



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY-ST. CASIMIR SCHOOL

One God, One Faith, One School

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Week of May 13-19, 2012

Happy Mother's Day!

INTRODUCTION: 6th Sunday of Easter: "Jesus said to His disciples: 'As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love.'" John 15:9

A WORD FROM MRS. JOHNSTON

Congratulations to all of our Second Grade students. We are so excited that you have joined us at the big table of the Lord. We are very excited that we are going able to celebrate with you on Wednesday at Mass. We pray that you grow closer to Jesus every day and that you take Jesus to everyone that you come in contact with.

Unfortunately our Town Hall meeting needs to be postponed. There are several people from the technology committee who are unable to attend on this date (Mrs. Johnston included!). It makes the most sense to postpone this meeting until our new technology devices are ordered. Then we can speak specifically to what direction we are moving. **Please note: NO TOWN HALL MEETING ON MONDAY, MAY 14, 2012.**

Help is needed on June 11 and June 12. We are in need of 10 dads and moms, per shift, who can bring their trusty hand tools, crow bars, screw guns and step ladders to tear apart the room for our new science lab. We can work in two shifts; Monday, June 11 from 8-12 and Monday, June 11 from 12:30-4:30 pm. We will also need help on Tuesday, June 12 from 8-12 pm to complete any of the final tasks so that we are prepared for the asbestos removal team on Wednesday. Please use the sign up sheet that is in your family envelope to indicate your availability. It is very exciting to think what our students will be able to discover through hands-on experiments.

A note about our 2012-2013 school year: the time schedule will remain the **same next year with beginning school at 7:45am and ending school at 2:50pm.**

Attached to the bulletin this week is the financial report from the Mary Goeddeke Basketball Game. Thank you to all who worked, sold raffle tickets or came and cheered for the players that evening. It is a great event celebrating our continued connection to the Goeddeke family, our graduating students (so much fun to see how they are blooming into wonderful young adults!) and support the tuition assistance fund for families who have that need. It was a profitable year and it is due to the support of so many people! Go Eagles!

May God bless all of you with a beautiful weekend. Angela

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Lost and Found: Remember to check the Lost and Found this week and next for any missing items.

St. Vincent Catholic Charities: We recently received a thank you from Andrea Seyka, Chief Executive Officer of St. Vincent Catholic Charities (SVCC). As you may recall, we were collecting underwear, socks, and personal needs for the children that they serve. The letter she sent includes "Thank yo for hyour generous donation of 285 various personal hygiene products, 34 packages of underwear, and 19 packages of socks collected through your Lenten Almsgiving collection....Your gift helps ensure that St. Vincent Catholic Charities is able to fulfill our mission of creating a stronger, healthier community." In addition, they invite any of our families to take a "Journey of Hope" which lasts one hour and highlights various aspects of the rich history, services and visions for the future of SVCC. Please contact Rhonda Abood at 323-4734 ext. 1205 if you are interested in further information.

Rejoice! Mary Margaret Utess

TUITION CONSULTANT NEWS

If you have not yet received your tuition statement for the 2012-13 school year, please contact Chris in the school office, 882-6631.

Chris Wilcox, Tuition Consultant

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 14: *Town Hall Meeting, Postponed: watch for further information*

May 25: Field Day, school is dismissed at 11:00 am, no buses home

WEEKLY LITURGY: Wednesday, Mass, 9:00, Grade 2 Going Forth Mass.

SCHEDULE: May 14: Relay for Life ODC. May 15: Gr. 2 MSU Bug House, 8:10-11:40. May 16: Gr. 2 Going Forth Mass, 9:00. Gr. 5 Safeties to Picnic, Hawk Island. Cinco de Mayo Dance Troupe, 1:15 PFC. May 18: Gr. 8 8:00 Mass IHM & Breakfast. LAST DAY FOR LIBRARY, all books due.

EVENTS: May 16: Band Concert, 7:00 IHM PFC. May 17: Preschool Potluck, 5:30-7:00 IHM PFC. May 19: Market Day Pickup, 10-11:00 IHM PFC.

LIVING ROSARY: On May 12 Bishop Boyea has asked the Knights of Columbus to gather on the lawn of the Michigan State Capitol Building Grounds for a Living Rosary. The event begins at 2:00, followed by Mass at the Cathedral at 4:00 and a reception at 5:30. For more info check: www.kofc11694.org.

FIELD DAY: Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to assist with our K-8 Field Day on Friday, May 25 (at IHM this year). More hands are needed to make this a great morning for the kids. Please fill out the flyer in your family envelope this weekend and return it to school on Monday! We know we can count on our parents to make this work!

SUMMER PLANS: Are you planning summer trips? Vacation travels requiring gas? Lodging? Restaurant meals? Groceries? (Dare we say it, "Back to school clothes?") Planning ahead and purchasing trip for your summer expenses can reduce your tuition payments while you take care of business. More and more retailers are participating and it just keeps getting easier with reload options and instant purchases through ScripNow!.

