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FRIDAY, March 5, 2010

Principal's Message: Read Sunday's Gospel: John 4:5-42

"...A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?' - For Jews have nothing in common with Samaritans - Jesus answered and said to her, 'If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you 'Give me a drink.' You would have asked him and he would have given you living water.'..."

As you have already seen this year, our students continue to excel here at St. John's. The vast majority of our students who complete 8th grade here, go on to excel at the honors level in high school, and a high percentage of our 8th graders are given scholarships to their high schools of choice. At this point we have already been notified that 12 high school scholarships have been awarded to our students.

Additionally, we continue to score in the top 25% of the students in the United States who take the Terra Nova standardized tests. Next year all of the schools in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will switch to a different standardized test, specifically the Iowa Test of Scholastic Achievement. This decision was made for many reasons, not the least of which being a shorter turn-around time for scoring the tests, which allows the teachers to spend more time on any areas that require attention. As an additional benefit, the administration costs will be lower, allowing the school more flexibility to purchase other resources that will benefit the students. As is the current practice, we will continue to offer achievement testing to students in grades, 2, 4, 6 and 8.

God bless,

Carey Owens

Principal

ENROLLMENT FOR 2010-2011 IS DUE MARCH 19

In order to accurately plan for next school year, we will need enrollment paperwork by March 19. If you have any extenuating circumstances that are keeping you from turning in your child's enrollment papers, please contact the office and we will work with you.

Reminder: We will have a 1-hour late start on Wednesday, 3/10, so that the faculty can work on the school-wide strategic plan.

Grandparent's Day for grades 1 & 3 is on Thursday, March 25 and for grades K, 2, and 4 on Friday, March 26.

Easter Candy Orders are due in the school office by Monday, March 8th. Don't miss out on getting your Fawn candy for Easter and support our school library at the same time.

RAFFLE – PTC has begun selling chances for some of the baskets to be raffled off at Trivia Night, March 13. Chances will be sold after the 4 pm mass this Saturday, March 6 and after the 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am and noon masses Sunday, March 7. You can also buy chances by filling out the note that went home in the Friday folders last week and place it in an envelope marked PTC Trivia Raffle, Lori Guilfoyle or Julie Bischoff, and sent to the office. Extra notes are in the school office.

PTC TRIVIA NIGHT – Which President is seen on a \$100,000 bill? If you know the answer, then TRIVIA NIGHT is for you! (Last week's answer – Buffalo Bills). Come and enjoy a fun evening of trivia with friends Saturday, March 13 at the K Of C Hall from 7 pm – 11pm. Door opens at 6:30 pm. Bring appetizers, pizza, or some other food for your table of six friends. Beer, water bottles, pop, chips, pretzels, popcorn, fun games and raffles will be provided. Seating if limited! Tables are filled on a first come, first serve basis! PLEASE get your table reservations in BEFORE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10! Hope to see you there! It will be an entertaining night! For more information or for registration, call Lori Guilfoyle 367-2161 or lguilfoyle@cinci.rr.com. Extra flyers are in the school office.

Donations to be used for Trivia Night, such as candles, household items, Bath'n Body lotions, unopened toys, board games, bubbles, puzzles, etc...can be sent to the office. Any "extra" children's items we collect, that we don't use for Trivia, will be passed on to the Festival Committee. Also, we are collecting shoe boxes and/or coffee cans to be used to hold tickets for the basket raffles. If you have any to spare, please send them to the school office. Thanks for all of your help!

PTC needs to fill the following board positions for the 2010-2011 school year. President, Vice-President, and Treasurer. If you have any questions or are interested, please contact a current PTC board member. Thanks.

BP DRY FORK RECEIPTS – Keep collecting BP Stamped Gas Receipts. PTC receives \$.05/gallon of gas. In the last 3 months, PTC has collected \$80 for collected receipts! Thanks for your support!

Next PTC meeting is Thursday, March 18, in the cafeteria. Harrison Firefighters will be our guests at 6:30 pm to talk to kids and parents about fire safety and first aid. Bring your kids to listen and ask questions to our local firefighters, and then stay for the PTC meeting at 7:15-8:00 pm. Babysitting will be provided. Hope to see you there.

Softball Registration – There is still time to sign up for softball! Registration papers are available in the office. In addition, if you have a softball uniform shirt from last year (especially the 5th/6th grade team) please turn it in to the office ASAP. Please contact Dan Shields at 367-4113 if you have questions.

Nestlé's Bottled Water Go Play Label Program – This program has ended.

Box Tops War a Huge Success – We had a fantastic Box Tops War resulting in \$814.40 being earned. All classes did an excellent job in submitting Box Tops. It was a close race. First Place – Mrs. Steelman’s 2nd grade collected 1196 box tops; Second place – Miss Walter’s 3rd grade 1,023 box tops and Mrs. Anneken’s 4th grade collected 836 box tops.. First place will enjoy a pizza lunch. Second and third places will enjoy an ice cream treat. Keep saving those box tops. More products are being added to the program so check everything you buy. For a complete list, go the bte.com.

Cincinnati Bell Learn Program (CB Learn) – This program is ending as of June 30, 2010. You can still sign up and we will still receive a reduced amount up through June 30. New registrations will receive \$5.00 instead of \$10.00. Other activations are at a reduced amount as well. Forms are in the school office. This was a great program while it lasted. Questions – email Verna Zahner at vernadave@fuse.net.

Campbell Labels – I will be submitting Campbell’s labels so turn in all you have during the next week. Remember to continue to save the UPC with boy symbol NOT the front label. Also register for “e-labels” on www.elabelsforeducation.com. As you groceries are scanned, eligible Campbell’s products will automatically give us one point per label. Then you also submit the label to school. We receive credit twice!

Tyson A+ Program – We received a check for \$26.64 for Tyson chicken labels. We receive \$.24 per label. Make sure you submit the entire label showing “A+ 1 -2 – 3 Program. If not, we don’t receive credit.

In the cafeteria: Week of March 8th

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<i>Menu</i>	Ravioli, tossed salad, dinner roll, peaches	Corn dogs, baked beans, nacho chips, pears	Spaghetti & meatballs, garlic bread, applesauce	Soft taco, corn, pineapple	Tuna Casserole, peas, butter bread, push-up, fruit cocktail
<i>Volunteers</i>	Second	Second	Second	Second	Second