



JANUARY 4, 2012

## Letter from the Principal

Dear Parents,

I'd like to extend a blessed New Year to all as we welcome the students back after break! I trust your Christmas break was relaxing and your time with family enjoyable.

As we move back into our daily routines, I would like to make a few requests for help here at school. The first is in regards to Catholic Schools week which kicks off on January 29th with a school Mass at 10:30. We would encourage as many school families as possible to be at that Mass and also ask you to talk to your children about being a part of the Angel Choir. This is an opportunity to lead the congregation in praise and prayer and show our Parish the commitment we have to Catholic education. Practice will occur during the school day so there is no extra commitment on your part. With that being said, we will, however, need some parents to help with the choir practices so if you have an interest please call the school office or Tina Wagner at home.

I would also like to ask you to prayerfully consider becoming a member of St. Joseph's School Board which is an advisory committee to the Principal. School Board meets on the first Tuesday of the month and our next scheduled meeting is February 7 at 6:30 in the Mark meeting room. Anyone is invited to become a member of the Board but we find ourselves in particular need of representation from our K5, 5th, 6th and 8th grade parents. Please contact the school office with any interest.

Finally, the Auction, which is the main fundraising event for the school, is fast approaching, and while many have offered to help, few are attending the monthly meetings. Please consider attending the next meeting which is scheduled for Monday, January 9 at 7pm in the Hospitality Suite. It is very important that you attend for planning purposes. There are only a few meetings before the event, so your input is crucial.

Again, welcome back and Happy New Year!

## Fourth Annual Wine and Beer Tasting Event

Back for the fourth year, St. Joseph's Wine and Beer Tasting event is a fun time for all and a way to socialize within your parish. Please mark your calendar for February 11th and purchase your tickets after all Masses starting the weekend of January 14th and 15th. Tina Wagner is in need of help selling tickets after the w/e Masses, procuring donations for the raffle drawing, decorating the hall on Feb. 11 at 9am in preparation for the event, kitchen help from 9am-12n on Feb 11th and in the evening during the event, and donations of water, beer, and appetizers. Please help make this event a social and economic success.

## Blankets of Love

Thanks to the generosity of our families, all of the blankets for our service project during Catholic School's week have been taken, but we will have another batch available in early January. We will let you know when they are available. Please only do the cutting portion as per the instructions and return all instructions and tags (do not write on them) with the blanket upon return.

## Box Tops

Please continue to save your Box Tops for our contest to be held in Spring.

Parent

Breakfast/

Mass Schedule

2011/2012

Jan. 17- Gr. 2

Feb. 21- Gr. 8

Mar. 6- Gr. 4

Mar. 20- Gr. 1

Mar. 27- Gr. 5

May 15- Gr. K5

May 22- Gr. K4



## Save the Dates

- January 16 is another Dine to Donate event at Texas Roadhouse. Watch for a reminder when we resume classes in January.
- Starting in January, Applesbees will be offering Dine to Donate every 2nd Wednesday of the month through the end of the school year.
- The Wilderness Resort will be having a St. Joseph's weekend on May 18-20. Room rates will be at a discounted \$109 ( compared to the usual \$140) and a percentage will come back to our school. Watch for the date you can start reserving your room in upcoming news.

## Secret Santa

Don't forget to bring in any Christmas gift bags you might have left over after opening your Christmas gifts for next year's Secret Santa Gift Shop. Donations help make this annual event a success for the kids.

## Recess Help Needed

We will be in need of lunch recess duty help on Tuesdays starting January 24 and through the end of the school year. If you can help on this day or if you are willing to switch your Wednesday or Friday, please contact the school office.

## ASK Update

Thank you to everyone for giving Mrs. Skarr such a warm welcome. She is very excited about her new position.

Many of you use ASK on a regular basis and have an established schedule. If there would be a change made in advance, please communicate that directly to Mrs. Skarr. If the change would occur on that day, please contact the school office.

If your child is not a regular at ASK, we would like you to try and give us at least a 48 hour notice if you plan on using this service as we need to ensure we have additional staffing available if necessary.

Lastly, we are trying to finalize our records for 2011. If you haven't paid your last invoice, please do so by Friday, January 6, 2011.



