



Cathedral Grade School

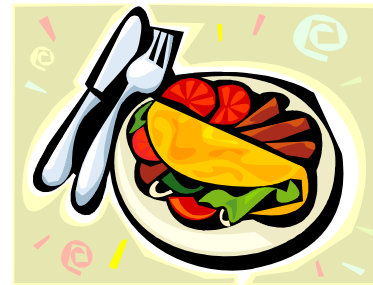
News from the Principal 9/24/09

Great School Spirit

What a great night at Grizzlies Park! Even though there was rain, none of our spirits were dampened. It was super being with many families who really enjoyed the time together. Hopefully, we will have many families to come to the Cathedral Night at the Althoff game at Lindenwood this Friday. Our school will have a special section and students have received a free ticket. I'll see you all there.

Seconds Will Be Available

Students will be able to order seconds of the lunch entre only starting next week. One complete lunch now costs \$2.25 and "seconds" for the entre will cost an additional \$2.00. This "second" option must be ordered each morning when the lunch count is given to the office.



Unfortunately, families who qualify for free or reduced lunch will not get the seconds option at the lower/free price, but will have to pay \$2.25 for any seconds ordered.

Too Many Tardy Students

We have been steadily increasing our number of tardy students every day. We average between 8-13 late folks each morning. I understand that there are always issues that occur from time to time, but late students tend to cause confusion with attendance lists and lunch counts. Thanks for any extra efforts to keep this number going down!

Keep Checking Website

We have an absolutely amazing website with continuing news updates. I urge families to check the announcements often, to read your child's teacher's news and to see who our Random Acts of Kindness awardees are. Parents Club has lots of

news and sports are always going on here. I know we all appreciate the efforts of Mrs. Van Loo and all the staff who keep their information up-to-date.

Extra Help for Students

We are very pleased to have Mrs. McCormack back with us on a half-time basis to help with students who may need extra, individualized instructions. She works with many students during the morning and is proving to be a true blessing for the teachers and students.



We are also fortunate to receive Title I funding that gives us the services of a reading teacher to provide extra time for some students. Our teacher from Dist. 118 is Ms. Jenkins and she is here for three hours on Monday mornings. Her time is about double what we have had in the past and we are grateful for this cooperative effort with Dist. 118.

We would be interested in having some parishioners or parents who might be retired teachers to come for an hour or more to share some of their expert teaching skills. There are always students who can use some extra help with tests and assignments. We would be so grateful for any volunteer time we can get.

Parents Club Events

Remember to check the Parents Club links on our school webpage to see what is coming up. The next meeting will be on Wed. Oct 7th and there will be a family event at Eckert's on Friday, Oct. 2nd.