

# *Newsletter for October 22, 2009*

*For an end to all violence, we pray to the Lord....*

**Day of Non-Violence:** Schools in the Chicago area have been asked to promote non-violence by reminding the children to work for peace. Today, the children will be cautioned about the danger of guns and other weapons and will be asked to sign a pledge promising that they will never pick up nor use a gun. Please remind your child to try to talk things out with people before getting angry. Our children seem to think it is OK to push, kick, or hit others when they have a disagreement. We have no tolerance for violence, and if children fight, they will be sent home. Thank you for your teamwork in making our children's world safer!

**Re-Cycling:** Thank you for dropping off your old newspapers, junk mail, and catalogues. We recently received a check for \$97, which we have placed in our Tuition Assistance Fund. We saved over 20 cubic yards of land fill! Congratulations! If you have aluminum cans for us, please rinse them out and drop them off at school **on the first Friday of each month.**

**National Endowment for the Humanities:** Last year, our Art Teacher, Mrs. Adducci, applied for a grant from the "National Endowment for the Humanities." As a result, St. Joseph School has received a beautiful collection of Art Prints which Mrs. Adducci and the other teachers will be able to use not only in art class, but in social studies, science, language arts, and even mathematics. Mrs. Adducci has already displayed much of the students' art work, which you will be able to view during Parent-Teacher Conferences on November 5, 2009. Thank you, Mrs. Adducci!

**Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Your child should have brought home a letter this past Monday, asking you to choose a time frame for your conference on November 5, 2009. These papers are due *tomorrow*. Appointment times and confirmations will be sent home next Thursday in the Family Folder.

**Please do not send** medicine, cough drops, vitamins, etc. to school with your child. More than once, we have found a "Flintstone" vitamin or a capsule of some kind on the floor.



**Market Day** is this Saturday, in the gym. You can earn Volunteer Hours by coming to help fill orders.

**Family Envelopes:** These should be sent back to school *empty*. They are for communication *from school to the home*. Any notes, Manna Orders, Tuition, etc. coming from *home to school* should be placed in an appropriate envelope and given to your child to *give to his teacher first thing in the morning of the day you send it*.

*Congratulations to Marcus Webster and Megan Dunlavy, who will be Confirmed in the Catholic Faith this Sunday at St. Anne Church in Hazel Crest!* Eighth graders who are St. Joseph Parishioners will celebrate the Sacrament here on Sunday, November 22, at 4:00 p.m.

**The Homewood Rotary Club** will visit our school next Wednesday, October 28, and distribute Dictionaries to our third grade children.

**Friday, October 30, 2009:** This will be a busy day at St. Joseph School! Children in PK-Grade 4 may wear jeans and something orange/black for Halloween. The students in Grades 5-8 have asked to have a "Twins Day." The Jr. High will celebrate "Reward Day" that afternoon for all students who have had *no detentions this quarter*.

**The Homewood Fire Department** will mark Fire Prevention Month by presenting special safety programs to children in Kindergarten through Grade 4.

**H1N1 Vaccine:** The Cook County Department of Public Health will be offering the H1N1 Vaccinations here at St. Joseph School. They will be free vaccinations. We do not yet have a date or other information, but we will keep you informed. Parents will be asked to sign a permission slip for the vaccination, and children who do not have permission will **not** participate. In the meantime, remind your child to wash hands thoroughly, cover coughs and sneezes, and never to share food or snacks with others. If your child develops a fever, keep him home for *24 hours after the fever breaks*, and be sure to notify the school.

**Pre-School and Kindergarten Parents:** Beginning on Monday, November 2, please allow your child to walk into school without you.