



NEWSLETTER FOR DECEMBER 3, 2009

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Happy Advent Time to you and to your family. I hope you are able to spend a little calm prayer time together between now and Christmas. Help your child realize that Christmas is JESUS' BIRTHDAY (then why do WE get all the gifts???)

St. Nicholas Prayer Service: This Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. in St. Joseph Church. St. Nicholas is the patron saint of generosity and was known for his kindness, especially to the poor and to children. Encourage your child to GIVE a gift of time or talent during the Christmas Season.

Daisy Girl Scout Troop: Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fuhrmann, a new Girl Scout Troop for girls in Kindergarten and First Grade has been started. The Daisy Group will meet every other Thursday after school in the Burke Center.

H1N1 Vaccinations: Out of 200 children, we have responses for *only* 70 children!!! Please return the Permission Form to school. If you do not want your child to receive the vaccination, simply return the form (or a hand-written note) stating **You do not want your child to receive the vaccine.** The vaccination is not mandatory, but I need proof that you received the information and were made aware of the opportunity.

MANNA....THE WAY TO REALLY BUY!!! Please be reminded that purchasing at least \$400 worth of Manna Cards during this school year is mandatory. Only about 65 families have ordered Manna thus far....this is the PERFECT TIME! Order cards to be used as gifts, or purchase cards and then go shopping with them! Either way, you pay face value for the cards and receive face value two days later! The merchants donate a certain percentage to our school (or to you as Tuition Credit), but you receive a card worth exactly what you pay! I buy a \$25 Speedway Card and keep it in my car. When I need gas, I simply pull up, swipe the card at the pump, and drive away....I don't even have to go into the store! Everyone needs gas, so why not purchase a Speedway or a Shell Card for yourself or for a loved one? Everyone needs groceries: purchase a Jewel, an Ultra Foods, or a Walt's card and use it to purchase a few items or a lot....FACE VALUE! Balances remain on the cards until you use them up. Are you going to shop at K-Mart, Wal-Mart, Best Buy, or are you going to eat at Burger King, Aurelio's, Olive Garden, Applebee's????? Buy the cards from us!

Earn Tuition Credit! Help St. Joseph School! This Manna Program is so easy and does not cost you an extra penny! No buying/selling of stuff you don't need! Call Tina Mulholland or the School Office for more information.

DECEMBER:

- 4 St. Nicholas Prayer Service, 6:00 p.m.
- 5 Jump Rope Club
- 8 Feast of The Immaculate Conception – Mass at 9:30 a.m.
- 10 Mid-Term Reports Sent Home
School Advisory Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Advent Reconciliation for Grades 3-8
- 15 Tentative Date for Building Repairs to Begin
- 17 Band Concert at 7:00 p.m.

- 18 School Dismisses for Christmas Vacation at 12:00 Noon
Hot Lunch will be served.
Extended Day Services will be offered until 6:00 p.m.

Congratulations to the following students who sold Fannie May Candy as part of the 8th Grade Fundraiser: Highest seller was Billy Bach who sold \$967.64 worth of candy and received a Treasure Chest full of Chocolate Coins. Participant Prizes were awarded to: Katherine Whited, Kaitlyn Sanders, Madelyn Funk, and Shannon Mulholland. The total amount raised was \$1,206.68. This will help fund the 8th grade trip to Springfield, Illinois.

Aluminum Cans: Please continue to rinse out aluminum cans and send them to school only on the first Friday of each month (we have no place to store them). Paul Lynch recently sent us a check for \$73.54 which represents the last can collection.

Remember: We no longer collect Campbell Soup Labels, but we DO save General Mills Box Tops for Education....Every little bit helps!!!

Please pay your Tuition on time. The Parish will be spending thousands of dollars on the school building repairs, so we must keep sending them our monthly income, which simply covers payroll! Thank you.

African-American Heritage Month Mass: We will again take a busload of students to the Archdiocesan African Heritage Mass. This year it will be held on Thursday, February 4, 2010. We will accept requests on a first-come, first-served basis. Please fill out the bottom of this page if you would like your child to attend.

_____ Yes, I would like my child _____ to attend the Mass.

_____ Yes, I would like to go along as a chaperone.



Parent Signature _____