

WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O LORD

Dear Parent:

Parent-Teacher conferences provide a great opportunity for you to meet one-on-one with your child's teacher to focus on your child's development. Together, you and your child's teacher can find mutually supportive ways to enhance your child's learning and school experience. To make effective use of this opportunity, try to:

- Write down any questions you may have. This is your time with the teacher and your questions are a top priority.
- Listen carefully to the teacher's comments—sometimes the behavior you see at home may not be the same behavior your child exhibits at school. This could serve as a basis for better understanding your child's responses to different environments.
- If your child and/or family is going through a difficult time, tell the teacher. You do not have to go into detail—the point is to let the teacher know if your child is under stress. The teacher may also be able to recommend additional assistance and support for your child if needed.
- If you have any concern about the way in which your child approaches homework, ask the teacher about general traits and behaviors in this age group. As with any developmental area, study habits change and mature over time.

Finally, at some point a teacher may touch your child's life in a special way. Why not write the teacher a thank-you note and give a copy to me as well. You can never underestimate the value of kind work.

Blessings,

Nancy Ann Andrasco



RELIGION NEWS

FIRST RECONCILIATION—Parents of 2nd Grade students are invited to attend a meeting regarding the Sacrament of Reconciliation **Thursday, November 10, at 7:00**, in church. It is important that parents have an understanding of how this sacrament is approached as we work together to prepare the children for loving forgiveness of Jesus Christ. Please keep these children in your prayers as they prepare for First Reconciliation.

CONFIRMATION—The 8th Graders are to begin their preparation for Confirmation soon. Part of this preparation includes a Parent Meeting, which is to be held **Thursday, November 17**, at 7:00, in the Lunchroom. It is important that we work together during this time of preparation. Your prayers are requested for the 8th Graders as they prepare to receive their final sacrament of initiation.

FAMILY MASS—The November Family Mass, which celebrates the Confirmation Commitment of the 8th Graders, is being held **Sunday, November 20**, at 9:30 Mass. At this Mass, the students present a signed pledge which states their commitment to the Confirmation program at St. Jane. While this Mass highlights the 8th Graders, all St. Jane families are encouraged to worship with them. After Mass a coffee and reception is being held in the Lunchroom for all who are at Mass.

ALL SCHOOL PRAYER SERVICE—In celebration of Thanksgiving, the St. Jane students are gathering for a special Prayer Service on **Monday, November 21**, at 1:00. All are welcome to join us in our expression of thanks for the many blessings which are bestowed upon us each day.

GRUB DAY—**Friday, November 11**, is Grub Day. Bring Efferdent, mouthwash, Kleenex, and lotion for the Little Sisters of the Poor. These items are then distributed by the Sisters to those in need.

HALLOWEEN CANDY COLLECTION—Once again, the St. Jane de Chantal Hungry and Homeless Committee is collecting any leftover Halloween candy which you have in your home. Just have your child bring it to school. Any candy which is donated will be used by the Hungry and Homeless Committee as they prepare a monthly meal.

REPORT CARDS/CONFERENCES—Report cards are being distributed **Thursday, November 17**, with Parent/Teacher Conferences scheduled for **Friday, November 18**. The Conference Request Forms are being sent home in the **October 26** Wednesday Folder. They are to be completed and returned to school by **Friday, October 28**. Conference schedules are then going home **Wednesday, November 9**. Please take time to review your child's report card prior to attending the conference. The faculty and I are looking forward to meeting with you. If other conferences with teachers are necessary throughout the year, it is important that prior arrangements are made concerning date and time.

HOME RUN INN PIZZA NIGHT—Once again, Home Run Inn on Archer is sponsoring a St. Jane Night on **Wednesday, November 23**, 11:00 A.M.-10:00 P.M. At this time \$5.00 from every extra large pizza ordered is being given to St. Jane. Flyers are being sent home on Wednesday, November 9, and Wednesday, November 16, and are being included in the bulletin on Sunday, November 20. You must present the flyer when ordering the pizza for dine-in or carry-out. Please share this information with your family, friends, and neighbors. Since the Wednesday before Thanksgiving is traditionally the most popular evening to order pizza, this should be a big success.

HONOR ROLL—Once the report cards are distributed, a list of those students who have earned a place on the First Trimester Honor Roll will be placed outside the office. Students are being recognized for their achievement according to the following criteria: High Honors (Straight A's), First Honors (3.5-3.99), Second Honors (3.0-3.5), and Personal & Social Growth Honors (All +'s). These students are to be commended for their achievements and are urged to continue their efforts during the coming trimester.

KINDERGARTEN/FIRST GRADE SURVEY—During the month of November, a survey is being conducted to determine how many students are seeking entrance into Kindergarten and First Grade for the 2012-2013 School Year. This is not a registration, only a survey, but if the number of applicants exceeds the places available, selection will be made only from those who responded to the survey, according to school policy guidelines which includes being a registered parishioner. Perspective Kindergarten and First Grade parents should call the school office at 767-1130. Those currently enrolled in our Preschool need not call as a separate note is being sent to you regarding the survey.

DAILY ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL—Please be certain that your child(ren) arrive at school no earlier than 8:00 A.M. as there is no playground supervision before school. Students are expected to gather on the playground or near their respective doors and conduct themselves in a quiet, orderly manner. **No running games or ball playing is permitted at this time.** Drivers are reminded that vans, trucks, and other oversized vehicles should not park in the front row in the parking lot as they obstruct the view of the smaller vehicles behind them. Also no cars are permitted on the East Parking Lot along the alley as the little children gather there. Driving down the alley in order to pick up children is also not permitted. Your cooperation is requested in these matters as to assure the safety of students and parents who are on the playground.