# SPORTING NEWS

## Crazy Dads Lose to 5th Grade Boys in Scrimmage

On December 30th, the 5th grade boys had a scheduled scrimmage against their fathers, but little did they know what the dad's were planning. As the boys practiced, the dad's entered to music and fanfare decked out in their finest "retro" garb and gave the boys the surprise of their lives. The boys were not to be deterred from their goal of victory and won by a single point as the much older dads struggled to keep up! See if you can recognize any of these crazy dads.





# Home & School Corner

Your bridge between home and school!

## **Auction Committee Really Needs Your Help!**

The Auction Committee still needs your help. Please contact Julie Husted if you can help in any way. The Auction provides us with a very large part of our fundraising line item, but it is an equally large undertaking and we need your help. Please consider volunteering a bit of your time, especially if you have not been able to in the past. There are very few meetings left before the event and attendance is highly encouraged to help with resource planning. The more volunteers, the lighter the commitment for all, so please consider helping in any way you can.



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## Catholic Schools Week

*January 29, 2012 through February 4, 2012*

### Schedule of Events

- Sunday, January 29
  - Children's Liturgy at 10:30 a.m.
  - Open House from 11:30—1:30 p.m. (classrooms open at 9:30 a.m.)
  - Enjoy refreshments while visiting our Science Fair, listen to our school band, visit our book fair, and tour classrooms to view academics and character in action.
  - Book Drive for The Next Door Foundation.
- Monday, January 30
  - Service Project—Students making *Blankets of Love* for "Jockey Being Family" for adopted families; attire is pajamas or uniform.
- Tuesday, January 31
  - Career Day—Special guests share careers/talents; attire is dress for career.
- Wednesday, February 1
  - Wacky Wednesday—Attire is mismatch.
- Thursday, February 2
  - Jump/Hoops for Heart—Students raise money for Heart Association; attire is spirit shirts with dress down pants.
- Friday, February 3
  - Cultural Day—Milwaukee Ballet Company will perform; attire is uniform.
  - All School Dance at night from 6:30 p.m.— 8:30 p.m. in gym.



# Northwest Catholic Chess Tournament

***Saturday, Jan 28, 2012***

**Location:** 8202 W. Denver Avenue Milwaukee, WI 53223

**Format:** K3, K7 and K12 divisions. Six round Swiss G30. WSCF membership not required.

**Awards: K3: 3 team trophies, individual trophies to top 5 players and medals to all**

**K7: 3 team trophies, individual trophies to top 5 players and medals to all**

**K12: 3 team trophies, individual trophies to top 5 players and medals to all**

Award Ceremony around 3:00 pm if not before.

**Entry: \$10 per player for advance registration, \$15 on-site registration.**

Check-in from 8:00 to 8:40. Round 1 begins close to 9:00. Onsite registration for round 1 ends at 8:30. Pre-registrants arriving after 8:30 and on site registrations arriving after 8:15 can enter the tournament round 2 with a ½ point first round bye. Please check in as early as possible. For advance registration, register online at [www.wisconsinscholasticchess.org](http://www.wisconsinscholasticchess.org) before 11:00 pm on Jan 26<sup>th</sup>. Registration fee will be paid at the tournament.

**Lunch:** Available for purchase on-site.

**Supervision:** At least one designated adult supervisor must be present at all times during the tournament to oversee your school's team, or individual participants who are in K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. **Bring:** Pencils, and clocks if you have them. Chess sets, T-shirts, chess books and other chess items will be available for purchase on site.

**Questions:** Contact WSCF at [td@wisconsinscholasticchess.org](mailto:td@wisconsinscholasticchess.org) or 262-573-5624 or hosts Edie Bell and Lee Galien respectively at 414-351-2456 or 414-324-7590 and [edie19612000@yahoo.com](mailto:edie19612000@yahoo.com) or [leeforty@yahoo.com](mailto:leeforty@yahoo.com).

**Chess Notation:** Strongly encouraged for those students 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and older.

**Inclement Weather:** In case of storm please go WSCF website after 7:00 am and before 8:00 am to see if tournament is delayed, postponed or canceled.

*WSCF reserves the right to change divisions and awards based on number of advance registrations. WSCF is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit dedicated to promoting Chess as an educational tool for students throughout Wisconsin.*

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