



# St. John The Baptist Catholic School

## Newsletter

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### *Mrs. Behnke's Corner*

We are fully aware that our world is full of immediate information/communication through the computer/internet. St. John's School is no different as we are using this means of getting information to all of you through email – going green is the word of the year! Therefore, you will receive ongoing emails from the school about school and parish happenings. Our goal is to keep everyone informed and connected. We thank you for taking the time to read the information being sent. Ultimately it is a challenge to keep things in balance. We appreciate your efforts.

Fall Conferences: November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in the evenings. The conference forms are being sent home with your child today and was also sent via email yesterday. We are grateful that near 100% of our parents take time to meet with their child's teacher. Teachers truly appreciate having these conversations with all of you.

Mid-term reports will be handed out at conferences for grades K-3. Student reports for grades 4-8 can be found on Sycamore by viewing your student's grades.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade will be on Retreat tomorrow with David Rinaldi from NET Ministries. Keep them in your prayers as they spend the day reflecting on the Word of God, Love of God, and his invitation into a relationship with Him.

#### ***Open house for prospective students is November 10<sup>th</sup>***

On Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, St. John's School will host an open house for prospective students and for their families for preschool through grade 8. The open house will begin at 6:00pm in the school (enter through door 1). Our open house will include school tours, faculty and student presentation, before and after school care and financial aid information. The event closes at 7:00pm.

Please invite families you know who might be interested in St. John's School. It is the perfect time for them to learn about our foundation in faith and values, our 50 years of excellence in Education, our talented teachers, our sports and activities, and more.

For more information about the open houses or to receive a brochure, contact the school office at 952.890.6604. We need all of you to be our word of mouth ambassadors. Together we will bring the good news of a St. John's education to others.

### *Upcoming Events*

#### **October**

- 22 - Mass, 9:25am
- 22 - 8th Grade Retreat
- 23 - Middle School Dance, 6:30pm
- 23 - Mid-Trimester 1
- 24 - WEE Faith, 9-11am
- 25 - Taste of Nations
- 25 - Youth Ministry, 6:30-8:30pm
- 27 - Picture Retakes
- 28 - Preschool Retakes
- 28 - Mass, 9:25am
- 28 - RE
- 29 - Marathon Final Pep Rally, 3pm
- 30 - Trick-or-Treat for Food Shelves
- 31 - WEE Faith, 9-11am

#### **November**

- 1 - All Saints Day
- 1 - Daylight Savings time ends
- 1 - Youth Ministry, 6:30-8:30pm
- 3 - Election Day
- 3 - Conferences, 4:30-9:30pm
- 4 - RE
- 5 - Mass 9:25am
- 5 - Conferences, 4:30-9:30pm
- 7 - H&S Mother/Son Brunch

**Save the date...**Invitations will be coming home next week, but mark your calendar now and let your guests know, come to Grandparents Day, Friday, November 13, 1:30-3:30pm

## Thoughts for the day . . .

Father Mike Tix

Located on the wall nearest the doors that enter the church by the baptismal font, is a new picture in the atrium. The picture is a gift that was presented to us from the publishers of our new pictorial directory. To look at the picture is to see a picture of Jesus done as a mosaic of small pieces, somewhat reminiscent of the stained glass window of Jesus the high priest located in church on the north wall. Looking closer at the picture in the atrium, however, you will see that the mosaic pieces forming the picture of Jesus are individual pictures of families from St. John's taken from our new pictorial directory. As I've told some already, they've stood by the picture trying to find their own picture!

What that picture reminds us of is a valuable lesson taken from the scriptures themselves. It is a lesson about church. In St. Paul's letter he writes in his first letter to the Corinthians, *Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it. Some people God has designated as in the church to be, first, apostles; second, prophets; third, teachers; then, mighty deeds; then gifts of healing, assistance, administration, and varieties of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work mighty deeds? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?*

Paul's point is to say as much to us today as to the Corinthians of long ago, that together by using our individual gifts and talents in service of our common mission as church we form an image of Christ to the world. By our willingness to open ourselves to both welcoming and sharing those gifts, we reflect to a greater or lesser degree the presence of the living God to others.

