

NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER 17, 2009

“This is what the Lord asks of you: to act with justice, to love everyone, and to walk humbly with your God.” (Micah 6:8)

Student Council: Junior High Students are currently recruiting Faculty sponsorship of their becoming members of our Student Council. Elections will be held next week; however, Ms. Klawitter and Miss Lepczynski are already looking toward the Homewood “Walk of Hope” which supports the Cancer Support Center. We invite all school families to participate in this effort which aids the Homewood area. The Walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 4, and children will bring home information once the Student Council has visited each classroom.

Picture Program: This program, begun several years ago, BEFORE the school had an Art Teacher, is still a vital part of our excellence. Mrs. Yolanda Villanueva currently chairs the program and is seeking parents who would like to be involved. The program requires 20 minutes per month in a classroom, plus research time (about 45 minutes), for an approximate **total of ONE service hour per month**. The parent or grandparent can also volunteer every other month, depending on his/her schedule. It is a great way to accumulate service hours, learn about art, and contribute to the Excellence of our School. The research portion can even be done at home via the internet. This program ties in with Mrs. Adducci’s Art Classes. Let us know if YOU would like to get involved!

Family Envelope Reminder: Each Thursday, a “Family Envelope” will be sent home with the youngest child in the family. Please have your child return the envelope to his/her teacher **EMPTY** each Friday. Any forms, Tuition Payments, notes, etc. should be sent back to school separately. The teachers simply file the returned Envelopes for the following week. Please send any/all payments in an envelope marked “Extended Day”, “Gift Wrap”, etc. Often, the ladies in the office receive checks or cash without any note or indication about the reason for the money. The Office Staff thanks you for your attention to this matter.

School Advisory Committee: The first meeting of the new school year will be held tonight, ***September 17, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the gym.*** School Advisory Meetings are open to all parishioners and parents; however, the By-Laws state:

“Any member of the Parish or any School Parent wishing to propose an Agenda items must submit the request in writing to the School Advisory Committee no less than fourteen (14) days

prior to the next meeting. The request must include a written summary to determine whether the subject is an Advisory Committee matter. The request must be signed.”

The By-Laws also state: “Non-members who wish to speak at a School Advisory Committee meeting shall be limited to two (2) minutes speaking time within a designated period at the end of the meeting. Topics brought up at this time should not be discussed or decided upon at this meeting.”

We will be holding the School Advisory Committee Meetings in the gym this year, so we can accommodate as many interested parents as possible. You earn One (1) Volunteer Hour by attending a meeting, plus you learn about YOUR school.

Volunteers: Please request a School Volunteer Packet if you intend to serve as a Coach, Lunchroom Helper, Room Parent, Trip Chaperone, etc. We must keep our children safe at all times, and the Archdiocese of Chicago has put programs in place which insure such safety.

Tuition Reminder: Tuition Payments are due on the 10th of each month. After the 15th of the month, you will be charged a “late fee”. After that date, children may be excluded from school until payments are made.

Thank you for choosing St. Joseph Catholic School for your family. We promise a safe, Catholic Christian atmosphere, Excellent Curriculum, and Vitality for the future. We count on YOUR support!

Ms. Natalie Lamoureux