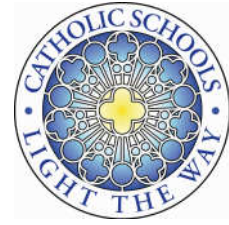




Holy Family School Family Newsletter



Dear Holy Family School Families,

Dec. 20, 2007

It is that time of year when we reflect on our blessings and our joys. Thank you for sharing your children with us through the year.

Each child is special and brings a special gift to our school. From all of us at Holy Family School, We wish you a very Merry Christmas!

FOUR YEAR OLD AND FIVE YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION: If you have a kindergarten age child (age 4 or age 5 before Sept. 1, 2008) or know of a family with a kindergarten age child for the 2008-2009 school year please call the office. We have registration forms available for children entering four year old or five year old kindergarten in the fall of 2008. The office phone number is 494-1931.

FAMILY REGISTRATION: Enclosed in last week's brown envelope was a family registration form. Please complete and return it to school by Monday, January 8, 2008. The information helps us in determining budget plans and class sizes. Thank you. If you cannot find your form or are unsure if you sent it in, please call the office.

2008-2009 Registration: Registration for new students for the fall of 2008 will be in late January 2008. A kindergarten information session for new kindergarten parents of five year olds will be held on Tuesday, January 22 at 6:00pm.

FROM THE KITCHEN: On behalf of the kitchen, cafeteria and playground staff; we wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! A special thanks to those who so generously continue to give their time to help us get our job done! See you next year.

PACKER GAME PARKING: The 8th grade class needs your help! With only one more regular season home game remaining, we need to park 70 cars in our lot to meet our fundraising goal. Please consider parking in the Heid's Music Store lot on the corner of Marvelle Lane and South Oneida Street on Sunday, December 30th, when the Packers face the Lions. **We will be charging only \$8.00 per vehicle for this game. GO PACK!**

Calling all Cross Country Skiers!!!! Ski For Light needs your help!! Ski For Light? Is a program that uses cross-country or nordic skiing as a means to introduce people with visual and physical impairments to sport, exercise and health. WITH MANY DONATIONS the Sons of Norway, the Lions Camp in Rosholt and area ski clubs we have hosted a weekend event for the past 20+ years, the success of the weekend is mostly snow dependant. So the last few years the numbers of blind skiers has been low. Guess what?! It snowing!!!! Blind skiers are signing up in record numbers! And we need guides to get them on the ski trails!! Also, if you know of any blind or visually impaired person who would like to learn to ski...sign them up!!! This is an amazing weekend!!! The event will be held January 18-20, 2008 at the Lion's Camp facility in Rosholt, WI. **Guides stay and eat for FREE!** Visit the web site at www.wiskiforlight.org or call (715) 569-4910 for more information.

ATTENTION MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS: Holy Family School middle school students are HIGHLY encouraged to participate in our school Service Program. Students need to complete a total of 12 hours of service for the year. This can include this past summer. At least one hour is required in each of the four categories: home, school, community, and church. Service hour slips are available in the office. The slips must be turned in by May 15, 2008.

Please check your checkbooks! If you wrote a \$297 check to Holy Family School for magazine sales (prior to 10/26/07) please contact Marci in the Parish Office (494-2534). Thanks for your help.

GOLDEN APPLE NOMINEES: We omitted Mrs. Chrissy Kiefert's name from our list of teachers nominated for the Golden Apple. Congratulations Mrs. Kiefert!

GYM UNIFORMS: Beginning the school year 2008-2009 students in grades 4-8 will be required to wear a gym uniform. The shorts and t-shirt combination meets the gym uniform guidelines and alleviates issues with other street clothing. The uniform will cost approximately \$15. We have samples arriving in January of 2008 giving families the option to purchase for this year.

PULASKI HIGH SCHOOL: 8th Grade Scheduling Information meeting will be held in the Pulaski High School auditorium on Monday, February 4, 2008 at 6:30PM.

FRANCISCAN CAMP EXPERIENCE available for 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls, June 16-18. Lots of friendship, creativity, prayer and fun. Transportation available. Brochures on the rack near the office. Contact Sister Ann Carla for more information.

