week #1	8 th Grade
February 19 th	Week #2	7 th grade
February 26 th	Week #3 -	6 th grade
March 5 th	Week #4 -	5 th grade
March 12 th	Week #5 -	4 th grade
March 19 th	Week #6 -	3 rd Grade
		(St. Patrick's Celebration) 
March 26 th	Week #7 -	1st and 2nd grade

8th Grade Class floats on any date above after February 12th

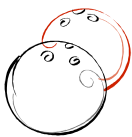
Thank you, Fish Fry Committee



PENNIES FOR HAITI PENNY CHALLENGE



The week of February 22nd through February 27th we will have a penny challenge with the proceeds going to the relief efforts for Haiti. Each homeroom will challenge each other 1A vs. 1B and so on. Kindergarten is challenging the 3rd grade. Start saving your pennies now!



1ST ANNUAL STUDENT COUNCIL BOWLING PARTY

Executive Strike and Spare

Monday, March 22nd, 6:30-8:30 pm

Cost: Students: \$5.00 This includes 2 games and shoe rental.

Parents: \$5.00 This includes 2 games (parents pay for own shoes)

Reservation forms due by March 8th

(Students can get reservation forms from their homeroom teacher.)



SPORTS SIGN-UPS

Sports sign-ups for track, softball and soccer will be held in the Marteen Room on Sunday, February 14th after 11:30 Mass and on Monday, February 15th in the Marteen room from 5:30-6:30.

The Bellarmine University Center for Teaching

Excellence and Leadership will host a free meeting about dyslexia from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on **Wed., Feb. 24**, in Room 308 at the Bellarmine Office Building. Research indicates that as much as 15 percent of learners have some symptoms of dyslexia. Dr. Robert Cooter will lead the presentation.