

ST. JANE DE CHANTAL SCHOOL
JANUARY, 2012

Dear Parent:

At the beginning of a new venture, we have a can-do attitude. At the beginning of a new year, we think about our hopes and dreams for the future. That's why making resolutions is a popular exercise at this time of the year.

During the early days of the New Year, think about gathering as a family—around cups of hot chocolate and a bowl of popcorn—and making a list of Family faith resolutions. Instead of trying to think of something “new,” however, think of the good that is already part of your family and resolve to increase that goodness. God's grace flourishes there in your home. Your kindness, patience, generosity, and compassion with one another is the living of your faith every day; it's the core of Jesus' teachings; and it's what your child and the other students focus on, in some way, during the year.

Your Family Faith Resolutions are a vital bridge connecting your child's religious education within your household-the domestic church-and the religious education of your child at St. Jane.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT—Special thanks to all the students who shared their oral and musical talents in “Angel Gabe's Search for the Savior” on Wednesday, December 21. Faculty members and Mrs. Collette Brightmore, the music teacher, who practiced with the students, parents who assisted with costume design, and Mrs. Oquendo for designing the programs are also to be commended for their efforts. This wonderful presentation brought alive the true spirit of Christmas. May this spirit remain with us during the coming year.

SPECIAL THANKS—to Genna Ruiz and her committee: Terry Nichin, Ed Gazda, and Anne Michalik for a successful Santa's Secret Workshop. Much planning and preparation was done so that the students would have an opportunity to do their Christmas shopping. An excellent selection was provided and the raffle was enjoyed by all. Special thanks to all who made contributions to this raffle. A net profit of over \$1,300 was realized from this event.

ATHLETIC UPDATE—The next meeting is Thursday, January 12, at 7:00 P.M. The coach or a representative from each team is expected to attend these monthly meetings. Super Bingo is the important agenda item that evening.

SUPER BINGO—The second Super Bingo of the season is fast approaching. It is to be held on Sunday, January 29, 2012. Your support is important to us as this is the major fund raiser which defrays all the expenses of the Sports Program, which provides athletic activities for every age group. Tickets are going on sale soon.

SPECIAL DATES:

Friday, January 13
Saturday, January 14
Monday, January 16
Wednesday, January 18
Friday, January 27

Sunday, January 29
Monday, January 30

Graduation Pictures
High School Entrance Exams
MLK Holiday—No School
Interim Reports
11:30 Dismissal – Request Only
Parent/Teacher Conferences
Catholic Schools Week Begins
Story Hour for 2/3 year olds

FUND RAISING UPDATE— Thanks to those families who supported the Cookie Dough Sale. 222 tubs were sold which netted us a profit of \$1,111.20. As promised these monies are being used to purchase Smart Boards for the classrooms. A special word of gratitude is also extended to the Polish Community for their generous donation of \$1,000, following their St. Andrew's Celebration. This will be added to the funds from the Cookie Dough Sale and used for the purchase of SMART Boards. Your generosity is most appreciated.

FUND RAISING STATEMENTS—Look for these to be included in your child's Wednesday Folder on Wednesday, January 18. Any questions or concerns, please contact the office.

MONTHLY TUITION RAFFLE—December marked the third month of the tuition raffle, which is now being offered to St. Jane families. 29 families participated this month. 6 families purchased one ticket, 17 families purchased two tickets, 5 families purchased four tickets, and 1 family purchased eight tickets. This tuition raffle brought in \$365 this month. Alex Miller (Grade 8) is December's winner. January's winner will be announced in next month's newsletter.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK—Catholic Schools: Faith.Academics.Service. The annual observance of Catholic Schools Week begins Sunday, January 29, a time to celebrate the enduring value of Catholic Education. This week-long celebration is being launched at the 9:30 Mass, followed by an Open House in our school. Please plan to join us for this celebration which includes school tours, refreshments, and classroom displays. Other activities such as Teacher Appreciation Day, Student Appreciation Day, and a Military Recognition Day are in the planning stages. More information will be available once school resumes.