

Saint Jude Catholic School

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October 15, 2009

REPORT CARDS

As we come to the end of October, we also come to the end of the First Quarter of the school year. During this next week students will be busy finishing reports and studying for tests as they approach October 23rd. All library and lunch fees must be paid by the end of each quarter in order to receive the report card. Reports Cards will be distributed on October 30th. When you receive the report card, please check the address on the envelope. At the end of the year we will be mailing out the final report card.

PARENT CONFERENCES

You will be receiving your parent/teacher conference scheduled time in the near future. Students are encouraged to attend the conferences with their parents Friday, November 6th, from 12:30 - 6:30pm. Regular classes will not be in session on Friday, November 6th.

TEACHER LIGHT OF LEARNING

We would love to receive your recommendation for teacher nominations to receive the Light of Learning Award. Please see attached flier for further details and directives.

HONOR ROLL

Students in Grades 6, 7, & 8 will be recognized for their outstanding work during the first quarter. The criterion for receiving honors is found on p.13 in the Parent/Student Handbook.

The 7th and 8th grade honor roll students will be acknowledged in church at the end of the 8:15 a.m. Mass on Tuesday, November 3rd and the 6th grade honor roll students at the end of the 8:15 a.m. Mass on Wednesday, November 11th. Parents are invited to attend the Mass.

STUDENT INSURANCE

A portion of each student's course fees is for student/athlete insurance coverage. Students have coverage for injuries and accidents that happen during the school day at St. Jude School, or while participating in extracurricular school-sponsored activities. Eligible covered expenses will be paid which are in excess of other valid and collectible insurance. Claims should be submitted to the parents' insurance first.

If an injury occurs, seek medical care through
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VISION STATEMENT

Our vision for St. Jude Catholic School is to create a faith-filled academic community composed of students, parents, faculty, and staff which offers a Christ-centered education and embraces the uniqueness of all students to be life-long learners.

St. Jude School Mission Statement

St. Jude Catholic School community, a vital part of the St. Jude Catholic parish, is dedicated to educating each child spiritually, intellectually, emotionally culturally, and physically.

St. Jude Catholic School School Improvement Goal

Goal: All students will improve reading comprehension across the curriculum.

Intervention: All students will participate in a Six Traits of an Effective Reader program for instruction in reading comprehension.

These Six Traits are:

**Decoding Conventions
Building Context
Comprehending
Interpretation
Synthesizing
Evaluating**

your usual providers, then contact the business manager who will obtain information required to complete the school's portion of the claim form. The claim form will be sent to the parents, who must complete their portion. The parents mail the completed form, along with an Explanation of Benefits from their insurance and any corresponding itemized bills, to the plan administrators' address shown on the form. All correspondence after this point should be between the plan administrator and the parents. Completed claim forms must be submitted within 90 days of the date of the injury.

EIGHTH GRADE RESPECT FOR LIFE WALK

Due to the rain on Thursday, October 15th we were unable to participate in the walk. We prayed the Rosary for Life in religion class.

OCTOBER 30TH –ALL SCHOOL MASS

On Friday, October 30th, at our All School Mass, the 4th grade students will dress like their favorite saints. They have been studying the lives of the saints and will be dressed as their favorite saint for the Mass.

MIDWEST TALENT SEARCH

Midwest Talent Search seeks to identify gifted students who may want to participate in enrichment programs, accelerated courses and specialized curricula. 7th and 8th graders must score in the top 5% and 6th graders in the top 3% in the designated areas of the school (ISTEP). Students complete a registration and take the SAT on January 23, 2010 or the ACT on February 6, 2010. Financial assistance is available. These scores are sent to the MTS through the Center for Talent Development. Registrations are due by October 30, 2009. You may register online after the 30th at www.ctd.northwestern.edu/numats. If you are interested, please call Mrs. Buckel at the school office.

OFFICE DEPOT 5% BACK TO SCHOOLS PROGRAM

One of the most successful programs that helps benefit St. Jude School throughout the year is the rewards program through Office Depot. St. Jude School receives a 5% Back to School Merchandise Card each quarter from Office Depot. If you are in the store, just tell them you want your purchases credited to St. Jude School, or give them our I.D. #70035956. We are then able to use the merchandise cards for much needed office supplies.

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL DATE CORRECTION

The Halloween Carnival was on the "Family Calendar" for October 31st. **The actual date is Friday, October 30th.** We apologize for the confusion.



Picture Retake Day

Don't forget that picture retakes will be taken on Thursday, October 22nd!!!

This will also be a dress-up day for these students.

