



Cathedral Grade School

News from the Principal 1/25/10

State Evaluation Results Very Encouraging

We are all relieved that our state evaluation visit is past now. This process occurs every six years and is the way that our schools maintain their state recognition and their diocesan recertification for our Catholic identity. There are always findings that involve follow-up work on our part and we already anticipated some of the results.

We need to have some fingerprinting done on some part-time employees, which we hadn't thought necessary. We also need to work on revising our religion program goals and outcomes. (This we knew had to be done, but wanted to do it without rushing for the December deadline.) Of course, ALL of the findings will be sent to us at a later time and there may be some other minor adjustments we need to make.

Overall, all of the visitors were very complimentary of our well-maintained facility, its cleanliness and the inviting atmosphere we have. Those who visited classrooms were very impressed with our level and uses of technology in the classes. They also felt that our teachers presented lessons that were innovative and interactive. We have a great deal to be proud of and our visitors recognized our fine efforts. They were also aware that our parents and parishioners make our whole program available for us. Without them, we would not maintain our place as a state-of-the-art educational institution. Thanks to all of you, we made an excellent showing for the whole evaluation team!



Family Projects for Catholic Schools Week

So far, we have no entries for our family project for Catholic Schools Week. Hopefully, we have many families who wish to share their thoughts on "Christ at Cathedral School". How do we see Christ in our efforts?

Family projects can be an essay, a poster, a poem or any medium that you think expresses your thoughts. We hope to display these at our Open House next Sunday. Please consider submitting something for this project.

Open House Begins Catholic Schools Week

We will kick off Catholic Schools Week with a special Mass next Sunday, Jan. 31st at 10:30. We invite everyone to stop by at school afterwards to have a visit. If you know of families who are thinking about where to send their children to school, please take some time to BRING THEM to see our great school.

Activities during the whole week will be as follows:

Penny War: Throughout the week, each class will be collecting pennies to donate to a local charity. The class that collects the most pennies by the end of the week will receive a doughnut party the following week!

Sunday: Open House at Cathedral Grade School with refreshments following 10:30 A.M. Mass. Someone will be in school from 11:00-1:45 to welcome our present families and any new families who may come to see us.

Monday: All-School Bingo at 2:00 P.M. The numbers will be announced through the intercom with the entire school competing in a few rounds of BINGO. The winners will receive prizes from Dr. Bennett and the office. The older students will be paired up with their younger "buddies" to assist them.

Tuesday: Water works assembly at 8:15 A.M. and 9:00 A.M. for grades K-2 and 3-6 respectively.

Lip Sync at 2:00 P.M. in the McCormick Center

Wednesday: School Spirit Day! The students will be allowed to wear Cathedral wear to show off our Crusader Pride! Also, music will be played throughout the day on the intercom to encourage the students to "get up and move."

Thursday: Staff Luncheon from 11:30 A.M.-12:45P.M.

Friday: All school Mass



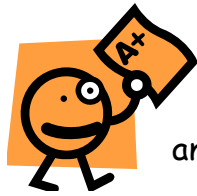
Annual Fund Sunday

I hope you have all received that latest CGS Newsletter, edited by Deb Lassman, with many contributors. It is hard to believe that we had so many events and activities in the short time we've been here. It is one of the best newsletters I've ever seen and my congratulations to Deb and all the others for such a great correspondence.

This is also the time we launch our Annual Fund campaign. This effort is especially critical now, since we are losing so many other sources of grants and federal/ state funding. Our big project for this Annual Fund is the renovation of the cafeteria, which hasn't been upgraded in many, many years. Our plan is for new paint, new tile floors and new lunch furniture. We hope to bring a more inviting atmosphere for our students and others who use our cafeteria for events. A generous response to our Annual Fund will allow us to complete this project over the summer and have it ready for next school year. I think that you will all be proud to have meetings and gatherings in this much more inviting atmosphere. Please help us to make this dream come true!

Annual Fund envelopes can be placed in the collection basket at church or bring it to Open House on Jan. 31st. If you can't do either of these, you may always send your envelope to school. Many thanks in advance for your usual generosity!

Honor Roll Posted



We are very proud of the 57 students who have earned Honor Roll status for the second quarter. They are proof that hard work and perseverance do pay off. Click on the left tab on the announcements page on our website to see who these students are.