Our volunteers are going to keep working this summer with orders delivered to school on: **June 4, 11, 18, 25, July 9, 24 and 30**. Take advantage of their gift of this opportunity and reduce your tuition!

LIBRARY: Thank you for supporting our bookfair! Your purchases help us buy books for the library and classroom collections. Thanks also to our bookfair chairs, Barb Herdus and Laurie Smith, and to all of our volunteers! Please help your students find ALL their books so they can return them on Friday, May 18.

RELAY FOR LIFE: Currently we are having another fundraiser, a dollar per day for Out of Dress Code. The next two days for this are May 14 and May 22, so if you haven't had the chance to send money in yet, there's still time. Please visit our site on the Relay For Life Lansing website, http://main.acevents.org/site/TR?pg=team&fr_id=38332&team_id=1007001 or google Relay For Life Lansing MI and click on the Immaculate Heart of Mary/ St. Casimir team page. There are luminarias for a donation of \$10. You can obtain one on the website or email Ms. McManus at mcmmanuse@ihmlansing for more information.

LANSING LUGNUTS TUITION REDUCTION PROGRAM: IHM-St. Casimir School is beginning its third season of participation in the Lansing Lugnuts Fundraising Program. We are looking for families interested in earning tuition credit by working in the concession stands during Lugnut home games. If your family is interested in earning tuition credit, meeting some other IHM-St. Casimir families and having some fun, then contact Rochelle (230-4436) or Kevin (281-8766) Caslavka for more details.

SUMMER SOLUTIONS BOOKS: The summer enrichment version of the Simple Solutions books that many classes are using are now available to parents. If you are interested in your children working a few minutes a day all summer to keep their skills sharp, read the flyer detailing how to purchase these materials. Orders are **due by May 13** for free shipping.

KEYS FOUND: A set of keys was found after the middle school youth ministry Lock-In at St. Casimir. There is a pink cancer ribbon keychain attached. If they are yours, call and leave a message for Emily or Toni at IHM or St. Casimir.

RUN FOR A CURE: This 5K - 1 mile will be held Saturday, May 12, at Granger Meadow Park to help kids with cancer in Mid-Michigan and to assist in funding pediatric research. Register on line at : www.staystrongdoit.com or contact Mary Maher at 517.393.6582.

ST. CAS 5K SPONSORSHIPS: On August 4, St. Casimir Parish will be holding their 2nd annual "Come to the River 5K Run/walk". Registration is now open at <http://www.stcas.org/race>. We are also looking for sponsors for this event. We have \$500, \$250 and \$100 sponsorships available. For example, for a \$100 sponsorship you can get your name or business on the back of all the race t-shirts. This would also be a great opportunity to honor your family or even someone who has passed away with "In Memory of" or "The Smith Family" on the t-shirts. Please contact Michelle Brittain at michellebrittain96@gmail.com for additional information.

CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS:

Grade 3: Hello from your 3rd graders! Mr. Thomas, our Junior Achievement Volunteer, taught us all about zones in a city. There are 5 zones – residential, farming, industrial, business, and {one Mrs. Fink hadn't even thought about} multipurpose. Did you know that Cedar Street is a perfect example of a multipurpose zone in the city of Lansing? Mr. Thomas had us divide into groups of 3 or 4 to design our own zones in our make-believe classroom. We figured out, from first-hand experience, that planning zones for the city must be tough work! A whole lot more goes on during one of those committee meetings than simply gridding out zones. All of the members of the group have to exercise the EXACT SAME behaviors that we practice and use every day in school – teamwork, listening, sharing, creativity, compromising, and brainstorming! We have a new-found understanding and respect for what grownups do to make our city so great! We can't wait to see what Mr. Thomas has in store for us!

Grade 4 Math: The fourth graders are estimating and multiplying two and three digit numbers.

Kindergarten: The Cheetahs met a new Alphafriend named Yetta Yo-Yo. We also reviewed the letters Ee and Oo. We continue to work on reading and writing. In Religion we learned that our life is a gift from God and that we need to take care of ourselves and others.

Grades 4 & 5: The 4th graders did a great job on their lighthouse projects...models, oral reports, and written reports!! This next week the 5th graders will turn in their state reports...which should be super, as well!!

Grade 1: All week we looked forward to our picnic.

Grade 6 Literature: Thank you so much to Mrs. Mendez, Bella Centeno's grandmother, who came in this week to share her wonderful immigration story from Guatemala. It never ceases to amaze me the courage our parents and grandparents had to have in order to begin their lives anew in America. With faith all is possible.

Grade 7 Science: It's all about minerals this week! We looked at the cubic structure of salt, made models of the different types of mineral structures, and observed real life minerals.

Grade 2: In math we are *measuring*. So far we are making sense of inches, feet, and yards. We are also thinking about centimeters and meters. We will be adding the sides of shapes to find the perimeter. What fun!