



St. James School Weekly News

March 6, 2008



UPCOMING DATES

Thursday, March 6 th	McTeacher Night – 4:00PM to 8:00PM
Friday, March 14 th	Knights of Columbus Fish Fry--6:00PM to 8:00PM
Friday, March 14 th	3 rd Quarter Ends
Monday, March 17 th	Wear your St. Patrick's Attire!
Wednesday, March 19 th	3 rd Quarter Report Cards Go Home
Wednesday, March 19 th	Passion Play – 9:00AM
Thursday, March 20 th	Holy Thursday/NO SCHOOL
Friday, March 21 st	Good Friday/NO SCHOOL
Sunday, March 23 rd	Easter Sunday
Monday, March 31 st –Sun., March 30 th	Spring Break/NCEA
Monday, March 31 st	Classes Resume 7:50AM

OFFICE NEWS

TUITION BILL PROPOSAL

During the weekends of March 7th and March 14th, Knights of Columbus representatives will be on hand after each Mass to collect signatures of registered voters on petitions, which support the call for tax credit contributions to non-profit organizations.

Signatures of Registered voters for an initiative petition calling for Tax Credits for contributions to Not-For-Profits will be collected after all Masses this and next weekend. This is being done through the assistance of the 250+ Knights of Columbus Councils throughout the State of Missouri. When approved by voters on November 4th, 2008 you as a Missouri Income Taxpayer will be able to claim Missouri tax credits along with your current income tax deductions. This will benefit many Not-For-Profits such as Catholic Charities, St. Vincent de Paul Society, The Red Cross, The Salvation Army, and hundreds more. Assuming passage of the Missouri-Constitutional Amendment individual and corporation contributors and donors to “Not-for-Profit Organizations” would receive a 50% state income tax credit in addition to current federal and state income tax deductions allowable. (See attached memo for more details.)

2008-2009 SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Last Friday was the deadline for current school families to register for the 2008-2009 school year. Timely re-enrollment of school families allows for class sizes to be determined, so that registration may be opened up to new families. Therefore, a response is needed from all currently enrolled families indicating your intentions for the 2008-2009 school year. You may contact the school office to do so.

The registration packet can be downloaded from our school website. Click on the link located on our home page “2008-2009 Registration”. Print off and complete the forms that state they need to be returned as soon as possible. Remember to include the “Contact Information Sheet”, which needs to be **updated, signed, and returned with the rest of your packet in order for your enrollment to be complete.** For questions, please contact the office at 781-4428, ext. 212.

MORNING ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

The safety of our students is always a top priority. We ask that parents follow our arrival procedures in the morning, and not drop-off students on the parish side of the parking lot to walk into the building. For safety reasons, we ask all drivers to follow the arrival carline procedures and proceed to the sidewalk area where safety patrol students and teachers will assist children out of the vehicle. If you have to park and enter the building, you must use the crosswalk that is manned by the teachers. Thank you.

ITBS TESTING

Standardized testing has begun for students in 4th—8th grade this week. The Iowa Test of Basic Skills is given annually each year, as directed by the Diocese. We know our students have been working very diligently and utilizing their personal best effort. We appreciate their hard work, as well as the efforts of their younger classmates, who are working hard to keep the hallways and testing areas extra quiet. Testing will continue through the end of next week.

McTEACHER NIGHT: TONIGHT!!!

McTeacher Night will be held tonight for our school families from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at our two Liberty McDonald’s restaurants located off Hwy 291. The teachers in Preschool—2nd grade will be assigned to the McDonald’s restaurant located on Highway 291 in front of Price Chopper in Liberty. The teachers in 3rd grade—Middle School will be assigned to the McDonald’s restaurant located across from Pleasant Valley Baptist Church on Highway 291. Proceeds from this event support our teacher/staff professional development fund. McDonald’s Gift Certificates may be purchased throughout the day in the office, or before you place your order from one of the teachers on hand. We thank you in advance for supporting our restaurant nights! Hope to see you there!!!

