

# *Newsletter for November 12, 2009*

*Let us Remember our Deceased Loved Ones  
And the Military Families of Fort Hood*

**Congratulations!** Three of our Graduates have won honors in the Homewood Flossmoor Speech Tournament. **Sara Ryan and Abby Schultz** each won 4<sup>th</sup> Place in Extemporaneous and Informative Speeches, respectively. **Alex Schultz** won 1<sup>st</sup> Place for Original Comedy. Way to Go!

**Congratulations! Marian Catholic Marching Band** (many of our Alumni belong to the band) has won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in State Competition and will compete for the National Title later this month.

**Book Fair:** Thank you to **Tara Termini, Todd Jaffe, LaToya Gutter, Tina Woodson, Chris Lynch, Fran Huskey, Lisa Brooks, Caroline Salcedo, Christine Corpuz, and all of our students** who helped manage the Book Fair and the Wrapping Paper Distributions last week. Our School Library will realize over \$600 worth of new books, thanks to this successful endeavor sponsored by our Parents' Club.

**Prayers, Please....Mr. Richard Jaworowski**, our former Jr. High Social Studies teacher, has suffered some health problems lately. Please keep him in your prayers.

**Tuition was due last Tuesday, November 10. Payments made after November 15 will incur a late charge.**

**MANNA/TRIP:** There are only four Manna Order Processing Dates left before Christmas – November 17, December 1, December 8, and December 15. MANNA is a great way to purchase your Christmas Gifts. Use the cards for your purchases, or give the cards! It's easy, fast....Manna-The Way to Really Buy!

(There will be no Manna Processing during Thanksgiving Week). Tuition Credits are given during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Academic Quarter.

\*Help the 8<sup>th</sup> graders get to Springfield, Illinois. Order **Fannie May** from the materials sent home last week.



## *A Special Message from Your Principal*



Dear Parents and Guardians of St. Joseph School,

As St. Paul states in his letters, “Daily, I thank my God for you.” I so much appreciate your choosing St. Joseph School for your child’s education, and pray you have a blessed Thanksgiving Holiday.

As this month is dedicated to *Gratitude*, I must thank the following parents who have donated hundreds, if not thousands of volunteer hours to St. Joseph School over the years. These fine people have, or will graduate their youngest or only child this year, thus leaving our School Advisory Committee and our Parent Club truly short-handed. **Mrs. Mary Bohlen, Mrs. Debbie Hart, and Dr. Stephen Martin** will be leaving the School Advisory Committee when Hannah, Sam, and Taylor graduate this year.

**Mr. Bill Bach and Mrs. Mary Ann Bach** have been a tremendous help with Technology, the Website, Parents’ Club activities, 8<sup>th</sup> grade dinner dance, etc. Billy will be graduating.

**Mr. John Mulholland and Mrs. Tina Mulholland** will graduate their younger child, Shannon this year. They have been very involved in the Athletic Committee, Parents’ Club, and most especially, the *Manna Program*. Tina has worked with Manna since its inception, and is the “glue” which keeps the program so successful.

**Mr. and Mrs. Bill McGovern** will graduate Colleen, their younger daughter, and they have been involved in the Athletic Program, Parents’ Club, etc. over the years.

**Mr. and Mrs. Tom Andres, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Santschi, and Mr. and Mrs. Brian Werner** have already graduated their youngest children, but still come back to help with Athletics and the Fish Fry Program.

*Guess What???????????*

**We Need YOU!** Catholic Schools are not-for-profit institutions which run on a shoestring. Unfortunately, you pay high tuition, and that barely covers the cost of payroll alone. St. Joseph Church pays about 20% of our hidden costs, such as utilities and insurance. FUNDRAISING has always kept Catholic Schools afloat, and volunteers have been the link between children, families, the school activities, and success.

I am going to ask *you* to get involved. I ask you to look at the following opportunities for volunteerism, and mark those you may be interested in. We believe in the Scriptural Value of *Stewardship: Sharing Time, Talent, and Treasure.*

\_\_\_\_\_ **School Advisory Committee – one meeting per month**

Publicity, Recruitment, Financial Advice, Marketing Expertise, Business Experience

\_\_\_\_\_ **Alumni Program**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Parents' Club – monthly meeting**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Book Fair**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Dances**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Manna**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Gift Wrap Sale**

\_\_\_\_\_ **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dinner Dance**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Spirit Wear**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Fun Fair**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Room Parent**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Chaperone**

**Please mark all that apply. We will have an informational meeting in January in order to plan for 2010-2011.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Lunchroom Supervision – once weekly or monthly**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Parish Athletic Program**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Coaching**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Fish Fry Committee**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Technology – Advice, Website Design, Technical Assistance**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Technology Fundraising: New ideas needed!!!!**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Teacher Assistant**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Art Appreciation Program  
(Picture lady)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Playground Supervisor**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Jr. High Club Moderator**

**OTHER:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Chess Club**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Debate Club**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Book Club**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you so very much,**