

January 20, 2010

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It's time to celebrate! From January 24 – 30, we will observe Catholic Schools Week and revel that we are St. Philip's School. Below is a calendar of scheduled events. I hope you'll be able to join us often, making this an enjoyable week for everyone.

Sunday, January 24 **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS MASS – 11:00 A.M.** You are cordially invited to join the parish in celebrating St. Philip's School at this liturgy and to stay for the POTLUCK LUNCHEON afterwards. Volunteer your family to assist with Mass ministries. Bring a dish to pass and conversation to share. It's a great way to kick-off the week. Students ages 10 - 14-How many free throws can you make? Try your skill by entering the Knights of Columbus contest in our gym. Shoot your shots between 10:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. Altar server training for those registered 4th & 5th graders has been rescheduled to begin at 1:00 P.M.

Monday, January 25 **CHARACTER DAY** - We'll gather in the gym at 8:35 for Morning Prayer, count pop tabs for January, and kick off Catholic Schools Week with a service project and a traditional outing for the eighth grade. Dress up as your favorite fictional or non-fictional personality. Parents, you will need to provide transportation today. A **SPECIAL MEETING FOR SCHOOL PARENTS, 2:45 – 3:30**, will keep students in classes until 3:30. One representative from each family is asked to attend the meeting. Registration materials for present families will be distributed following the meeting. Parents and relatives are invited for lunch – Sloppy Joes

Tuesday, January 26 **TOTALLY WACKY-TACKY TUESDAY** –How “uncool”, “out of touch”, or “totally tacky” can you look today? The first oral round of the Spelling Bee takes place at 10:30 A.M. in the church. Parents and relatives are invited for lunch – Taco Salad

Wednesday, January 27 **SPIRIT DAY** – At our weekly 8:40 A.M. school Mass, we will honor our “Grandmas”, Billie, Evelyn, Carol, and Marian, for the TLC they have given to St. Philip's students. A reception for them will be held following Mass. Show your St. Philip's School spirit at Mass. Afterwards, if you like, add a jersey, shirt, sweat shirt, or cap sporting your favorite sports team. The 5th & 6th graders will meet the Twins at the Middle School. Report cards will be sent home with students. Altar server training will be held at 5:00 P.M. and a parent meeting for First Eucharist will be at 6:30. Parents and relatives are invited for lunch – Sub Sandwiches

Thursday, January 28 **PAJAMA AND GUM DAY** – Wear your warm, snuggly (appropriate) pajamas to school today, bring some gum, and share your talent. The Talent Show will be at 9:30 A.M. There will be time during the day to snuggle up with a favorite book. Information Night for new, perspective families is at 7:00 P.M. Parents and relatives are invited for lunch – Turkey and all the trimmings

Friday, January 29 **COLOR DAY** – How beautiful are the colors of our students as grades dress in their assigned shades! Then we'll mix everyone up for a Knowledge Bowl. The afternoon will be filled with exciting activities. Join us for an evening of family fun as we dance in the gym from 6:00 – 8:00 (families) and until 9:00 for middle school students. Pizza and pop will be on sale. Parents and relatives are invited for lunch – Cheesy French Bread

PLEASE NOTE: All week we will eat breakfast and lunch in the social hall to allow for guests. FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO DINE WITH THEIR STUDENTS. PLEASE CALL IN YOUR RESERVATION AT LEAST ONE DAY IN ADVANCE. An adult lunch is \$3.00.

