



Holy Family School Family Newsletter

Dear Holy Family School Families,

March 13, 2008

LENTEN JOURNEY

For the past 4 weeks of Lent, the students have been working on actions to help them walk in the steps of Jesus. This week the theme is “Not being blind to others,” Jesus walked along the streets and helped a blind man, as well as, other people. The food pantries are in desperate need of food for their shelves...they have sent out a plea for peanut butter and cereal donations to all the churches and schools. It is our hope that every Holy Family School family can send in a jar of peanut butter and a box of cereal to help our neighbors. Please feel free to send the products in immediately. God bless you and keep you on your Lenten Journey.



Food for the Pantry



Pennies for Patients

In addition to our food collection we are collecting “Pennies for Patients”. Classrooms will conduct a “Penny War” against other classrooms. Coins are considered positive while dollars are negative. Students put coins in their classroom bucket to keep it in the positive while putting dollars in other classroom containers put that classroom in the negative. The classroom that raises the most money at the end will earn an Olive Garden lunch party. All money raised goes to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

4K Our 4K class is full. We are accepting registrations to be placed on a waiting list. We are very pleased with the great interest in this program.

Five Year Old Kindergarten We have openings available for five year kindergarten for the 2008-2009 school year. Please register your child as soon as possible by contacting the school office.

HUGE THANK YOU to OMNOVA SOLUTIONS INC. for the generous gift of ten microscopes for the HFS science lab. We appreciate the support from local businesses.

Forensics

On March 6, the Holy Family forensics team of 6-8 graders competed in the Level 2 meet at Lombardi Middle School. All fifteen groups received “A” ratings. Students participated in Reader’s Theater (using scripts), playacting (no scripts), and interpretation of poetry. Congratulations to all the participants. I would like to personally thank Peg Pichler, Lisa Snyder, and LoAnn Steward, who helped with practices and judging at the meets. It was a great forensics season. Mrs. Smet

Pray for Your Breakfast

On Friday, March 14, Mrs. Smet’s class, along with their buddies in Mrs. Foote’s class, will be holding a bake sale for prayers for the 4-8 graders. Mrs. Smet’s class read about a café in Croatia that sells coffee and bakery for prayers instead of money. And that’s exactly what they are doing. Students may “purchase” a bakery item or a drink, but instead of money, they will have to say a certain number of prayers to pay for their item; for example, a scone may be two Hail Mary’s, a muffin an Our Father, etc. The students will return to their classrooms and say their prayers before they eat the items. Slips of paper will be handed out to each student to note the intention of their prayers, and this will be signed upon completion and turned in. We will count the number of prayers offered and post the results in the next newsletter.

THANK YOU

We are blessed with beautiful seasonal decorations from Taylor Creek. Thank you Kevin and Lisa Schaut for decorating the school's front entrance throughout the year!

INTERNET SAFETY

John Flannery, deputy with the Allouez Police Department, will be sharing with parents about internet safety. Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, April 22 at 7:00pm in the school library. This meeting is for parents only.

MEDICAL UPDATE The state requires immunizations to be updated for the Varicella vaccine. Students entering kindergarten, sixth grade, and 12th grade need a second dosage. Students entering kindergarten, sixth grade, ninth grade, and twelfth grade need another dosage of the Tdap vaccine. Please see the office for an updated immunization form.

MARKET DAY

Our YTD Market Day profit for HFS is \$1,602.85!! Thank you to all the families who have ordered. Pick up for March is scheduled for Monday the 31st from 3 - 4 PM in the cafeteria. You can place your order on line by going to www.marketday.com and enter school code 26149. This month's special is if you purchase 3 cookie dough items you will receive a free 6-pack of Nesquick low fat chocolate milk. Thanks again for supporting HFS!! Remember, our school receives 10% profit from every sale!!

