

Newsletter for January 28, 2010

Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas

St. Thomas Aquinas, great Dominican priest and teacher, is the patron saint of Catholic Education. May he inspire and guide us with his example of dedicated study and preaching, and his search for Truth.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: We will begin our fun-filled week of celebration on Sunday, January 31, at the 11:30 a.m. Mass. *I am asking ALL SCHOOL FAMILIES*, Catholic and Non-Catholic, to come to our Mass. At this Mass, our students will read and sing. We will honor our Distinguished Graduate, Mrs. Mary Ann Bach, and we will honor Father Richard Kozak, our Pastor. It is very important for ALL school families to come (children in school uniforms) and show Father Kozak and the parishioners how much we appreciate their support of St. Joseph School. If Father Kozak and the parishioners stopped subsidizing our school, tuition would sky-rocket to over \$5,000 per child. I seldom ask you to give up part of a week-end, BUT THIS IS IMPORTANT!

After Mass, everyone is invited to walk through school and see the students' work on display. The teachers have all worked hard to prepare special projects in order to showcase the children's work.

NO MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3: Since I am asking you to come Sunday, we will not hold a Wednesday night "All Hands" Meeting. We will announce a new date in the near future. However, on Thursday, February 4, the School Advisory Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory to discuss Tuition Possibilities for the 2010-2011 school year. All parents are welcome to attend the first 30 minutes of this meeting in order to express insights and/or concerns. An executive session will follow.

LIBRARY NEWS: We thank Mrs. Zakaras, our Librarian, for encouraging our students to become avid readers. Please see the first semester Library News on the reverse of this page.

Happy 40th Birthday to Eric Carle's The Hungry Caterpillar. The primary grades will be reading Eric Carle's books, doing related art projects, and even dressing as a favorite book character during Catholic Schools Week. Friday, February 5 is Book Character Day for the entire school....It should be great fun!

SPREAD THE WORD....Open House for PROSPECTIVE PARENTS will be held on Wednesday, February 3, 9-11 a.m.

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LIBRARY NEWS:

Congratulations to the following students who met their personal AR goals for 2nd quarter: **4th Grade:** S. Babick, M. Brooks, B. Crawford, I. Gonzalez, J. Jackson, M. Jean, C. Kelley, A. Korkoyah, M. Pagan, G. Portillo, K. Staton and T. Willis. **5th Grade:** K. Johnson, C. Montoya, J. Nelson, S. Reyes, S. Reyes, J. Salcedo, K. Sanders, T. Tompkins, J. Williams and N. Woodson. **6th Grade:** C. Augustin, S. Corpuz-Davis, G. DiGregorio, T. Edwards, D. Eleazar, G. Funk, A. Gutter, M. Huskey, J. Iloanusi, T. Kryszyn, K. Kulchawik, M.K. Paetow-Fanning, A. Reilly and A. Taylor. **7th Grade:** R. Adebessin, A. Asauskas, M. Baneulos, A. Brooks, Z. Burns-Williams, A. Dangoy, J. Flynn, D. Geringer, A. Harmon, J. Koranda, C.J. Kurowski, E. Leader, K. Nowak, E. Richmond, G. Rucker, J. Salcedo, A. Tama, J. Trompler, M. Webster, D. Willis and W. Woodson. **8th Grade:** S. Asauskas, J. Avant, B. Bach, M. Dunlavy, M. Funk, S. Hart, R. Kelley, H. Kurowski, C. McGovern, S. Mulholland, L. Pitts and A. Rayford. **Keep up the good work!**

First Semester tallied a total of 6,545.5 points. The following students are recognized for outstanding achievement:

Top 10 Readers

1.	Megan Dunlavy	Gr 8	257.2 pts	6.	Johnny Iloanusi	Gr 6	235.0 pts
2.	Paige Jaffe	Gr 6	255.5 pts	7.	Summer Reyes	Gr 5	220.5 pts
3.	Brendan Crawford	Gr 6	251.3 pts	8.	Steven Babick	Gr 4	213.7 pts
4.	Ethan Jaffe	Gr 7	246.6 pts	9.	Sydney Reyes	Gr 5	196.8 pts
5.	Racquel Kelley	Gr 8	245.1 pts	10.	Maddy Funk	Gr 8	164.2 pts

Century Club

100 or more AR points

1.	Megan Dunlavy	Gr 8	257.2 pts	11.	Katherine Whited	Gr 8	143.8 pts
2.	Paige Jaffe	Gr 6	255.5 pts	12.	David Geringer	Gr 7	143.3 pts
3.	Brendan Crawford	Gr 6	251.3 pts	13.	Billy Bach	Gr 8	141.9 pts
4.	Ethan Jaffe	Gr 7	246.6 pts	14.	Alex Tama	Gr 7	136.6 pts
5.	Racquel Kelley	Gr 8	245.1 pts	15.	Kyle Johnson	Gr 5	133.7 pts
6.	Johnny Iloanusi	Gr 6	235.0 pts	16.	Jada Flynn	Gr 7	132.8 pts
7.	Summer Reyes	Gr 5	220.5 pts	17.	Lance Pitts	Gr 8	119.8 pts
8.	Steven Babick	Gr 4	213.7 pts	18.	Adira Dangoy	Gr 7	114.3 pts
9.	Sydney Reyes	Gr 5	196.8 pts		Jillian Trompler	Gr 7	114.3 pts
10.	Maddy Funk	Gr 8	164.2 pts	19.	Marcus Webster	Gr 7	110.2 pts
				20.	Austin Taylor	Gr 6	100.8 pts

Nifty-Fifty Club

50 – 99.9 AR points

1.	Colleen McGovern	Gr 8	97.2 pts	9.	C.J. Kurowski	Gr 7	65.7 pts
2.	Tyler Kryszyn	Gr 6	95.4 pts	10.	Taah Tompkins	Gr 5	61.6 pts
3.	Katia Tingue	Gr 6	79.0 pts	11.	Justin Avant	Gr 8	58.3 pts
4.	Ann Reilly	Gr 6	75.8 pts	12.	Ally Brooks	Gr 7	57.6 pts
5.	Wesley Woodson	Gr 7	74.5 pts	13.	Austin Rayford	Gr 8	56.9 pts
6.	Jakobi McClellan	Gr 8	74.4 pts	14.	Aaliyah Korknyah	Gr 4	55.8 pts
7.	Hannah Bohlen	Gr 8	73.3 pts	15.	Emily Leader	Gr 7	55.7 pts
8.	Johnny Adducci	Gr 7	66.7 pts				