Be sure to bring original picture packet back that day if you are getting retakes. For those of you who were absent on picture day and need an order form please come to the office.

SAVE THE DATE

WHAT: 2nd Annual Science Fun Night

WHEN: Monday, Nov. 9th, 6:30pm-8:30pm

WHERE: St. Jude's School Auditorium (Basement)

Science Fun Night is back again this year, with more hands-on science focused fun activities, including making the aspirin mini-rocket. It's guaranteed to be a blast! Come join us for a great time, as well as get helpful tips and information on how to do a successful science fair project for the February 2010 St. Jude Science Fair. Active participants can qualify for a dress down day. See www.stjudefw.org/sciencefair/ for more details. Looking forward to seeing you all there!



CUB SCOUTS MOVIE NIGHT SPOOKTACULAR

Calling all cub scouts! Bring a bag of candy, wear your Halloween costume, and let the ghoulies roll at our fall movie night Fri. Oct 23, 6:00 - 10:00 pm in the school auditorium through the tunnel entrance off Forest Ave. Join us for pizza, games, the movie, and a costume contest.

More information at <http://www.stjudefw.org/cubscouts/>, including costume contest categories.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN 4H?

Would you like to know more about it?

Contact Kathleen Crick @ 424-3184, e-mail kealey88@excite.com or Beth Shanebrook @ 486-0042, email shanebrook@verizon.net before we start our regular meetings in November! We meet once a month on Thursdays after school from 2:45-4:15.

NEWS FROM DWENGER

Free Fall Concert

The Bishop Dwenger Music Department will hold its annual fall concert on Sunday, October 25th at 2:00 p.m. in the main gym. Enjoy performances by the Dwenger band, orchestra, choir, and show choir.

Admission is free.

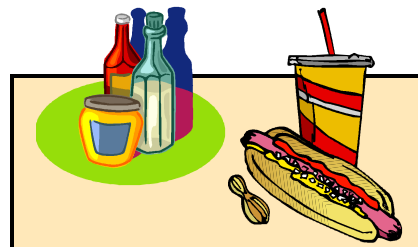
Fall Play "Arsenic and Old Lace"

This year's fall play is Arsenic and Old Lace, by Joseph Kesselring. Performances will be Thursday, October 15th at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, October 17th at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, October 18th at 2:30 p.m. in the main gym. Reserved seats are \$10, and general admission tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. Please call (260) 496-4700 to purchase tickets.

Show Choir Invitational

Bishop Dwenger High School is proud to announce their first annual "Summit Show Choir Invitational", Saturday, November 7, 2009, as they host top-notch show choirs, soloists and ensemble groups from within the tri-state area. Don't miss out on all the excitement! Ticket prices are \$8.00 for a ½ day, \$12.00 for a full day with children 5 and under free. All proceeds will benefit the Bishop Dwenger music education programs.

God Bless You!
Sr. Kathleen Kneeven



DOGS & SUDS

In the HASA Newsletter Dogs & Suds was on the calendar reminder for October 17th. **Dogs & Suds is actually on November 14th.** Please double check to make sure it's correct on your calendar.

ATHLETIC NEWS

Fall sports are winding down. Please support our teams at their tournaments. Basketball season is quickly approaching. There will be a one week break between the fall sports seasons and basketball. This break is after each team's season so it starts after each team's last game. We are still looking for basketball coaches for 5th grade girls and 5th grade boys. If you are interested please contact me or return a coach's application ASAP because a Scheduling Meeting is on October 20th. If we do not receive any applications these teams may have to fold.

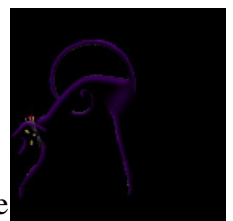
Also, uniform turn in for all fall sports is on October 27th at St. Jude School in the junior high hall from 6-7pm.

Brian Wiegman 486-4970

Happy Halloween!

ATTACHMENTS

Light of Learning
Counselor's Corner
Public Health Message
Scrip Express



Light of Learning Award
Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend
2009 – 2010

Dear Parents and Teachers,

Each year the Diocese of Ft. Wayne-South Bend Catholic Schools sponsors the Light of Learning Award. This award is given to teachers who represent their school by exemplifying a sense of faith, ministry, and dedication to the Church. This program affords each school the opportunity to recognize one of its outstanding teachers and assists the diocese in celebrating its excellence in the public forum.

Would you please nominate a teacher from our faculty who models the faith and complete the following information? During the past years the following teachers have received the Light of Learning Award, and so **please do not nominate them again**. I think you would agree that these have been excellent choices. If you ask them they will agree that it was a humbling, yet a very much appreciated experience.