REMINDER—As the winter months are quickly approaching, parents are encouraged to keep children with colds, coughs, or sore throats at home until they have recovered, for their benefit as well as the health of other students and staff members. Furthermore, students who are absent due to a contagious disease must present a written note from the doctor in order to return to school.

HOT LUNCH REMINDER—Please check your hot lunch calendar carefully so that your child is not without a lunch. Mark your menu at home with the days that lunch is ordered so that you have a copy at home. There seems to be more children coming to school without a lunch and there aren't always extra lunches to sell to them. Please note days when lunch isn't to be ordered—school holidays, half-days, and field trip days. Also, when filling out the lunch forms, make sure the circle with the kind of milk your child wishes to have is filled in or they will automatically receive white milk. Your cooperation in these matters is most appreciated.

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS—Monday, October 31, 11:30 Dismissal; Thursday, November 17, 1:30 Dismissal; Friday, November 18, 11:30 Dismissal due to Conferences; and Wednesday, November 23, No School as this begins the Thanksgiving Weekend.

TOYS, TOYS, TOYS—While you are doing your cleaning for the upcoming holidays, please consider donating any usable toys to the Preschool or Kindergarten. The students are always happy to accept these donations. Paper and other office supplies are always welcome. These donations are of great assistance and help us stretch our budget.

CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS/BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION—Once again labels are being collected for the purchase of classroom supplies. Please save your Campbell's labels and encourage friends and neighbors to do the same. In addition, please continue to save General Mills Box Tops and printer cartridges. All of these programs benefit our school.

SUPER BINGO is fast approaching, **Sunday, October 30**. Doors open at 1:00. Bingo begins at 3:00. This is the most important fundraiser that the Athletic Association sponsors because it helps to offset the major cost of league fees, new uniforms, equipment, tournaments, etc. The cost of the ticket is \$20 and may be purchased by contacting your child's coach or Dan Freeman at (773) 851-2964. Your support for the Athletic Association is most appreciated as we provide sport programs to students in all age groups.

ABSENTEES—Parents are reminded that they are expected to contact the office before 8:30 on the day which their child is absent from school. Upon his/her return to school, the child is expected to present a note to the teacher explaining the absence. Your cooperation with this policy is crucial as the whereabouts of the students is an important safety issue. Also, please make arrangements for a brother/sister, a neighbor, classmate, or parent to pick up an absentee's work at the end of the school day, as it is difficult to do so midday.

UNIFORM REMINDERS—There are a few recent fashion trends which are not appropriate for students who wear uniforms. Oversized blouses/polo shirts worn outside skirts/pants may be the latest fashion trend, but blouses/polo shirts are expected to fit so that they can be worn tucked into skirts/pants. Short skirts may be fashionable, but skirts should not be rolled in order for them to be short. Only navy or black sweatshirts with the St. Jane logo are to be worn with the uniforms. They are also not to be worn inside out. Since the boys' school pants have belt loops, they really should be wearing a belt. Only oxford or loafer style shoes are to be worn to school. Moccasins and other slipper-like shoes are not to be worn to school. Please check to make sure that your child(ren) is/are wearing the uniform according to the guidelines in the Parent/Student Handbook.

CHILDREN'S CENTER—Registration for the Children's Center, St. Jane's Extended Day Program, is open to all students throughout the year. Any parent who is unable to pick up their child(ren) at the 2:30 dismissal should register their child(ren) with the Children's Center as school personnel cannot be responsible for students after 2:30. The Children's Center provides a safe, caring environment for the children until their parents are able to pick them up from school. The registration fee is \$30 and the families are billed for time used. Please consider this in terms of jury duty, Christmas shopping, and running late from work.

MONTHLY TUITION RAFFLE-- Once again, a monthly tuition raffle was offered to parents as another fund raising opportunity. \$10 raffle tickets are purchased, \$5 of which goes toward your annual fund raising commitment. The winning ticket is pulled on the 15th of the month. Then \$315.00 is credited toward the winner's tuition. Given the fact that it was the first month, we were extremely pleased with the level of participation. 44 families participated, which is one of the best ever. 13 families purchased one ticket, 25 families purchased two tickets, 4 families purchased 4 tickets, 1 family purchased six tickets, and 1 family purchased ten tickets. This tuition raffle brought in \$635 this past month. Your participation is encouraged as it is a win-win for everyone. The Jasso Family, Sofia (Gr. 3) and Javier (Gr. 1), was October's winner. Look for November's winner to be announced in next month's newsletter.

CARSON'S COMMUNITY DAYS--\$5 Coupon Booklets, which contain a \$10 coupon, a 30% off early bird coupon, a 20% off shopping pass, which is good on most merchandise, and 10 valuable coupons are still available in the office. Plan to start your Christmas shopping on **Friday, November 11 and Saturday, November 12**. This is a two-day event this year. The best part of Carson's Community Days is that St. Jane retains \$5 from each Coupon booklet. All money collected is being set aside for the Marian Zientek Parent Club Scholarship, which is given to an 8th Grader at Graduation.

FALL CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR—Be sure to stop by Ward Hall on **Sunday, November 6, 9:00-3:00** for the Fall Craft and Vendor Fair. Crafters and vendors will have lots of items suitable for the coming holidays. The kitchen will also be open with breakfast and lunch items. This is another Christmas shopping opportunity which helps St. Jane. What a win-win for everybody—support St. Jane and get your shopping done all at one time.