

June newsletter 2009

Farewell

I wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mrs. Osborne for her 28 years of dedication to Catholic Education and for her 23 years of commitment and service to our students and our school. Mrs. Osborne will be retiring at the end of this school year. We promise her our prayers and good wishes as she begins a new phase in her life which will hopefully include some travel to exotic places and some R and R. Best of luck from your St. Ephrem Family – send us a postcard!!

School Calendar

The tentative school calendar for the 2009-2010 academic year has been posted. The September monthly calendar is also on the website. Please make a copy and put them in/on a safe place for quick reference. The refrigerator is always good!! Please pay special attention to the Back to School Nights and the Home and School Meeting and plan to be here. We need your participation in your child's education; we can't do it without you.

Summer Tutoring

Our teachers are offering tutoring this summer on Tuesday through Thursday from June 23rd through August 13th. The charge is \$25 per hour. If you wish to arrange for tutoring for your child(ren), send the form back to school by June 9th.

Summer Reading List

The required summer reading list has been posted. All students are required to read two books over the summer and will be quizzed on what they have read when they return. The titles are basically the same as last summer, so you may wish to get the books from an older student.

Free Money Fundraisers

We will continue to collect Acme register tapes, Box Tops for Education, Ink Cartridges, and Campbell soup labels, please continue to save them over the summer. Don't forget to use www.goodsearch.com for your Internet searches and when shopping online, use *goodshop* at the bottom of the homepage to enter your site – we receive a percentage of your purchase. Using Target's REDcard will also earn our school money on your purchases.

End of School

Students in grades 1-7 may wear their gym uniforms on June 9-10th for cleaning up the classrooms. Please remember that the school is closing on Thursday, June 11th. Mass will be at 9:45 AM followed by awards. Dismissal is at the regular 2:45 PM time.



Scrip

Summer Hours for the scrip office are: Tuesday and Thursday (9-11 AM), Wednesday (4-7 PM)
Before you purchase any new uniform items, remember that we sell scrip for Flynn and O'Hara, Rose Uniforms, and Trevoise Shoes.

School Office

The school office will be closed the week of June 15-19 and be open from 8:00 AM to 12 Noon, Monday through Thursday from June 22nd until August 27th. From September 1st - 4th the office will be open until 2:30 PM.

Uniform Swap

The uniform swap will be held from 9AM to Noon on June 11-14th and after the Masses on June 15-16th.

Congratulations

To Coleen Mc Bride who won \$500 for the school in Giant's Poison Prevention Poster Contest

To Victoria Zdunkiewicz who won this year's **Spelling Bee for grades 1-3**. Also to Casey Ems, 2nd place and Zachary Miller, 3rd place winners.

To Maura Avington who won the St. Ephrem **Typing Tournament** & Bryan Mullin who placed second.

To Grace Banas who received an additional **\$1,000 per year scholarship** to Ryan High School.

To our newly elected **Student Council**:

President:	Timothy French	Vice President:	Matthew Crawford
Secretary:	Ryan Zarzatian	Treasurer:	Sarah Henry
Secretary of the Environment:	Matthew Howell	Class Rep:	Robert Brewster
Secretary of Service:	Victoria Brewster	Class Rep:	Isabella Montalvo

To our **Forensics team** who competed at La Salle High School on May 9th:

Renee Eastburn	2 nd place	Original Oratory
Emily Hancin	2 nd place	Extemporaneous Speaking
Alexa Parlapiano and Allison Rozanski	6 th place	Duo Interpretation

The following students receive Honorable Mention:

Kaitlyn Cendrowski, Carly Cyhan, and Paige Wendling	Poetry
Joanna Sharpe	Prose
Alexandria Reisinger and Samantha Liney	Duo
Dominic Costanzo and Tommy McDonough	Duo

To the **class of 2009** as they begin a new phase of their education. Commencement will be at 6:30 PM on June 10th.

To the **Christian Peacemakers** for May:

Cole Belinsky (1)	Tara Czekner (1A)	Karli Sides (2)	Andrew Plunkett (2A)
Emily Silva (3)	Jack Barreras (3A)	Brendan Barnes (3B)	
Amber Theurer (4)	Luke Schiavo (4A)	Alyssa Marlin (5)	Kyle Hillis (5A)
Kyle Murphy (6)	Sarah Powell (6A)	Brian Kilcoyne (7)	Isabella Montalvo (7A)
Stephanie Mizgerd (8)	Kaitlyn Cendrowski (8A)		

IMPORTANT

**THIS PART OF THE LETTER CONTAINS INFORMATION PERTINENT TO SEPTEMBER
PUT THIS IN A SAFE PLACE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE!**

Beginning of School – September 2009

Since we are not provided bus transportation for early dismissals, all school days will be full days. On their first day of class, all students in grades 1-8 will report to their previous class rooms and be taken to their new classrooms from there. Kindergarten students will report right to their new classroom.

Students new to the school are to report to the cafeteria.

Grades 1-4 will begin school on Wednesday, 9/9 and have off on Thursday.

Grades K, 5-8 will begin school on Thursday, 9/10.

All grades (K-8) will report to school on Friday, 9/11

All students should be in their complete uniform beginning their first day. Please make sure that the students have the correct uniform (**girl's skirts should not be more than 1 inch above the knee**), shoes, and hair styles. Since everyone has a stationery list, each student should have a school bag and supplies with him/her on the first day. All copybooks and theme tablets must be purchased at school and will be sold the first day of school in the classrooms.

Kindergarten

There will be an Open House for our new kindergarten students and their parents on Wednesday, 9/9 from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. All kindergarten students are welcome to come and see their classroom and meet their teacher on that day.

Kindergarten students will be dismissed at 11:30 AM on both Thursday, 9/10 and Friday, 9/11. Since there is no bus transportation for early dismissals, **PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR TRANSPORTATION HOME BOTH DAYS.**

Identification

It is necessary for all kindergarten, first, and second grade students to wear a tag indicating their name, address, phone number, bus stop, and PM bus number until October 2nd. An index card and safety pin may be used for this purpose; sticky tags tend to fall off during the day.

Car Rider Information

A map may be found on our website indicating the route for cars. In the morning, students will be dropped off at the door nearest the Catapult trailer. In the afternoon, you will park in two side by side lines and the students will be released to get into their cars. When everyone is safely in their cars, the teacher on duty will signal for you to begin to leave. I caution you to look for busses and cars as you emerge from the back of the building at both times of the day. **Buses have the right of way.** Please note that for the safety of the students walking across to Hidden Valley and those on buses, the car line will continue to be dismissed last.

I hope everyone has a relaxing and refreshing summer. See you in September!

Sr. Barbara