

Parent Newsletter
Tuesday, January 10, 2012

The school staff wishes you a happy, blessed, and peace-filled New Year!

Advent Prayer Partners: On Wednesday, Dec. 14, each member of the school family drew a name card of another school member; prayers were said for the prayer partners and cards were made for that person. On Wednesday, Dec. 21, we exchanged the cards with our special prayer partners. The students, faculty, and staff enjoyed the cards and were very thankful for the extra prayers said in their behalf.

On Friday, Jan. 6, the traditional Feast of the Epiphany, the students gathered in the lunchroom for an Epiphany prayer service led by our sixth graders. During the prayer service, the Three Kings arrived!

Family Life: The program was well-attended. The Family Life Committee thanks everyone who volunteered to make this a successful learning experience for students and their parents. The program has been in existence in our parish for twenty-two years!

Catholic Schools Week: Sunday, Jan. 29-Sunday, Feb. 5. This year's theme is Faith, Academics, and Service.

St. Brigid School Open House: Sunday, Feb. 5, 12:30 PM-2:00 PM.

Congratulations to the basketball players who won first place at the Ascension Holiday Tournament over Christmas break. St. Brigid School members of the team: Dan LaJeunesse 8th grade, Beau Austin 8th grade, Jacob Severt 8th grade, Jason Gerstner 8th grade, Max Haney 7th grade, and Jordan Brennaman 7th grade.

Good Luck to our Spelling Bee winner, Donna Cook, who will compete with other area school winners this evening at the Greene County Career Center.

Students in Grades 5 and 8 will take the National Catholic Education Association's (NCEA) Assessment of Catechesis Religious Education (ACRE) test later in the month. The analysis of the test results helps us to see the strengths and weaknesses of our catechetical program. We make every effort to use these results to improve our religious education instruction.

A note from Mrs. Hartz, Technology Coordinator: Students have requested it! Parents have requested it! Now here it is! Check out my Technology Page on the school's website to visit my Portaportal. Portaportal has many links contained all in one area to educational websites for students. This is a great tool for learning and practicing concepts at home. The guest access name is hartztech. Students who have already used Portaportal at home love visiting their favorite website to enhance their learning. You and your child will enjoy exploring!

Market Day: Ordering deadline is Tuesday, January 17, and the pickup date is Saturday, January 21.

School Uniform Issues: Our handbook states that "leather shoes or tennis shoes must be worn." Therefore, NO boots of any kind may be worn in the school building. Outerwear boots may be worn to school, but the students must bring regulation-style footwear for inside use.

Leggings: Only PLAIN white or PLAIN navy blue may be worn. Leggings must be long enough to fit into the socks. Leggings are to be PLAIN with no lace trim or anything else that eliminates them from being in the PLAIN category!

Placemats for Meals-on-Wheels: Student-made placemats were delivered to Greene Memorial Hospital for us on meal trays for shut-ins. Grades 6, 2nd, and preschool made the placemats.

Reminder: No School on Friday, March 9. Professional Development Day for the teachers.

Partners-in-Education Meeting, Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 7:00 PM. Jan Abel will discuss the results of the IOWA tests that our students in grades 2-8 took in October. Bring the parent copy of your child's results that you received in November. Jan will offer an interesting and information presentation about the meaning of stanines, grade equivalency, and percentile ratings.

Honors Art Enrichment: The program welcomes Mrs. Eve Sturm as one of the instructors. Mrs. Sturm is an instructor at the John Bryan Community Pottery Center. This semester's classes begin Tuesday, January 10, with 22 students.

COSI will visit our school thanks to the generosity of the Partners-in-Education (PIE)! The Center of Science and Industry (COSI) on Wheels program will present The Incredible Human Machine on Thursday, April 26. Students in grades K-8 will participate in this exciting presentation. **We need volunteers to help with this worthwhile educational endeavor.**

The Great Tuition Giveaway Archdiocese of Cincinnati Catholic Schools Office is giving away \$17,500 in tuition credits and prizes to current and prospective families. To register go to facebook.com/mycatholicschool. Enter by Friday, February 3, 2012, at 12:00 PM (noon).

Greene County Parks and Trails Host Young Naturalist Club. Future naturalists are invited to attend Greene County Parks and Trails Young Naturalist Club that will hold its first session 6:30 PM-8:30 PM on Monday, Jan. 30, at the Narrows Reserve Nature Center, 2575 Indian Ripple Road, Beavercreek. This new organization will meet monthly and be designed to meet the interests of the participants. The club is open to those 13 to 18 years old. Participants will canoe, hike, watch meteor showers and meet peers who have similar interests during the monthly meetings. A complete list of scheduled programs will be available at the beginning of each season. The club is free except for any special events that are scheduled. For more information, call Greene County Parks and Trails at 937-562-6440 or email rgregory@greene.oh.us.

