

Important Dates

January 8, 2010

Fish Fry 4:30 – 7pm

January 9 & 10

Hospitality Week-end

January 10

Children's Liturgy of the Word 9 & 11am

January 13

Gr. 5 – 8 Mass 8am

January 15

Tuition is Due

Playground Help

01/11 (need 2)
01/12 (need 2)
01/13 (need 2)
01/14 Potos (need 1 more)
01/15 (need 2)

Call 421-1760 to volunteer



Dear Families,

Happy New Year to all!

What the weatherman predicts and what really happens can be two entirely different things! I guess I am glad that we did not have to dismiss early. That is a major headache for staff and families. Anyhow, winter is still in front of us, so let's be prepared.

Some of our students were disappointed when they were not permitted to go outside. They didn't have hats, mittens, boots, etc., so they were not enjoying recess time. Please make sure that they are properly geared up for our winter days.



I notice that we have very few parents signed up for noon recess duty this month. The children still go out, so please check your calendars for availability. Each family is expected to cover playground for 2 noon hours. Some are so willing to help, but it takes everyone to do their share. Please parents, step up to the plate.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



DIVIDENDS FOR LIFE

We are celebrating Catholic Schools Week from January 23-29 this year with the theme of **Catholic Schools - Dividends for Life**. Our Open House is scheduled for new families on Saturday from 10:00am to 12:00 noon and on Sunday for school families from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Our Scholastic Book Fair timeline includes the following:

- Classes to preview and shop January 18-21
- Book Fair will be also open during Open House on Sunday, January 24
- Donate \$1 to the "One For Books" and you will help us purchase books for The Ronald McDonald House.
- Check out the Teachers' Wish Lists for books for the classrooms.
- Make a \$20 purchase, and receive a raffle ticket for more books!

We will have a schedule of events for Catholic Schools Week soon. Our student council did a great job in planning these events. We are just polishing off the details. Stay warm and dry!

Hand in Hand in Education,
Pat Wadzinski

An Ounce of Common Sense

Wet socks are a concern with the sloppy snows of Wisconsin winters. Consider having your child put a clean pair of socks in his or her backpack; so when their feet get wet, they can change into dry socks.

Save Our Secretaries

Thank you to everyone who has helped us fill the family messenger envelopes on Thursday mornings. We would like to invite anyone else who is able to help us to please call the school office at 421-1760. If enough people come forward, we could form teams to take a week a month so that the same people wouldn't have to do it every week. The envelopes are filled first thing Thursday mornings. We would appreciate any help you can give us.

Tour Guides Needed

Our school Open House for new families is January 23rd from 10am to 12pm. Every year this Open House is highlighted by personalized tours of our school provided by existing families. We cannot thank enough our current school families who have given tours in previous years!

Please consider giving a tour to a new family on January 23rd! Last year we needed 35 tour guides and will likely need just as many this year. You don't need to know every inch of the school – in fact, no experience is necessary. We have tour guide scripts available that are filled with information! In addition, your children are great tour guides and resources. I would be happy to talk with anyone who is interested in helping. Thanks, Chris Arnold 529-3465 or car-nold@wi.rr.com

Fish Fry this Friday

It's the 2nd Friday of the month already; come join us this Friday for the Fish Fry 4:30 - 7pm. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Mike Mellock at mellockfamily@yahoo.com or 414-423-0976.

Casino Night Committee Meeting

There will be a planning meeting for Casino Night on Monday, January 11 at 6:30pm. If you'd like to help plan this fun-filled school fund raiser, please meet at the Gym doors. Anyone is welcome to attend. If you have any questions regarding Casino Night, please contact Barb at 425-6293 or Ann at 427-8856.

Help Needed

We are looking for someone with a pick up truck or a trailer to transport about 25 boxes of textbooks that we are donating. The books need to be taken down to Marquette campus during the day. We can get Maintenance to help load the books. If you can help, please call Carolyn Rodenkirch 423-9941.

SAAA News

The St. Alphonsus Athletic Association (SAAA) Board welcomed some new members this fall: Chris Groppi is the new Sports Administrator, Kevin Kramp is the new Operations Administrator, and Pat Farley is the

new Communications Administrator. Returning to the Board are Andy Sharafinski as the Athletic Director and Mary Kay Schwanke as the Business Administrator.

It may be freezing outside with snow on the ground, but the St. Alphonsus track season is right around the corner. Track is for 5th-8th grade boys and girls. The season runs from the beginning of April to the end of May. There are 5 track and field meets for the 8th graders and 4 meets for the 5th -7th graders. We have indoor meets at Pius H.S. (8th grade only) and at UWM. We have two outdoor meets at Waukesha Catholic Memorial H.S. and a meet at Quad Park. Our practices are at Greendale H. S. and Scout Lake in Greendale. Registration is underway and ends February 1st at a cost of \$30 per athlete. There is a late sign-up till Feb. 15th with a late sign-up fee totaling \$80. For more information about track, contact Steve Guendel at squendel@wi.rr.com.

Alumni News

Congratulations to the following students who made Saint Thomas More High School's second quarter honor roll: Cody Magno, Tyler Mascari, Allison Binder, Louis Missurelli, Justin Shervey, Melissa Bekkers, Justin Swierczynski, Allison Hofer, and Heather Bekkers. We are very proud of all of them!

The following *St. Alphonsus Parish School* graduates have been newly inducted into the Pius XI High School Oak Leaf Chapter of the National Honor Society: *Erin Kelly (Class of 2010), Mitchell Sabez (Class of 2010), Jenna Blochowicz (Class of 2011) and Neil Mitchell (Class of 2011)*. Selection to the National Honor Society is based on outstanding achievement in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership and character.

Individual Piano Lessons

The New Year brings a new chance to sign up for piano lessons. The next session begins in February, but new students may start now for the same price. The cost for 8 weeks is \$85 for 30-minute lessons and \$65 for 20-minute lessons (recommended for 4K and 5K students). To register, contact Liz Scheel at piano6868@aol.com or 828-4035.

Question of the Week

Baptism of the Lord - January 10, 2010

Theme: Baptism gives us new life.

Question for Children: Why does Baptism make you special?

Question for Adults: What meaning does your Baptism have for your everyday life?