In the last week, we as a parish have celebrated two very sad funerals. A funeral is always sad because it means saying goodbye to a loved one, but the death of a child is something very unique. As many know these children buried from here included a one-day old baby and twelve year old boy. During these days many have either asked themselves or verbalized the question, "How do we work through these sad times?" For me the answer came in the form of the picture on the atrium wall. As people of faith, we not only receive the Body and Blood of Christ at Mass, we are called to work together and be the presence of Jesus Christ for one another and for our world, and at all times including in the sadness death brings to our lives.

Our Christian faith tells us that even in the very real sadness death brings to our lives, that it is not the end. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus we believe in the hope and promise of new and eternal life. In the sadness death does bring, we pray for Christ's light to mark our way, and that for the two children recently buried from here, that they may experience the warm, and gentle embrace of Jesus who welcomes children and invites us to be like them in our faith and trust of God as a loving parent.

Father Mike Tix

## *Teaching Second Graders Not To Be Scared*

Mrs. Andrews, a second grade teacher at St. John's, is teaching her class about the wonderful sacrament of Reconciliation. She gently guides them through the Ten Commandments and the whole process of Reconciliation. "The kids tend to get scared" explains Mrs. Andrews. She reassures her class that the priest is there to communicate with God and bring the process together. When the primary students learn how to be "bucket fillers," they are learning how to show God's love. It's easier for them to recognize sin as times when they are "bucket dippers" and not showing love to God or God's people. The second graders are nervous and scared but at the same time are excited to feel how wonderful God's forgiveness is with the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

By: Corie

## *Mother-Son Brunch for Grades 5 –8*

Mothers and Sons of 5th graders are invited to join us for a Mother-Son Brunch on Saturday, November 7 from 10:30-noon in the Atrium. You'll enjoy a French Toast and Sausage brunch and get a picture taken with your son! \$20 per family – Please turn in your payment to the office no later than Monday, November 2. Hope to see you there!

## *Destination ImagiNation*



It's Destination Imagination time! A description of the problems were given out on October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> to interested students. Registration will take place the week of October 19<sup>th</sup>. **Veteran participants from grades 3-8 will need to sign up at Room 103 during that week. Students new to DI from grades 3-5 will have a meeting on Thursday, October 22 at 6:30pm in Room 103.** This meeting is important for those children who have not been in DI before. If you have questions contact Mrs. Andrews by calling (952) 890-6604, ext. 207 or email [mandrews@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:mandrews@stjohns-savage.org).

## *Alumni in the News*

The Saint Thomas Academy administration is proud to announce that 13.4% of the Class of 2010 earned the designation of Semifinalist or Commended Student in the National Merit Program. Tim Pelletier, our former student received a Commended Student honor.

***Holy Family  
Catholic High  
School  
Fine Arts  
Department  
proudly  
presents...***

Please join us for this delightful musical presentation based on the books of Dr. Seuss. From Horton to the Cat in the Hat to the Whos down in Who-ville, all your favorite characters are on hand to keep you entertained.

**Oct. 29-31 at 7:30 pm; Nov. 1 at 2:00 pm;  
Nov. 5-8 at 7:30 pm; Nov. 8 at 2:00 pm**

All performances take place in the Holy Family Catholic High School Multi-Purpose Room. Advance tickets (Adults \$10/Students \$8) are available by calling 952.443.4659. Tickets may also be purchased at the door (Adults \$12/Students \$10).



## BAC BOYS IN-HOUSE BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

BAC 100 Civic Center Drive, Burnsville, MN 55337 Hours: M-Th 9AM – 2 PM Ph: 952-895-4425

**Who:** 2nd Grade through High School boys who attend school in District 191 or who live in Burnsville or Savage.

Available online beginning September 26th at: [WWW.BACSPORTS.ORG](http://WWW.BACSPORTS.ORG)

Late registration begins November 15<sup>th</sup> (\$20 late fee)

In person registration available on the following dates:

Saturday, October 24, 2009; 10 AM to 2 PM; Dicks Sporting Goods/Burnsville

Saturday, November 14, 2009; 10 AM to 2 PM; Dicks Sporting Goods/Burnsville

Limited number of scholarships available during in person registration.