Sam Talarico	Mary Hornak	Mike Barnes	Cathy Zeigler
Sr. M. Gertrude Ann	Marlene Stange	Pat Frost	Betty Buckel
Nancy Hickman	Deb Burns	Mary Ellen Maffey	Kathy Dykhuizen
Diane Merz	Sue Sherburne		

Please return this form in a sealed envelope to Sister Kathleen Marie by Friday, October 30, 2009.

School Level Criteria:

1. Has taught at a diocesan school for two years.
2. Christian model – Does the teacher act in a Christ-like manner?
Does the teacher follow the example of Christ?
3. Student motivation – Does the teacher motivate students?
4. Involvement in extra-curricular activities within the school – Is the teacher involved in extra-curricular events within the school?
5. Knowledge of subject matter – Is the teacher knowledgeable of the subjects he/she teaches? Does he/she keep up on the latest information available in the area of study/
6. Ability to relate to students – Does the teacher relate well to students? Do the students respect the teacher? Does the teacher manage the classroom well?

Please consider the following teacher _____ as a nominee for the Light of Learning Award at St. Jude Catholic School for the following reason(s):

Signature: _____

News from the Counselor:

You may remember from last year the R-Time program. R-Time is based on teaching manners and respect which then has resulted in reduction of bullying behaviors at schools. We started using the program in grades Pre-K through 5 last spring. We were able to use some Title IV money to purchase the manuals and have staff trained. There is a separate manual for grades 6 through 8, called Negotiate, that we were able to purchase this year. The same format that is used for the R-Time program is used, however the topics are more relevant to teenagers. We will begin using this program soon.

In previous newsletters, I wrote about the Ambassador program. However I did not provide the goals that the different grade levels are addressing this year. These are the goals that the Ambassadors spoke with the classes about. The goals will also be referenced throughout the year by teachers, staff, faculty, etc. as appropriate. The goals are as follows:

Kindergarten & Grade One:

We want everyone to have friends.

Grades Two & Three:

We want no name calling or teasing here at St. Jude Catholic School.

Grade Four:

We want people to play by the rules and be fair.

Grade Five:

We want to stay positive and never give up!

Grade Six & Seven:

We do not want to have a popular group with other people being left out.

Grade Eight:

We want to be inspirational leaders for our school.

You will see these goals, along with strategies to accomplish them, posted in the main hallway and in each classroom. Please help by periodically reminding your student of what their grade level is working on this year.

Nancy Howe, Counselor

"Like Jesus we belong to the world living not for ourselves but for others. The joy of the Lord is our strength." -Mother Theresa



Public Health Message

*From the Fort Wayne-AlLEN County
Department of Health*

September 8, 2009

Dear Parent,

Both influenza (flu) and the common cold cause respiratory symptoms, but they are caused by very different viruses. Because the symptoms can appear to be similar, it can be difficult to tell the difference between them based on symptoms alone. In general, the flu is worse than the common cold, and symptoms such as fever, body aches, extreme tiredness, and dry cough are more common and intense with the flu. The most common symptom people experience with a cold is a runny or stuffy nose. Finally, the flu can lead to more serious complications such as pneumonia, dehydration or hospitalizations. However, these complications are more likely to occur in children or the elderly.

It can also be difficult to know when your child should stay at home. Below you will find a list of symptoms that indicate that your child should stay home to facilitate their own recovery and also protect their classmates as they are very likely contagious:

- Fever over 100 degrees F
- Cough that produces yellow or green phlegm
- Sore throat and fever
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea

Other symptoms that indicate a child should seek medical care and stay home with supervision include persistent, frequent dry cough or shortness of breath, needing to use an inhaler frequently for asthma, lightheadedness when standing, confusion, severe headache (especially with fever), or in general if he or she is too ill to participate in classroom activities.

For H1N1 Influenza A (aka swine flu), and a good rule of thumb for all infections, is the child should remain at home until at least 24 hours after they are free of fever (100 degrees F) , or of signs of a fever without the use of fever-reducing medications such as Tylenol or Ibuprofen.

As always, our best "treatment" is prevention! Please make sure you review with your children the importance of simple practice such as:

- Cleaning their hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer often, especially after coughing and/or sneezing;
- Covering their cough and throwing used tissues in the trash receptacle

Finally, keep yourself informed about vaccine availability and priority groups. Children, especially those with chronic health conditions, are a top priority. We will continue to keep you informed about the H1N1 vaccine and you can always visit our website:

www.fighttheflu.org.

Thank you for your cooperation with this important health issue.

