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Shaping Spirits and Minds



# FAMILY FOCUS

## February 17, 2010

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Dear Families,

Isn't snow wonderful? I don't know about you, but I had many teachers tell me this morning that they can't wait for the snow to be gone. They want to teach! ,

Here it is Ash Wednesday. I know this is not a Holy Day but it certainly is a day that we have to wear a very visible sign that we are Catholics. We try in so many ways to show by our example and values that we are Catholic. We tell the students to wear their ashes proudly and to notice others that may be Catholic, too.

Thank you for all of your support lately. Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade had their 8<sup>th</sup> grade fish fry. All the proceeds will go toward their 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip. The crowd was great!

Thank you also for sending in your registration forms. We are trying so hard to put together the best school possible for your children.

**Mrs. Margaret Bowen**

**GO CARDS!!** We have five SSM teams in the CSAA basketball final four, and additionally our 7/8th grade girls #1 team was crowned CSAA champion this past weekend. Below is the final four schedule as well as the Championship dates and times. **Come out and support our CARDS!**

5/6th Girls #1: At Holy Trinity Thursday 6pm (Championship Sunday at 1:00 at Trinity H.S.)

5/6th Girls #2: At St. Albert Thursday 7pm (Championship Saturday at 11:20 at Desales H.S.)

5/6th Girls #3: At St. Andrews Thursday 6pm (Championship Saturday 9am at Desales)

7/8th Girls #1: **CSAA Champions!**

7/8th Girls #3: At St. Mary's Academy Thursday 6pm (Championship Sunday 6:50 at Trinity)

7/8 Girls #4: At St. Mary's Academy Thursday 6pm (Championship Sunday at 6:50 At Trinity)

5/6th Boys #1: At St. Athanasius Thursday 6pm (Championship Sunday at 2:20 at Trinity)

**Please find the time for your child/ children's conference schedule in the Wednesday folder today. Please make note of this, sign and return the form to your oldest child's homeroom teacher. Conferences will be held on Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.**

### IMPORTANT CAFETERIA NOTICE. . .

Again I am asking for you to put your child's pin number on the checks or (if cash) put the number on an envelope with the money inside. For example if I were to receive an envelope with "Matthew's lunch money" written on it, there are 9 Matthews in our school. It is very difficult to track down who paid for their lunch and who didn't. Please take the time to write the pin numbers and first and last names. I am sure you want the money to go into the correct account as much as I do.

**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.

### Calendar

Wed, 2/17	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> <b>SSM Mass Schedule:</b> <b>8:00 am, 9:40 am, 7:00 pm</b>
Thu, 2/18	3:30 1st Round of Quick Recall Tournament at St. Raphael
Fri, 2/19	Fish Fry 7th grade workers
Sun, 2/21	<b>1st Sunday of Lent</b>
Mon, 2/22	
Tues, 2/23	
Wed 2/24	12:00-12:30 Lent Choirfest
Thu, 2/25	9:40 Mass
Fri, 2/26	LAST DAY OF QUARTER 3 2:00 Stations of the Cross Fish Fry 6th grade workers

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 WINNER:

**Abbey Sullivan!** Congratulations, Abbey, and good luck in the city finals! We know you will represent our school well!



**Nicole Kuchma 4A** bowled in the City Tournament a couple of weeks ago and did really well. Her team "Pin Pals" placed 1st in their division, her doubles team placed 1st in their division and Nicole placed 7th in her singles division. She bowled 3 games one day and 6 games the next day. Congratulations, Nicole!

## ENROLLMENT NUMBERS AS OF TODAY

Kindergarten	30	Grade 5	44
Grade 1	30	Grade 6	34
Grade 2	32	Grade 7	36
Grade 3	36	Grade 8	47
Grade 4	28		

### 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.



## Lenten Fish Frys

Workers shifts are  
from 4:30 to 6:00

or from 6:00 to 7:30.

February 19<sup>th</sup> Week #2 7<sup>th</sup> grade

February 26<sup>th</sup> Week #3 - 6<sup>th</sup> grade

March 5<sup>th</sup> Week #4 - 5<sup>th</sup> grade

March 12<sup>th</sup> Week #5 - 4<sup>th</sup> grade

March 19<sup>th</sup>  Week #6 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

(St. Patrick's Celebration)

March 26<sup>th</sup> Week #7 - 1st + 2nd gr.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class floats on any date

above after February 12th

Thank you, Fish Fry Committee



## GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN SUPPORT GROUP

Began Tuesday, February 16th and continues for the following six Tuesdays at 6:30 to 7:30 pm @JFCS Roth Family Center (Corner of Dutchmans and Cannons Lane). new support group is forming **NOW** for GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN. The group will explore the unique issues that arise with inter-generational parenting. A grandchildren's group will run concurrently. Snacks will be served. RSVP Judith Cumber to join the group at any time (502) 452-6341 ext. 231, or e-mail jcumblcr@jfcslouisville.org

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.

## 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 can be requested from homeroom teachers and are due by March 8th



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** Would you like to be a part of the Stations of the Cross? Every child of any age is welcome. We will pray and perform the Stations of the Cross on **March 19th** at

1:30 pm for the School and again at 6:30 pm for the Parish. If you are interested in having a part in the prayer service, please have a parent call to let us know you will be available and have permission to perform. You will need to be available on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm (you will leave school and go to church) and 5:45 pm (to get ready for 6:30 pm performance.) We will have a practice on March 10 and March 18 right after school until 4:15 pm to practice. It is not mandatory you be at practice, but highly encouraged.

Please call by: **March 1st** Mary Beth Wright at 629-7348 or Michelle Osborne at 635-5908.

If you leave a message, please tell us your child's name, what grade he/she is in, and what gender your child is.

**ROCKIN' FOR KIDS** concert featuring teen bands will perform to benefit the music therapy program at Kosair Children's Hospital. It will be held at U of L Campus at the Swain Student Activities Center on February 20th from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. The event will feature activities such as inflatables, face painting, Guitar Hero contest, fastest drummer contest, and a silent auction. Admission to the Rockin' for Kids event is \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 per family of four or more. For more info visit [HelpKosairChildrensHospital.com](http://HelpKosairChildrensHospital.com)