Please bring a copy of District 191 school lunch assistance letter to document need.

Sunday November 15<sup>th</sup> late registration begins (\$20 late fee applies)

Monday December 1<sup>st</sup> late registration waiting list begins.

Clinic for 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, Dec 13<sup>th</sup> and Dec 20<sup>th</sup> (w/Burnsville Blaze Varsity Players/Coaches): \$15

Fees	
2 <sup>nd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>	\$105
7 <sup>th</sup> -HS	\$115
Add \$20 beginning 11/15/08	

## *Academy of Holy Angels - Open House Information*

On Wednesday, November 4, and Thursday, November 5, the Academy of Holy Angels (AHA), 6600 Nicollet Ave. S., Richfield, will host two open houses for prospective students and for their families. The Academy of Holy Angels (AHA) is a Catholic, coeducational high school for students in grades nine through 12. Each open-house session begins at 6:30 p.m. with a co-curricular fair in the school's Convocation Center showcasing more than 50 of AHA's co-curricular activities. Other activities include a program, school tours, faculty and student presentations, and financial aid and scholarship information. The events close at 8:45 p.m. For more information about the open houses or to receive an AHA admissions packet, contact AHA Admissions Director Jesse Foley at 612-798-2621 or [jfoley@academyofholyanagels.org](mailto:jfoley@academyofholyanagels.org).



## *Faith Community News*



### **Confirmation**

Information about St. John's preparation program for the Sacrament of Confirmation for teens in 10th grade or older is available in the RE Office. If you or your candidate were not able to attend the information meeting, packets are waiting for you or contact the RE Office to register your Confirmation candidate. All candidates, regardless of where they attend school, including those attending Catholic high school, must be registered. To register or to learn more about St. John's Confirmation preparation, contact Andi at [alittle@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:alittle@stjohns-savage.org) or call (952)890-9434.

### **Feed My Starving Children**

Children in Grade 5, their families and friends -- and anyone who wishes to join us -- are invited to the Chanhassen site of Feed My Starving Children on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 11:30 to 1:30 pm. Bus transportation to and from the site will be provided, leaving St. John's Atrium at 11am and returning about 2pm. Feed My Starving Children is a non-profit Christian organization committed to feeding God's starving children hungry in body and spirit. The approach is simple: children and adults hand-pack meals formulated specially for starving children, and we ship the meals to more than 60 countries around the world. Since March, FMSC has received requests for more than 25 million more meals to feed our world's starving children. As we approach our season Thanksgiving and Advent, let us count our own blessings by participating in this world-changing service opportunity.

Cost is \$5/person for bus transportation. Children who are not accompanied by parents/guardians should be 5th grade and older and have returned a completed permission slip by Nov. 4. For more information about this parish-wide service opportunity, contact Andi Little at [alittle@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:alittle@stjohns-savage.org) or call (952)890-9434.



To Moms of Boys in Grades 5-8...

You are cordially invited to a

## Mother/Son Brunch

Come enjoy a French Toast and Sausage Brunch  
and have your picture taken with your son!

**Saturday, November 7, 2009**

**St. John the Baptist Atrium**

**10:30-12:00**

**\$20 per family**

Hope to see you there!

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Please kindly reply with payment by November 2nd to the school office.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Son's Name \_\_\_\_\_

(Checks payable to St. John's)

Questions? Contact Linda Moriarty @ 952-447-4028 or palimidaco@integra.net

***TWO HOURS OF YOUR LIFE  
CAN MAKE A LIFETIME OF  
DIFFERENCE IN THEIRS!***



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14  
11:30 AM TO 1:30 PM  
CHANHASSEN SITE**

*(Depart by bus from  
St. John's Atrium @ 11 a.m.;  
Return to St. John's @ 2 p.m.)*



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**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**CHILDREN WHO ARE NOT ACCOMPANIED BY PARENTS SHOULD BE IN GRADE 5 OR OLDER\*\***

*\*\*Permission forms are required for all unaccompanied youth who are 18 years old or younger; adult chaperones also welcome!*

**COST IS \$5/PERSON (FOR BUS)  
QUESTIONS? CALL (952)890-9434**