



## *Cathedral Grade School*

*News from the Principal 10/19/09*

### **Sadness for the Cathedral Family**

We want to thank everyone for the generosity shown to the Vollmer family with the recent passing of Debra, a former teacher at CGS. There is still an opportunity to contribute to the Vollmer Family Fund to help defray expenses.

### **Patrol Boys and Girls are Great**

I have heard several positive comments about the courtesy and helpfulness our patrol students have performed each morning. We are thrilled that the students generously give their time and try to assist families get from their cars to the doors safely. Keep up the wonderful job!

### **Sports Eligibility**

Teachers will be checking to see if any of the students who are participating in any sports are in trouble with their grades. Parents will be notified if their child's grades have slipped below the accepted grade point average and will be placed on a two-week probation time to raise their grades or be removed from the team. Our hope is that this probation time will spur students to give greater effort and bring up their grades.

### **Living Rosary**

The Student Council is organizing a Living Rosary for the first thing on Wednesday morning. All of this is weather-permitting. This is a Cathedral tradition for October and we hope it comes off without any problems.

Thanks to the Student Council for their leadership for this project.

### **Astronaut's Visit**

We were delighted to welcome Dr. Sandra Magnus to our school last Friday. She had "spoken" with the students last January while she was aboard the International Space Station and now we could put a real person with that faraway experience. She showed a film about the activities and realities of being in space

for over four months. Then she answered many, many questions about her impressions, likes dislikes, favorite things to do in space, any fears, etc. She was absolutely wonderful with the students and we are very grateful that she came to visit us. We were also happy to host three other schools for this event.

### **Testing Complete**

Our two weeks of Iowa testing is finally complete. With having students out for illness and other reasons, we really had to push to get all the tests complete by the deadline to have them picked up. Thanks to all the teachers, Mrs. Reyes and Mrs. McCormack for persisting in finding testing opportunities for all students.

### **New Students**

We are happy to announce that we are getting new students for our ELC program. Offering more flexible options is paying off. We have also gotten a new student for PreK. Word of our SUPER programs seems to be spreading!

### **Looking for Dorm Refrigerator**

If anyone has a working dorm refrigerator that they may not need, we can use one at school. Please call the school office and let us know.