



Cathedral Grade School

News from the Principal 10/02/09

McTeacher Night

I hope that everyone will join the teachers and me at the McDonald's by the fairgrounds next Tuesday. We will be there from 4:00-8:00 to be the perfect hosts and hostesses for your dinner. Of course, our school will receive a percentage of the sales during these hours, so tell them that you are there to help Cathedral School.

First Friday Devotions

Thanks again to Mrs. Mary Anne Harla and to Mrs. Barb Stock for facilitating our First Friday devotions today. We have also been blessed to have other parents who came to join their child's class. We invite ALL PARENTS and parishioners to join us during the hours of Exposition from 9:00-12:00 in the chapel.

Today's devotions also correspond to the Worldwide Children's Eucharistic Holy Hour set for today, which is also Holy Childhood Day. This means that while our children enjoyed their devotion time in the chapel, they were actually joining children all over the world in prayer for priests all over the world.

Iowa Testing Next Two Weeks

Students from grades 2-8 will be taking our Iowa Tests of Basic Skills over the next two weeks. Getting a good night's sleep and having a healthy breakfast will certainly increase their performance. Testing will start at 8:00 every morning, so please try to have all students here on time, so they are ready to test. Outside activities and appointments can hopefully be scheduled at other times besides the beginning of the day so that we can keep on schedule. However, if students are ill, please keep them home and we will make arrangements to have someone administer the tests when they return.

Even though these tests don't "count for grades" for the students, we do use these test results to assess our curriculum and determine growth over time. Try to encourage your child to do the best possible on these tests so we can get a true picture of what our students know and need to learn.

Parents' Club Meeting Next Wed.

I hope that many parents will join us for the October mtg. of the Parents' Club. Peggy Schifferdecker and her officers have a lot of information to share and you will be treated to another brief technology demonstration. Meeting will be at 7:00 in the cafeteria. See you there!

Schedule HIGHLIGHTS Coming Up

Since next week is the first week of the month, there will be an early dismissal for teacher in-service on Wednesday. Students will be dismissed at 1:45 on that day.

Next Friday, Oct. 9th the teachers will be attending the Diocesan Convention at Holy Trinity School in Fairview Hts. This means no school for the students. We also will have NO SCHOOL on Monday, Oct. 12th to celebrate Columbus Day. Hopefully, the families and students will enjoy the four-day weekend!

Speaking of Technology.....

We have been talking about having a Tech night for parents so that the teachers AND STUDENTS can "showcase" all of the technology we have and use in the classrooms every day. The date is now set for Tuesday, Nov. 17th from 6:30-7:30. We hope that all families will mark their calendars to be with us that evening.

Farmers Market News

If you haven't signed up for a Farmers Market yet, just call the office. Actually you can get the cards at the stores or tell them you wish to donate to school #47 - Cathedral. The greater the number who REGISTER, the higher percentage of profit we can get (even if you never shop there!) If you go on line to www.farmers4faith.com you will be asked to register and give your e-mail address. This will allow Farmers Mkt. to e-mail SPECIAL DEALS to you and they are pretty cool. So far, in less than one month, we have already earned over \$70. It can only get better as this wonderful, generous offer spreads. Thanks to everyone who helps us in this program.

Special Event Planned

We are very excited to announce that we will host a student program at our McCormick Center for Sandra Magnus, the astronaut alum who visited with the students LIVE from the international space station last school year. This will occur on Friday, Oct. 16th at 12:30. We have invited about 500 students from the other parochial schools to join us for this super event.