

NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY 21, 2010

May God bless our brothers and sisters in Haiti!

Haitian Relief: Thank you to all who contributed to Haitian Relief. We collected almost \$500 which will be sent to Catholic Relief Services today.

Happy Reading: The 6-Hour Reading Club begins today, January 21 and runs until February 11, 2010. Students in K-6 received tally sheets. Please read the attached letter and encourage your child to participate. This is an opportunity for you to spend time reading as a family.

National Handwriting Day: We are trying to impress on the children the importance of legible handwriting. Some classes are fitting in extra practice times. Please encourage your child to write neatly.

High School Entrance Exams: Our 21 eighth graders took high school entrance exams on Saturday, January 9. Three tests at Homewood-Flossmoor, two at Mt. Carmel, one at Mother McCauley and fifteen tested at Marian Catholic. We are proud of all of our eighth graders and know they will do well wherever they attend high school. They are so grown up all of a sudden....they had **Graduation Pictures** taken today!

Catholic Schools Week: I would like EVERY school family to attend our 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 31, in order to begin Catholic Schools Week in prayer and community! We will honor our "Distinguished Graduate" and we will honor Father Kozak with a special gift since this is "The Year of the Priest." We will have **Open House 12:30-2:00 p.m. and again on February 3, 9-11 a.m.** Please recruit prospective families and invite them to visit our school.

Medication: It is dangerous to send unmarked medications with your child. All medications should be locked up at the office and not carried by children. If a student needs an over-the-counter medication such as aspirin or Tylenol, please send it to the office, in the original bottle with directions, and a note from a doctor. We may not administer medications without the proper paperwork on file.

Prevention and Empowerment: This program will be presented to our 7-8 graders on Monday, January 25. The presentation will deal with peer pressure, bullying, and other forms of stress producers.

Report Cards: We will send home report cards on Wednesday, January 27, 2010. Junior High Reward Day will be January 29. Report Cards will *not* be given to families who have outstanding Tuition Balances. Families who are more than a full month behind in payments, will be excluded from school as of January 27 until payments are made.