



# *School of St. Philip*

October 6, 2011

“The School of St. Philip is strongly committed to providing its students with a fundamentally sound education in a Catholic atmosphere which will enable them to carry their faith and learning beyond this school.”

(School Mission Statement)

**ALMOST THERE:  
\$49,006.66**

**Less than \$1,000 left. We can do it! Maybe by tomorrow?**  
Can you check back with one or two more people or businesses?

Thank you for all your hard work. It is good to be on the home stretch.

### **Marathon Trip**

If we meet our goal, our students will be rewarded with a day field trip on Thursday, October 13. When we have been at the YMCA in the past, there was not enough to keep the kindergartners and first graders busy since they were not allowed to swim. So this year, the teachers decided we should try two field trips that could be enjoyed better by different age groups. The 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders would be going to the YMCA and the kindergartners and first graders would have a fun day at Nelson Farm.

As soon as we reach our goal, look for the permission slip to arrive and please send it back right away.

### **Marathon Day**

We thank all who helped make our marathon day such a wonderful experience. It was a treat to have so many parents, grandparents and brothers and sisters with us for our walk. God couldn't have given us better weather. If you belong to the Knights of Columbus, thank you for lunch and for cookies after the walk.

### **Time to Clean the Highway!**

**Wednesday, October 12 at 6:00 p.m.**

Meet at the Lake Ripley parking lot by the tank.  
We will split into groups there and clean our section of the ditches along south Highway 22. This is a job that is a great help to our community and the students think it is great fun!  
All students must be with an adult.

We thank Andrea Carew for chairing this project!

### **School Committee**

Our School Committee met this past Tuesday. We welcomed four new members to the committee: Andrea Carew, Robin Johnson, Dana Kuhnau, and Mollie Taber. We are most grateful that they are willing to volunteer their time to serve. The continuing members are Jane Beach, Josh Carlson, and Kristin Jaquith. Our officers are Chair Kristin Jaquith, Vice-chair Josh Carlson and Secretary Andrea Carew.

We do have one spot on the committee vacant. If you would be interested and could meet with us on the first Tuesday of each month, please contact me or our chairperson.

### **Activities Committee**

Are you interested in becoming a little more involved with the school, but can't commit to regular meetings? You may be just the person for our new sub-committee. The School Committee decided at its meeting to form an Activities Committee. The primary job would be to keep track of the various parent activities and contact the chair of each in time for them to begin the necessary planning. Most of these would be activities that are on the volunteer list posted on our website. This could easily be done from home and communication among committee members can be done with phone calls and email.

We are looking for someone interested in chairing this committee as well as three or four members from various grades. Let me know if this sounds like something that you would enjoy doing.

### **Mid-quarter**

We are just about at the midpoint of the first quarter of school. You may be receiving mid-quarter grades from upper grade teachers. It is a good chance to talk with your children about how the new school year is going and to get a look at how they have adjusted to a new teacher and the more difficult learning at their new grade level. If you have concerns, please contact their teacher.

### **Looking Ahead**

- No School on Thursday and Friday, October 20 and 21 (Education Minnesota Convention for public school teachers)
- Catholic United Financial Chili Luncheon on Thursday, October 27
- Parent Marathon Celebration Party on Friday, October 28....Please save the date and plan to come for this fun evening of visiting (and eating!)

**May God bless you and your family.**

*Mrs. McCarney*