CALLING ALL PEOPLE IN NEED OF 3RD SOURCE FUNDING HOURS: The scheduling for the SNACK SHACK is under way. It will take place most Saturdays in Dec., Jan., Feb., and March. If you still need hours this is one of the last ways to get them. **Call Lisa Gegare at 494-6394 to schedule your time.** We need food or monetary donations for the concession stand. Please call Mrs. Otto at HFS with any questions. This too is part of your third source funding and we appreciate any means you can help.

Attention 6th -8th Graders Interested in the Geo. Bee: Anyone interested in preparing for the 2008 National Geographic Bee can brush up on geography with GeoBee Challenge, an online geography quiz at www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee. Ten new questions from previous National Geographic Bees will be posted each day. The GeoBee Challenge board game also provides "geography fun" for students and their families. Ms. Van Dyke has copies of the games and others she'd be happy to share if you contact her. Games can also be purchased online and in stores like Target. Interested students are encouraged now to think about taking part in and preparing for the Bee which will be held in early January.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, December 21

Dec. 22-Jan. 1

January 2, 2008

January 7-11, 2008

January 8, 2008

January 9, 2008

Early Release Day – non-uniform "Warm inside" day

No School – Christmas vacation

Back to school ☺

Adult School Crossing Guard Recognition Week

Ambrosius Studio/ Group Photos for yearbook

1st Grade Field Trip

Non-Uniform Day: Friday, December 21 is an early release day before Christmas break with the theme "Cold outdoors/warm inside", allowing students an opportunity to wear sweatshirts, sweatpants, and jogging suits. In following our uniform guidelines, we do not allow shirts with objectionable sayings or pictures nor do we allow sweatpants with words across the backside/seat.

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE: With the support of technology grant money and parent donations we are beginning our next advancement in technology at Holy Family School. Over Christmas break we will begin installing LCD projectors and screens in the middle school classrooms and science lab. These projectors will be able to display computer programs, cable television programs, DVDs and VCR tapes. As future grant money or donations come available we will install more projectors in other classrooms.

BULLETIN ADVERTISEMENT: St. Agnes Parish has an opening on the back of their bulletin for an advertiser. The cost is only \$200 per year. Approximately 47,000 bulletins are printed and disbursed each year which makes this a very reasonable way to grow your business. If you are interested, please contact Marci in the Parish Office at 494-2534.

Chili Dinner: On Monday, January 28th the class of 2008 will be holding it's Chili Dinner to kick off Catholic Schools week and the open house at Holy Family. Please mark this date on your calendars and watch for ticket information in the brown envelope after Christmas break.

8TH GRADE PARENTS: A reminder about the Chili Dinner on January 28th. Vicky Dooley, Patti Schick and Kathy Zimmerman will be chairing this event and will have information for everyone in the upcoming brown envelopes. If you have not done so please make sure this date is on the calendar - everyone's participation will be required for this event.

BOXTOPS: Congratulations to the following Boxtop winners: 1st place-Connor Hock, 2nd place winners-Jackie Calba and Claire Sievert; 3rd place winners-Dave Zarvan, Keighley Blindauer, Colleen Mortell, Alex Tilot, Caroline Duffy, Jared LaFond, Caleb Hawpetoss, Eric Gegare, Eve Hawpetoss, and Margaret Hogan. Thank you to everyone who collected boxtops! Good job!

YEAR BOOK PHOTOS: SPORTING EVENTS/TEAMS, GIRL SCOUTS, SPECIAL EVENTS: PLEASE GET YOUR YEAR BOOK PHOTOS IN ASAP... Send in any photos of your group, special event, or even candid's from classrooms. We need them now so we aren't scrambling at the end of the year. Hard copies please labeled with all names of participants etc and your name so we can return them. Contact Ami Gracyalny 869-5409 or email to amii@new.rr.com with any questions.

CUB FOODS RECEIPTS Please continue to save your cub food receipts. We collect the receipts for our school. Thank you.

CROSSING GUARD RECOGNITION WEEK: The week of January 7 is designated to Adult Crossing Guards. We thank our adult crossing guards, who safely help our children across the street.

Flyers and Programs that have been placed in the school lobby by the office include information from the following:

- *YWCA – DANCE
- *Youth Sports Clinic

God bless you,
Pamela Otto