

From the Principal's Desk

Our opening family event was a huge success. It was estimated that 300 people attended Mass and Dinner on Friday, September 12th.

Every family that attended this event needs to be thanked for their generous contribution of food. A special thank you to the committee for all their effort. Committee members were:

Cyndee Alegria, Kim DeVoto, Lori Dutta, Sang Soon Kim, Yvette Severino, Antonio Granata, Pam Sotomayor, Jane Hsu, Lorraine Slovak, Min Hoon Lee, Michael O'Dowd, Leonor Bravo.

Of course thank you to all the students which participated in Mass. A special thank you to Ms. Ilaria for preparing the liturgy and Mr. Dennis DeSantis for the music.

The 50/50 winner was John Bott. He graciously donated the winnings back to the school.

In October we celebrate the Rosary. The Rosary helps us meditate on the mysteries of our salvation—Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection. We also ask for Mary's intercession—the most powerful of all the angels and saints.



CONFERENCES

At Back to School Night there was a sign up sheet for conferences which will be held on Friday, December 5th. If you did not sign up for a conference your child's teacher will schedule a conference for you. The appointment will be sent home on October 15th.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Before you bring donations of used books to the library please call Mrs. Loukas. She needs information, i.e., copyright date before we can accept them.

Halloween Party & Parade

We are in the process of finalizing plans for the Halloween Party & Parade.

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Tomorrow's Children

Our children were very generous to the Tomorrow Children's Fund at Hackensack University Medical Center. Sovereign Bank is in the process of counting the change. The total collected will be in next months bulletin. Staff also contributed \$213.00 as part of their monthly Dress Down for Charity Day.



STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations! The following students were Student of the Month for **September**

The category was: **RESPECT**

Grade 8 Patricia Das	Grade 4 Kayla Toofani	Kindergarten Clara Kim
Grade 7 Alec Monico	Grade 3 Roseanna Catania	Pre-K4 Stephanie Vieitez
Grade 6 Joon Woo Kim	Grade 2 Christie Nah	Pre-K3 Daniel Doyle
Grade 5 Jonathan Alegria	Grade 1 Francesca Boru	

The category for October is: **FRIENDSHIP/COMPASSION**

Middle State Reaccreditation

For the next 6 weeks we will be very busy preparing for the Middle States visiting team. The Middle States Commission grants accreditation when schools meet the standards of the Commission, the standard for accreditation are:

- ◆ Defining appropriate educational goals and providing educational programs to achieve them;
- ◆ Maintaining a qualified faculty and an effective school organization;
- ◆ Assessing outcomes of school experiences and controlling the quality of educational programs;
- ◆ Responding to concerns of parents and needs of the schools community;
- ◆ Providing for the continuity of its programs and planning for the future; and ,
- ◆ Describing with accuracy the content of its services and programs.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus Art Poster Contest for grades 3 to 8 began on September 29th and will end on October 15th. Students will create their poster during art class. Winner of the contest will be announced on October 20th.

Uniforms

Although the weather is cool in the morning, the afternoons are still warm. Therefore students will not begin to wear winter uniforms until October 20th. If the weather remains warm in October the date will be extended. Either way a notice will go home a week before winter uniforms begin. Of course if it's cool your child can wear their sweatsuit or winter uniform, before October 20th.

CLASS PARENTS

The staff has selected class parents for the 2008-09 school year. In the interest of fairness, parents which were class parents for that grade level the previous year were not selected. In a few classes, previous class parents were the only volunteers. Each teacher decided if they needed 2 or 3 class parents. The following are class parents for the 2008-2009 school year.

<u>PreK-3</u> Janet Doyle Isabel Biricik Rebecca Arteaga	<u>Prek-4</u> Karen Bacolod Karen Esudero	<u>Kindergarten</u> Yvette Severino Ho Lee Cho
<u>Grade 1</u> Sung Jin Im Pam Sotomayor	<u>Grade 2</u> Jennifer Matos Karla Campos	<u>Grade 3</u> Silvia Loor Sharon Fundora In Sook Kim
<u>Grade 4</u> Doris Kofoed Mrs. Park	<u>Grade 5</u> Maira Echevarria Sin Hae Ko	<u>Grade 6</u> Cathy Juliano Jennifer Chiurazzi
<u>Grade 7</u> Barbara Monico Cyndee Alegria	<u>Grade 8</u> Wendy Garritano Joyce Balarezo Claudia Piedrahita	

Your child's teacher will notify you shortly to discuss class activities in which they assistance.

IMPORTANT DATES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

SCHOOL MASS: 10 AM
FEAST OF ST THERESA

TUESDA OCTOBER 8

HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
MEETING 7:00PM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

NO SCHOOL — STAFF
PROFESSIONAL DAY

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

NO SCHOOL—COLUMBUS DAY

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

PROGRESS REPORTS
GRADES 1-8

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

FALL FEST
GRADES PRE K TO 5
7 TO 8:30PM

HALLOWEEN DANCE
GREDES 6, 7 ,8
7 TO 8:40PM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

HALLOWEEN PARADE 1:45 PM



Emergency Cards

Approximately 98% of parents has completed the emergency cards and returned them to school. Unfortunately, a few of the phone numbers submitted are either disconnected or no longer in service.

Please call the office to update phone numbers. In an emergency situation, we need a phone number where you or a relative can be reached. Last Thursday we tried all day to reach a parent.

If this was a serious emergency, we can transport the child to the hospital; however, the hospital will not treat your child without parental consent, unless it is a matter of life or death. Please make every effort that we will be able to reach you during the day.

After Care

If you plan to send your child to after care you must complete the yellow registration form. This form was sent home in the mail at the end of August.

Morning Drop Off

Several parents are leaving their children at school at 7:30 am. These children are not attending before care, instead they are waiting unsupervised on the sidewalk or on the steps.

If your child is dropped off before 7:50 am they must report to before care or you must stay with them outside the building. Please adhere to this, it is for the safety of your child.

School Advisory Board

On Monday evening, September 22nd the School Advisory Board met.

The members are:

Dominick D'Altilio	Ray Kerrison	Lucinda Corrado	Gerome Ranieri
Jane Battinelli	Lisa Miglietta	Sandra Weiss	Kimberly Kahn
Joseph Kim			
Adelaide Luers	Sue Scimone-Bellini	Paul Ordorsio	Silvio Barone

The purpose of the Board is to advise and assist the Board of Pastor's and Principal in four areas. The members volunteered for these committees Finance, Development, Marketing and Facilities. All members are parishioners of St. Michael's, St. Matthew's and St. Nicholas' Church.

Box Tops for Education

Once again we will be collecting Box Top's for Education. Last Year we received over \$400.00 from Box Tops.

TARGET RED CARD

If you shop at Target and use their RED CARD (Charge) a portion of the sale will be donated to Notre Dame. To register your card call 1-800-316-6142, your School ID number is 10285.

*Please attend the
Home School Association meeting
on Wednesday, October 8, 2008 at 7:00 pm*