We have been awarded \$800 from the Cargill Co. to assist with the purchase of a digital scale which will be used in our "Healthy Choices Today...Healthier Lifestyle for the Future" project. Thanks to Judy Beck, RN, who volunteers in the school one day a week and wrote the proposal.

Calendar of Events

Tues., Jan. 10	Honors Art Enrichment 3:00-4:30
Wed., Jan. 11	Mass Grade 5 plans
Fri., Jan. 13	End of 2 nd Quarter (First Semester)
Mon., Jan. 16	No School Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Tues., Jan. 17	2 nd graders visit the Victoria Theatre
	Honors Art Enrichment
Wed., Jan. 18	Mass 8:15 AM Grade 6 plans
	Partners-in-Education meeting at 7:00 PM Jan Abel will present an analysis of the IOWA test results
Fri., Jan 20	Report cards sent home
Sun., Jan. 22	Confirmation Retreat Meeting 9:10 AM-9:55AM (Parents/students)
Tues., Jan. 24	Student Celebration 2:00 PAC
Jan. 29-Feb. 5	Catholic Schools Week
Wed., Feb. 1	Mass 8:15 AM 4 th grade plans Feast of St. Brigid
	K and 1 st graders visit the Victoria Theatre
Fri., Feb. 3	Feast of St. Blaise Blessing of Throats Prayer Service in lunchroom at 8:15 AM
	3 rd graders visit the Victoria Theatre
Sunday, Feb. 5,	CSW Closing 11:30 AM Mass
	School Open House 12:30 PM-2:00 PM
Fri./Sat. Feb. 10-11	Confirmation Retreat (7 th and 8 th Graders) (Overnight at St. B.)
Tues., Feb. 14	Valentine's Day parties for K-4 2:00 PM
Mon., Feb. 20	No School Presidents' Day
Tues., Feb. 21	Shrove Tuesday celebration Grades 5-8
Wed., Feb. 22	Ash Wednesday Mass 8:15 8 th grade plans
Thur. Feb. 23	Jump-a-thon Assembly 2:00 PM in PAC
Fri., February 24	Science Fair Noon judging: 6:00 PM-7:00 PM Exhibits: 7:00 PM Presentation of Awards. 7:20 PM: Project displays must be taken home
Mon., Feb. 27-Fri., Mar 2	JUMP-A-THON FUND RAISER
Tuesday, March 6	7 th and 8 th visit the Victoria Theatre 9:30 AM
Thurs., March 8	Xenia High School Chemistry Show (PAC)
Friday, March 9	NO SCHOOL Professional Development Day for Teachers
Tues., March 13,	7:00 PM Confirmation
Wed. March 14	5 th and 6 th Philharmonic at 9:30 AM
Fri., March 16	Creative Spirit Fine Arts Festival: Immaculate Conception School
	Irish Dancers 2:00 PM (?)
Sat., March 17	St. Patrick's Day Parish Party 5:30 PM in the PAC
Wed., March 21	Partners-in-Education meeting at 7:00 PM

Fri., March 23	End of Third Quarter
Friday, March 30	Report Cards
Fri., Apr. 6-Sun., Apr. 15	NO SCHOOL EASTER BREAK
Friday, April 20	6:30 PM First Communion Pictures
Saturday, April 21	9:00 AM Jesus Day (Second Graders)
Wed., April 25	Catholic Schools Unity Mass at UD Arena Grades 4-8 10:00 AM
Fri., April 27	Kindergarten Screening
First Communion	Weekend Masses: Saturday, April 28, 4:30 PM, and Sunday, April 29, 10:00 AM and 11:30 AM
Thursday, May 3	5 th Graders visit Mt. St. Joseph Sisters of Charity Motherhouse
Sat., May 5	Dayton Dragons
Fri., May 11	1 st Graders visit the Cincinnati Zoo
Wed., May 16	Partners-in-Education 7:00 PM
Thurs., May 24	8 th Graders visit the State House in Columbus
Mon., May 28	NO SCHOOL MEMORIAL DAY
Wed., May 30	8th Grade Dinner 6:30 PM
Thurs., May 31	Wacky Water Day
Fri., June 1	Last Day of School
Sat., June 2	8th Graduation 4:30 PM Mass

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