- This Year's Theme: "Dividends for Life – Faith, Knowledge, Discipline, and Morals
- Family Project: Attached is your "St. Philip's Dividend." Please write about or illustrate the dividends received by your family by being part of St. Philip's School. Return it to school and watch our treasure chest overflow.
- Mass Ministries: Student readers (gr. 6-8), intercessors (gr. 3-8), singers (gr. 6-8), and greeters (any age) are needed. Please sign up on the attached form.
- Pot Luck Luncheon: Come to the 11:00 Mass on Sunday, January 24th, and then stay for lunch. Sloppy Joes, beverages, and eating utensils will be provided. Please bring a dish (salad, main dish, dessert, or snack) to share. Yummy! All those who attend the 11:00 Mass will be invited to eat with us. Make them feel welcomed.
- Meal Reservations: Parents, guardians, relatives, and friends are cordially invited to eat breakfast or lunch with our students. Make reservations by calling the school office by 12:00 noon the day before you plan to eat. Adult meals cost \$3.00 each.
- Lunch Times: 11:40–PK; 11:50-K; 12:00-1st; 12:05-2nd; 12:10-3rd; 12:20–5th; 12:25-4th; 12:35-6th; 12:50-8th; 12:55-7th. On Friday, lunch times will be earlier.
- Staff Puzzle: The staff is stylin' and profilin' as our silhouettes suggest. How many can you identify by picture and clue?
- Spelling Bee: The first oral round of the Spelling Bee will be held in the church on Tuesday, January 26, at 10:30 A.M.
- Activity Afternoon: Students may select from one of the following activities for Friday afternoon: the Gym Bin; swimming; ice skating, dance, bowling, art project, or a movie. SIGNED PERMISSION FORMS ARE NEEDED FOR PARTICIPATION. There is no charge for the activities. Chaperones must have Safe Environment certification.
- Color Assignments: PK-sunshine yellow; Kdg-rosy red; 1st grade-sky blue; 2nd grade-power purple; 3rd grade-pretty in pink; 4th grade-great gray; 5th grade-chocolate brown; 6th grade-Green-with yellow trim; 7th grade-just.....white; 8th grade-awesomely awesome orange, silver, and black; staff (without classrooms)-nifty navy and totally tantalizing tan.
- Talent Show: All students are encouraged to share their talents with us. A song, a dance, a skill, an act -- Sign up in the school office by Monday, January 25.
- Visual Arts: We will display the art work of students. Please submit your entry to the school office.
- Family Dance: What a fun family activity – a dance. Join us in the gym Friday evening beginning at 6:00. At 8:00 the music will become a bit more to the liking of the middle schoolers in our midst. Pizza and pop will be sold by the eighth graders as they raise money for their class trip.
- Quilt Raffle: Hurry, hurry, hurry. Get your tickets for the gorgeous queen size quilt made by the Heavenly Quilters. Proceeds go to the St. Philip's School Scholarship Fund. Tickets are \$1. The drawing will be held during Catholic Schools Week.
- CSW Honoree: How blessed our school students have been to have some special "Grandmas" in their lives. This year we recognize and honor Billie Bauer, Evelyn Berglund, Carol Noble, and Marian Qvern for the wonderful TLC that they have bestowed upon our school family for an accumulated 30 years. What great dividends we have reaped from them.
- Special Meetings: **Monday, January 25, 2:45 P.M. – present school families**
 Wednesday, January 27, 6:30 P.M. – 1st Eucharist Parent Session;
 5:00 P.M. – Altar Server Training
 Thursday, January 28, 7:00 P.M. – Information Night

Free Throw Contest: The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring their annual Free Throw Contest on Sunday, January 24, in the gym. Students aged 10 – 14 may shoot anytime between 10:00 - 1:00 P.M. Wear gym shoes.

52 Club Raffle: The first winners of the new 52 Club Raffle will be announced.

Parent Association: A huge “thank you” to our Parent Association for their assistance in organizing and funding the Catholic Schools Week activities.

Service Opportunities: There's lots going on this week, so there are many opportunities for volunteers. Please respond on the attached sheet. Thanks.

Catholic Schools Week is a great time to celebrate who we are and the values we instill in our students. Please be a part of the festivities.

Very truly,

Carol Rettinger
Principal

P.S. On this Friday, January 22, we will be sponsoring a C.A.P. day – Caring About People – to raise money for relief efforts in Haiti. For \$1.00, students may wear a hat/cap or bring a stuffed animal to school.