



St. James School Weekly News

April 3, 2008

UPCOMING DATES

Thursday, April 3rd
Monday, April 7th

MOVING DAY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
PTO Speaker/Meeting - 6:50 PM – Church

OFFICE NEWS

MOVING DAY

ALL HANDS ON DECK! Today beginning at 3:00 PM, the first session for our move into our new classroom locations begins! We are excited about the change, and want to thank everyone who will be here helping us make the transition. Our school relies on volunteers to complete extra projects as needed and you have once again answered our call for help by offering your assistance. Please be sure to check in at the office to be directed to the areas of need at the time you arrive. Again, Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!!

OUT-OF-UNIFORM DAY/CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION

There will be an **out-of-uniform day** on Friday, April 4th, for students and staff who participate in helping contribute donations to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Donations will be accepted in the honor of a St. Pius X student, Chad Sellhorst, who is battling this disease. Cystic Fibrosis is a disease of the lungs that requires daily treatment and severely impacts its victims. The students of St. Pius X thank you for your generosity and will be walking around their track from 10PM Saturday to 8AM Sunday to help raise money. Your donations will go towards sponsoring their walk and in turn go to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation to help find a cure for this disease. If you decide to make a donation in the form of a check please make it out to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Thank you in advance for your support.

H.O.P.E./DREAM PURCHASES

For your information the Script Center that we purchase our gift cards from will be closed during the week of April 14th – April 18th. Therefore, we will not be able to make gift card orders that week. However, you can send in your orders with payment on either Monday, April 7th, or Monday, April 21st, and your order will be returned the following Friday. Remember, that the purchases made after March 1, 2008, will go towards your H.O.P.E./DREAM commitment for the 2008—2009 school year.

LOVE AND LOGIC

Saturday, April 12th, Jim Fay and Charles Fay, Ph.D., will be offering Love and Logic Parenting sessions at the Valley View United Methodist Church, Overland Park, KS. Information about the sessions and how to register is available at www.loveandlogic.com.

ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

We're getting into the swing of things.....as St. James Parish will be hosting the 2008 Golf Classic, sponsored by Roger's Sporting Goods on Friday, June 6th. Attached to the newsletter is the entry form along with detailed information regarding the St. James School Endowment Fund, which is strongly supported by the Golf Classic. Independent contributions may be made to the Golf Tournament. Please contact Jim Newell, 781-4343, ext. 204, to do so. Registration forms can also be downloaded from our school web-site. Sign up your team today!

PTO NEWS

"LIVE A LIFE OF NO REGRETS"

We encourage you to attend the Monday, April 7th, PTO meeting that will feature a guest speaker, Robert Rogers. The meeting will begin at 6:50 PM and will be held in the church. Our speaker will be a guest in the school speaking to the students in the afternoon, and stay to speak with the parents, at the evening meeting. The topic of his speeches will be "Living a Life of No Regrets". Please mark your calendars and try to join us for this informational meeting. As this is a parent only event, please sign up your children for babysitting by calling the office no later than noon on Friday, April 4th.

DONUT SUNDAY

St. James School is helping once-a-month for Donut Sunday after the 7:30 AM and 9:15 AM Masses. Current scheduling is including everyone for the remainder of the year. The next Donut Sunday will be April 13th. Fourth and Fifth grade classes will be serving donuts and drinks after these Sunday Masses. The Head Room Parent from each class will contact and coordinate volunteers for Donut Sunday helpers. Thank you for your time in helping our Parish.

AROUND THE SCHOOL...

HEALTH ROOM NEWS

On Tuesday, April 8th, a Hygienist from CCPHC (Clay County Public Health Center) will be visiting St. James School to conduct our annual dental education. This will include grades PK-5th Grade.

Beginning today and Friday, April 4th, Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten students, who did not **pass** last year or are new students, will begin testing with the Random Dot E (RDE). RDE tests for Amblyopia or "Lazy Eye". In addition, they will be measured and weighed. Then starting on Wednesday, April 9th, and Thursday, April 10th, Kindergarten students will be tested with the RDE test. Again, this will be just the new students that were not tested last year. In addition, Kindergarten students will be screened with the Goodlight Vision Screener. It uses symbols that are easily recognized by the children. They also will be measured and weighed. Students who wear glasses and are being followed by a doctor will not be screened unless you would like them to be.

On Monday, April 14th, we will be conducting Health Screenings for Grades 1st—8th. We will be doing Vision, Height and Weight Screenings. In addition, we will do Spinal Screenings for all girls in grades 6th—8th and boys in 8th grade. Grades 3rd—8th will also do some fun hand washing activities.

Students usually enjoy the health screening and none of the screenings will be uncomfortable or painful. Privacy and confidentiality are taken into account for each student. A consent form for the Spinal Screening will be sent home with the 6th—8th grade girls and the 8th grade boys. Referrals will be made for vision and scoliosis if further testing is recommended. If you have any questions about the health screenings, please feel free to call Mrs. Hannah in the Health Room by calling 781-4428, extension 214.

ARTIST OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Joseph Ross, 3rd Grade student for his project entitled, “Stripes Shuffle”. Joseph and his classmates have been studying the principle of design—rhythm. For this project, Joseph drew a picture of his choice and colored it as colorfully as possible. To add rhythm to his artwork, Joseph cut his work into sections and rearranged them in a different order. The objective is for the viewer’s eye to follow the rhythm created in his artwork. Super Shuffling Joseph!!!

TRACK PICTURES

Monday, April 7th, track pictures will be taken at 3:30 PM during track practice which normally runs from 3:00 to 4:15 PM. Be sure to wear your track t-shirt for the picture!

TRACK MEET

This Saturday, April 5th, from 9:30AM—1:00PM, a 7th and 8th grade track meet will be held at Rockhurst High School. Please be sure to wish our participating track students good luck!!

ART SMART SUMMER CAMP

We will again be offering an Art Smart Summer Camp this summer at school for children currently in 2nd through 5th grade. The camp runs from June 30th to July 3rd and is scheduled from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM daily. A registration form can be obtained from the school office or printed off our school web-site. If you have any questions regarding the camp, contact Miss Karen Biggs at 781-4428, extension 254. Thank you.