



St. James School Weekly News

November 29, 2007

UPCOMING DATES

Thursday, November 29th
Tuesday, December 4th
Tuesday, December 11th

CiCi's Pizza Night 4:30PM to 8:00PM
Skating Party 6:00PM to 8:00PM
PTO Budget Meeting 6:50PM

OFFICE NEWS

The national script center has recently notified St. James School that gift cards from Wal-Mart can now be offered as a part of our DREAM program. Wal-Mart gift cards can be purchased in denominations of \$25 or \$100 and can also be used by Sam's Club Members at Sam's Club stores.

In order to receive HOPE/DREAM certificates in time for the holidays, all holiday and regular orders need to be turned into the school office with payment by 9:00AM Monday, December 3rd, as phone orders are placed weekly at this time. Order forms can be obtained on our school website or in the school office. Items ordered on Monday are typically received the Friday of the week in which ordering has occurred. Certificates are great gift ideas for the holidays. These purchases will also help families reach their HOPE/DREAM commitment. Remember that the commitment period for this school year runs from March 1, 2007, to March 1, 2008.

Please remember when purchasing Price Chopper or Hy-Vee certificates that \$5.00 coupon books to those grocery stores are available for purchase. We earn four dollars with each book sold! The best part is, as a shopper, the first coupon in each book is a \$5 coupon off of a \$50 grocery purchase. Funds earned through coupon book sales go toward the building fund, so we encourage you to purchase the coupon books to help with our expansion cost. It is an easy, win/win/win fundraiser. For your convenience, you can stop by the parish or school office during the week or buy the books at the HOPE table after Masses. We ask you to please support this great, easy fundraiser as you will be purchasing more with the upcoming holiday gatherings. Thank you! Thank you!

As an extra bonus, we currently have two great prizes for the raffles that will take place before Christmas. When you purchase 5 books at one time, you will have your name entered in the drawing for a Christmas cookie bake basket (\$20 value) and a Snow Man cookie jar (\$20 value).

PTO MEETING

On Tuesday, December 11th, we will have the PTO budget meeting at 6:50 PM in the Social Hall. Please plan on attending this meeting as we will be discussing auction proceeds, the proposed 2008-2009 PTO budget, plus passage of our new by-laws. The by-law changes that were presented at the last PTO meeting for review will also be voted on for approval as this meeting will be the second time they are presented for approval. For your review we have attached to this newsletter the last PTO meeting minutes and the bylaw changes that will be presented for approval.

COMPUTER ISSUES

As reported several weeks ago, Mrs. Doherty's computer crashed. Extensive work to regain computer usage has been ongoing. She is still experiencing difficulties with retrieving email. As she is unable at this time to access *any* email, please be sure to contact the School Office to reach her. Also, please know that if you have emailed her in the past weeks and have not received a reply, please keep in mind this frustrating computer issue. Thank you!

SKATING PARTY

On Tuesday, December 4th, we will have a school sponsored skating party from 6:00PM to 8:00PM at the Northland Rolladium in Liberty, which is located at 1020 South Kent. Students who attend the skating party may be out of uniform on Wednesday, December 5th. Proceeds from the skating party will benefit our adopted family from the Parish Advent Giving Tree.

ST. PIUS YOUTH BASKETBALL DAY

On Saturday, December 15th, from 10:00AM—12:00PM, a basketball clinic will be held for boys and girls, K—8th grade. The clinic will consist of game fundamentals for participants in K—3rd grade, and a shooting clinic for students 4th—8th grade. The cost for the clinic is \$20/person, which includes a t-shirt, Gatorade and free admission to a St. Pius X High School game. Payment can be mailed to St. Pius X High School, or if you have questions, please call Coach Wright at (816) 726-0774.

MUSIC NEWS

School Choir

St. James School Choir is changing rehearsal time from Friday mornings to Tuesday afternoons from 3:15PM to 4:15PM. Students are encouraged to consider joining the choir now that practice has changed to an afternoon schedule. This is a 5th—8th grade choir that performs at some of our school liturgies and other celebrations, such as the St. Pius X Music Festival in March, our Middle School Musical, 8th grade graduation, etc. Come and join the choir fun!

Intermediate Christmas Program

We have scheduled a Christmas program for Tuesday, December 18th, that will be performed by our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students. They have been working hard on their instrument songs and choir skills. Students will present a musical concert of Christmas songs for your enjoyment. Again this year, we have invited our hand bell choir to perform and will also invite the new Rhythm Ringers from "Smart Clubs" to show off what they have learned this semester. Come and enjoy a night of great holiday music!!!

ARTIST OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Jenna Zackert who was named Artist of the Week for the project entitled “Graph Art—Warm and Cool Color Design”. Jenna and her third grade classmates have been studying the color wheel and color schemes. Jenna used graph paper to design fall leaves and make a colorful background for her design. Lovely leaves, Jenna!!!

FYI

Want a more personal experience for your child’s visit with Santa than a long line at the mall with lots of fidgety, tired kids? Drop in on Santa as he visits the St. Pius X High School Commons on Saturday, December 15th from 9:00AM to 12:00Noon. Enjoy a visit and have a photo taken with Santa, decorate cookies, hear stories, play games, do crafts, and win prizes!

The event, hosted by the SPX Thespians, has free admission. Attendees are asked to bring in either two toiletry items or a \$4 cash donation that will be given to the Sisters of Charity Christmas Drive. Donations to the SPX Theatre Department will also be gratefully accepted. For more information about the holiday events please call Katy Vogt at 453-3450, ext. 111, or email her at kvogt@stpiusxhs-kc.com.