School of St. Philip

February 2, 2012

"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)

Thank You !

I send a sincere thank you to all who helped on Saturday and Sunday to get our Catholic Schools Week off to such a good start. Your children did such a good job singing, reading and serving at the Masses on the weekend. Their behavior gave such a great example of their respect for the Mass. Thank you to all the families who served as greeters and ushers and gift bearers.

It was so good to see so many families helping with the breakfast. All our school community is grateful to Catholic United Financial for putting on the breakfast to help support our school. The food was delicious and the service was outstanding. May God bless you for all of your efforts.

Catholic Schools Week

I hope that your children have been bringing home lots of good stories about the fun they are having this week. We have seen lots of pajamas and crazy hairdos and today there are many creative hats and fun shades around the school.

The teachers said that the students were very well-behaved yesterday during the game afternoon, and it was wonderful to see the older students helping the younger ones. That is a true asset in our small school. This afternoon is Bingo and I am sure we will see that same helpfulness today too.

We all appreciate the extra effort that you have made to take time to have lunch here with your child if it was possible with your schedule.

Mass Tomorrow

Mass tomorrow will be at 10:00 a.m. with Bishop LeVoir joining us. We are very pleased that he will be here to spend some of Catholic Schools Week with us. He will be having lunch with us along with Fr. Joe, Msgr. Garvey, pastor of Church of Our Lady, Manannah and Mike McNeil, the parish administrator of St. Gertrude, Forest City. We will have our lunch room filled with students and dignitaries.

Lip Sync/ Talent Show

We hope that many of you can join us for the Lip Sync/Talent Show on Friday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. at the Bernie Aaker Auditorium in the Family Services Building. We have 15 acts, so it promises to be a fun show. All the students will walk back to school after the program. You may pick up your child after they return to school and collect their things. If you plan on taking your child home or having someone else pick up your child, please send a note tomorrow morning. This will make things flow much more smoothly for teachers at the end of the day.

The order of the Lip Sync/ Talent show is:

1. Kindergarten Class
2. Claudia Toenjes & Holly Lagergren
3. Lauren Erickson
4. Tori Grates & Chloe Schacherer
5. Nora Lagergren
6. Jacob Schneider, Bryce Kuechle, & Drew Kotzer
7. Elizabeth & Emma Alderink
8. Emma Prylik, Ian Maher, Laura Beach, & Abel Cordero
9. Katelyn Cruze
10. Mary Ridgeway, Mikayla Miller, Courtney Ham, & Julia Richardson
11. Laura Beach
12. Megan Nelson & Jocelyn Larson
13. The Shoutz Family
14. Delaney Zens & Cecilia Toenjes
15. Fifth Grade Class

Catholic United Financial Raffle Update

Our thanks to the Catholic United Financial crew, especially Marv Buschette, a member of the Council and a master seller, for selling 128 raffle tickets at the breakfast last Sunday. Just that morning sale gives us $640.00.

Are you able to take a few books to sell? If so, we have plenty more here. So far, we have sold about 400 tickets, and there are many books checked out with various families. The last day to turn in sold and unsold tickets is the morning of Monday February 27. All tickets will be sent in for the raffle on February 27. The drawing will be on Thursday, March 1.

That's It

Yesterday was the last parent drive morning that we will have for this school year. Thank you for the extra effort of bringing your child to school on the four first Wednesdays.

If there are any more late starts, they will be due to weather and that will be the same for our school and the public schools.

Thoughts from the Fifth Grade

"I like that I go to a Catholic school because we get a lot of privileges. We get to talk about our faith. We get to go to church every Friday. We get to have birthday prayer (with Fr. Joe). During Catholic Schools Week, which is probably everyone in our school's favorite, we get to do a lot of fun things…. That's not all we do is have fun. We also learn how to be more independent, more mature and respect others."

--Bryce Kuechle

We look forward to having a fun evening with many of you at the Pizza Party tomorrow night. Remember to bring along plates, silverware, and drinks for your family and a snack to share if you can.

May God bless you and your family.

Mrs. McCarney