TENNIS

Parent/player meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 1 at 6:30pm in the social hall. We will discuss match and practice schedules, rally day etc. Let me know if you cannot attend. Last call for players to register for the team! If you need a registration form please call. Kris Williams 496-9996.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN Abiding with the diocesan guidelines and the diocesan safe environment curriculum our teachers will be presenting three lessons about "Protecting God's Children". Parents will be notified by the teacher when the lessons will be presented in their class. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me or the teacher.

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.

RUNWAY TO REALITY

In this week's brown envelope is information about Runway to Reality: Mind over Media. This is a conference for moms and daughters (ages 10 and up) to learn about the effect media has on girls today. The HFS home and school association will offer the program to our middle school girls on Tuesday, April 8 from 12:45-3:15pm in the social hall. Moms are invited to attend the program at HFS as well as an informational meeting on Monday, April 7 at 7:00pm in the social hall.

Recruitment for HASA SCHOOL YEAR 2008- 2009

At this time we are beginning the recruitment process for next year's committee. If you would like to be a part of the HASA committee next year please contact Debbie VandenHouten, phone 405-8345 or email me at m3_dvan5@sbcglobal.net. PLEASE Contact Debbie BY APRIL 15 .

This is a 3 year commitment .Committee selection takes place later this spring and committee work begins at the start of the next school year. You will be invited to the HASA spring meeting May.

St. Lawrence Seminary

Tim Guiden from the St. Lawrence Seminary will be at St. Agnes Church on Tuesday, April 8th from 2:00-3:00 pm talking with the 6-8th grade boys.

FROM THE KITCHEN:

On Friday we did a “waste weigh in” without letting the students know. We had cheese pizza that day, a menu item which is very popular. We had a total of **50 ½** pounds of waste! That did not include the milk that was thrown away. I realize that we are required to have a certain amount of items on each child’s tray to meet nutritional standards; however we **so often** see children take things like dessert, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, multiple carrots and celery sticks and return them to us untouched. These things are “extra” items offered if a child still feels hungry after *finishing* their lunch. Please mention this to your kids. They are **never** required to take dessert. If they don’t like it, they can pass it by. The salad option too, has been a popular option but we see too many salads come back with all the fixings plus they’ve added salad dressing, completely untouched. Too many kids take milk, open it, and throw it away. In a time when our area food pantries have a difficult time keeping their shelves full, this waste problem seems unacceptable. Again, if you get a moment, perhaps at the dinner table, have this discussion with your children. Thank you so much. Mrs. Karls

Two extra volunteers are still needed, Tuesday, March 18th to serve lunch. Give Sally a call at 490-1764 if you can help us out.

PARKING

There is to be no parking in the handicapped area of the parking lot. If you have a handicapped sticker and need to park in a handicapped area please utilize the area north of St. Agnes church. **DO NOT PARK IN THE HANDICAPPED LANE EAST OF CHURCH!**

When dropping off your child before school please do not park in front of school in the bus unloading zone. We thank you for your cooperation!

PASSPORT TO PURITY

Following our diocesan guidelines the responsibility about teaching chaste living rests on the parents’ shoulders. We have books with cassette tapes available to loan from the library. The series is called “Passport to Purity: Guide Your Child on an Adventure to Maturity”. These are available for parents of middle school age children. If you have questions or would like to use the material as a teaching guide please contact Mrs. Holl, our school librarian.

Ashwaubenon Summer School

Summer school offerings are available at our office or online for Ashwaubenon residents. Online information can be found at <http://www.ashwaubenon.k12.wi.us/SummerSchool/index.html>

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

- *YMCA-Summer Care for youth and teens
- *YMCA Tae Kwon Do
- *Lions Little League Baseball
- *YWCA Summer Daycare
- *Southwest Volleyball Camp (7-9th grade)
- *Camp Tekawitha
- *Youth Sports Clinic
- *Flag Football (ages 4-14)/www.i9sports.com
- *Peter Rabbit at St. Norbert College March 14, 15, 16
- *YWCA Swimming lessons, gymnastics, etc.
- *Southwest Incoming Volleyball player info

God bless you,

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