Deborah A. McMahan, MD
Health Commissioner

St. Jude Catholic School
SCRIP EXPRESS

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October 15, 2009

The "hustle and bustle" of the Holiday Season will quickly be upon us. In addition to providing new information, we hope that this newsletter will answer questions you may have as you plan your Holiday SCRIP shopping.

We are still working on our annual "**Christmas Merchant List**" and will have it ready for distribution in November. We have been busy contacting local merchants and our national SCRIP broker in an effort to bring you additional places to use SCRIP for all your Christmas gift giving, entertaining, and holiday needs. We are still waiting to hear back from a few local merchants in regards to participating in the SCRIP program. Keep in mind that you can always Special Order/Prepay from our national SCRIP broker.

Beginning **Saturday, November 28th**, we will be selling SCRIP **every weekend** up through Christmas. You will be able to purchase SCRIP on Tuesdays via Kidmail and in the Parish Center on Wednesday evenings (5:30-6:30pm) and Thursday mornings (8-10am). You may also drop off your completed order form, with payment, at the Parish Office. Your filled order will be available for "express pick-up" at the next scheduled SCRIP sale.

To help us reduce mistakes, please take the time to double check your order form before turning it in. It may be helpful to "jot down" what you ordered via Kidmail, or if possible, make a copy of your order form. If you feel a mistake has been made or if you are unsure of what you ordered, please contact a SCRIP Coordinator as soon as possible. Also, check with your responsible child before leaving carline pick-up (if possible) regarding your Kidmail SCRIP. Classrooms get hectic at the end of the school day (especially in the Junior High) and the teacher may have forgotten to return it or the class may have had a substitute that day. If for whatever reason your responsible child didn't get in the car with your Kidmail SCRIP, go back into school and ask the teacher about it, if possible.

We strongly suggest that you "plan ahead" when purchasing your SCRIP for the holidays as some vendors need 2-3 working days notice while others only allow us to order once a week. In addition, during the busy holiday season, our national broker will begin to extend their delivery guarantee by a few days. Keep this in mind when placing a Special Order/Prepay. Also, with Thanksgiving falling on the last possible Thursday this year, you will lose an extra week of SCRIP shopping! Contact us if you are concerned about your order arriving by the date needed.

Please give us a "heads up" if you need a large quantity of SCRIP from any one vendor. Even though SCRIP is "in stock" from the merchants listed on the order form, we may not have the amount you desire. Generally, any request for over \$300 from a specific vendor is required to be ordered via the Special Order/Prepay Program.

October 15, 2009

SCRIP Ideas

- Fall yard clean up is underway! Don't forget **Lowe's, Menards, Wal Mart, or Meijer SCRIP** for rakes and leaf bags.
- 4th grade Saints costumes are due in a few days. Grab some **Jo Ann Fabric SCRIP** for patterns and materials and **Abba House or All Saints** for a prayer card to see what your Saint looks like!
- Don't forget your trick or treaters!!

SCRIP Updates

- The Dairy Queen gift cards can be used at all Dairy Queen locations throughout the city and they can also be used nationwide. They can also be used at Orange Julius locations.
- Rave tickets cannot be used for "new release" movies..i.e..you cannot use the Rave pass to go see the movie on the same day that it is released at the theatre.
- Remember that we are "paperless" along with the school newsletter. You'll need to begin printing off order forms on the school website: **stjudefw.org**
- **As always, feel free to browse our national brokerage website, glscrip.com, for additional vendors you can special order/prepay.**

SCRIP Reminders

- If there is a 2-hour delay due to inclement weather on a Tuesday, Kidmail day, we will fill orders and get them back to you that day. If there is no school on a Tuesday due to inclement weather, Kidmail orders will be processed the next day school is in session. If there is a 2-hour delay on a Thursday, SCRIP sales will be from 10:00am until 11:00am. If school is closed due to bad weather on a Wednesday or Thursday, there are NO SCRIP sales.
- Any checks returned for insufficient funds are your responsibility. A \$20.00 fee will be charged for each check returned. You will be unable to purchase SCRIP until the matter is resolved.
- For those of you wishing to use Kidmail for your SCRIP purchases, your SCRIP Responsible Child permission form needs to be completed and returned to us before we can send any SCRIP home with your child.

SCRIP Sales Hours

St. Jude School **Kidmail is on Tuesdays**, when school is in session.

Wednesday evening sales are from 5:30pm-6:30pm and Thursday morning sales are from 8am-10am. Weekend sales (after all Masses) are normally held the 2nd and 4th Sunday weekends of each month. **October weekend sales: 10/24 and 10/25.** All sales are conducted in the Parish Center, Room A.