SCHOOL PIZZA NIGHT

Thanks to all of you who attended the last pizza night at CiCi’s Pizza in Liberty. For the evening, we earned \$153 during our allotted time. Congratulations to Mrs. Steinmetz and her first graders as they are the classroom with the highest attendance and they win a pizza party compliments of CiCi’s Pizza.

H.O.P.E./DREAM COMMITMENT

Certificates purchased under the H.O.P.E./DREAM program beginning March 1st, will be credited to your \$1,200 commitment for the 2008—2009 school year. Remember that when you buy grocery certificates to Price Chopper or HyVee you can also purchase \$5.00 coupon books for those stores. We sell those coupon books as a fundraiser for our new building, and 4 out of each 5 dollars sold is given back to the parish for our building fund, so we greatly encourage you to buy the grocery coupon books as it is a win-win situation for all involved.

To promote coupon book sales we are drawing for a lovely Holy Family statue on March 19th, St. Joseph’s feastday. To be eligible to enter this drawing, you need to have purchased three of the grocery coupon books before that date. Good luck!!!!

LENTEN NEWS



GO FOR THE GREEN FOOD DRIVE

Student Council is sponsoring the annual “Go for the Green Food Drive”, which began on Monday, March 3rd, and will continue through Tuesday, March 11th. The Kansas City St. Patrick’s Day Parade Committee partnered with Harvesters to provide emergency food assistance to Kansas City’s hungry. Each week Harvesters feeds nearly 26,000 children. Donation sacks with item recommendations will come home one per family this Thursday, February 28th. The collection cans are beginning to overflow with your donations! Thank you for helping support this worthy cause during Lent.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH FRY DINNERS

The Knights of Columbus will host its next Fish Fry dinner on **Friday, March 14th** from 5:00PM to 8:00PM in the school gymnasium. Several new menu items have been added! The response to the dinners already hosted has been tremendous. We encourage you to attend a dinner with your family to help support this organization.

UPCOMING EVENTS

THIRD QUARTER PROGRESS REPORTS

Third quarter ends **Friday, March 14th**. Progress reports will be issued **Wednesday, March 19th**. Remember that in order for your child to receive a report card **all school accounts** need to be paid, which includes lunch, extended care, morning care and fee amounts owed.

PASSION PLAY

On Wednesday, March 19th, our 7th grade class will be presenting the Passion Play beginning at 9:00AM in the church. Please join us for this moving performance, focusing on the heart of Christ’s journey to the cross.

SPRING BREAK

Please be sure to place on your calendars our upcoming break. School will not be in session beginning Holy Thursday, March 20th through Sunday, March 30th, in observance of the Easter Holiday followed by Spring Break. Enjoy the time off with your family and friends!!! Have a healthy and safe break and we will see you when classes resume on Monday, March 31st at 7:50AM.

ATHLETIC NEWS

Basketball

Basketball season has ended and students are asked to return their basketball uniforms to their coaches or the school office for check-in. Please have laundered uniforms returned in bags indicating the name of the student using the uniform.

Congratulations to the 6th grade boys' basketball team, coached by Steve Schneider, for winning the City Tournament last Saturday. In addition, we want to congratulate the 4th grade girls' basketball team, coached by Flo Badami, who took 3rd place in their tournament this weekend. Way to go Saints!!

Track

Tomorrow is the final deadline for track registration for students in 4th—8th grade. The cost is \$25.00, plus an additional \$7.00 fee if your child would like to participate in the marathon program. We plan to have practice after school on Mondays and Fridays, from 3:00 – 4:15. Practices will begin on Monday, March 10th. Please have runners bring attire that would best fit the weather for the outdoor practice that day!

NEWS FROM THE ARTS

ST. PIUS X MUSIC FESTIVAL

The middle school choir performed Wednesday, March 5th, at the annual music festival at St. Pius X High School. Students had an afternoon of musical sessions to attend and finished the day with a special performance. They did a fantastic job and we were proud of their musical endeavors!

ARTIST OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to David Beyer, who was named Artist of the Week for the project entitled "Imaginary Creature". David and his fifth grade classmates were asked to design an imaginary creature inspired by Greek mythology. David's creature is a colorful, detailed, and well designed in a grassland habitat. Cool creature David!!!!