



*No. 12
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Reflecting

We like to be liked, don't we. It feels great to be liked. God made us to be happy and to enjoy the company and attention of those who like us and want to be with us. It's all-good.

But it's very easy to get caught up it being with people we like and doing things that we enjoy doing together, while forgetting to do what God intends us to do.

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus shows us how even he had to be very careful not to get so caught up with his friends that he neglects doing what his Father asks of him. He finishes teaching at the synagogue, visits Simon, heals Simon's mother-in-law, and heals lots of other people in the town. Then he knows he needs time to pray, so he goes off by himself.

But his friends come and get him and tell him "Everyone is looking for you". Now if you were to hear that "everyone is looking for you", you'd probably be pretty excited; you'd want to get back to being with those looking for you. Jesus, though, says, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come."

Jesus is committed to God and to doing God's will. He never forgets his "purpose," even when other things tempt him away from that focus. When we are tempted away from that focus, when we are tempted away from our mission to love and serve God by loving and serving others, we can remember this story about Jesus.

Catholic Schools Week

This week we have been celebrating Catholic Schools Week, and I do thank all those parents who attended the 9am Mass last Sunday. Thanks to the students and the teachers who participated in the Mass and Open House. We did expect the whole school community to be at the Mass, and it was disappointing to see a number of students and families not attending. The school board, teachers, and I would hope to see this lack of support change in the future. The ones who suffer are the children, and it is not fair to the teachers and staff who put in so much effort to prepare their classrooms for parents and prospective parents to view.

Student Leaders in Action

Congratulations to our eighth grade school leaders who prepared wonderful speeches about our SLEs (Schoolwide Learning Expectations) and presented them at the Principal Awards Ceremony and also at the Parent Information Evening on Monday.

ACRE Testing

Students in Grades 5 and 8 will be sitting for the ACRE Test during February. These tests focus on Catholic knowledge and attitudes. We will receive the results towards the end of March, and these results are shared at the School Board Meeting.

Kindergarten Testing

Kindergarten testing will be taking place this Saturday, February 4th at 9:00am. All children that are being tested should report to the cafeteria at 8:45am. We have a number of students testing for Kindergarten and also for other grades.

Earth Capades Presentation

On Tuesday students were lucky to experience a presentation about water usage and preservation demonstrated through juggling, magic, and song. Students had a great time and learned a lot during this presentation.

Financial Aid

All interested parents should be applying for financial aid from BASIC and TADS (Archdiocese Family Grant) now. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Reidy.

Financial Accounts

Families will be receiving an invoice for fees that have not been paid. These accounts need to be finalized by the end of February. If you do not make payments you will be finding yourself getting deeper into debt. Please remember that the re-registration fee of \$260 will be due in March. Everyone needs to be aware that their Family Contract needs to be honored, and this includes honoring your participation obligation. If families are unable to fulfil their obligations, the school board will review those agreements and make recommendations that those families be moved to non-participation.

If fees are not paid by the end of February accounts will be transferred to the school collection agency which is something we do not wish to do, but we are bound to follow this action.

Playground Problem

Recently cars have been driven into the upper yard towards the Extended Care building while there have been children in the yard. This is a real problem causing possible danger to the children. Please be aware no cars should be in the upper yard. People need to park in the lower yard and walk to the Extended Care building or park on the street to collect children from the building. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Morning Drop Off

We have received complaints from our neighbors about parents parking in front of driveways on Spruce, not allowing residents to leave their properties. We ask that parents be more considerate when dropping off students.

Building Security

Please remember that all parents and visitors that must come to the office and sign-in. No parents/visitors are allowed to go to classrooms without permission from the school office staff.

Carbon Monoxide Detectors and AED

We have outfitted all rooms throughout the school with carbon monoxide detectors. We have also installed an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) on the first floor outside the office. All staff have been trained in use of the AED as part of their First Aid/ CPR training.

Fourth Grade Junior High Orientation

Over the next week our 4th graders will be experiencing what the junior high experience is like. They will spend a morning on the top floor experiencing the various subjects and teachers and to see how the rotation system works. We wish them all the best with this experience.

Early Dismissal Day

Next Monday, February 6th is an Early Dismissal day. Students will be dismissed at 2.30pm.

Crab Feed

The Annual Crab Feed is this Saturday, presented by our Athletic Board. This event is sold out. Thank you for supporting this great event. We are sure you will have a wonderful evening.

Vincent Riener
PRINCIPAL

Virtue of the Month

This month's virtue is respect. What does respect mean to you? Respect is an attitude in which you honor others and care about their feelings. Respect is treating others in the way Jesus taught us. There is no restriction to whom should be shown respect. Jesus taught us that all people deserve love, kindness, and care; no matter their age, gender, race, or position in life. This month, try to be more respectful to others and set an example to those around you.

Talent Show 2012

Talent Show 2012 will be coming in May, and sign-ups will be starting soon! This year's show will be taking us to the world of Disney! Songs and acts from Disneyland attractions, Disney Channel shows, and the vast collection of Disney movies will turn our stage into one of the happiest places on Earth. Information regarding sign-ups and try-outs will be coming out later this month so start planning! Watch future newsletters for more information.

February Calendar

FEBRUARY

- 3 - Archdiocesan Curriculum Conference - Student Holiday
- 4 - New Student Testing
- 4 - Athletic Board Crab Feed
- 5 - School Family Mass - 9am (K & 7th Grade)
- 6 - Faculty Meeting - 2:30pm Early Dismissal
- 8 - Athletic Board Meeting - 6:30pm
- 14 - School Board Meeting - 6:30pm - Rectory
- 17 - Semester Holiday
- 20 - President's Day - Holiday
- 22 - Ash Wednesday - 9am Mass
- 23 - First Communion Meeting - 7pm - Science Lab
- 26 - Rite of Enrollment for Confirmation - 9am Mass
- 27 - Staff Development Mtg. - 12:20pm Dismissal

New Cafeteria Items

The cafeteria will be offering 2 *new* menu items in the month of February.

* Popcorn chicken served with ranch or BBQ sauce, mashed potatoes, corn, & rolls along with fruit and milk

* Chicken fried rice, buttered bread, salad, mandarin oranges and milk

Please see the Cafeteria Menu in this newsletter for the dates we will be serving these items.

Valentine's Day

Two years ago, the School Leadership Team and staff agreed to phase out classroom Valentine's Day parties. The time taken away from instruction by parties and cards needs to be preserved, and we do not want to fall into the trap of commercialism. We wish to spare parents the expense of card and treat purchases. Instead of exchanging cards and candy, the teachers will organize affirmation sessions during religion lessons where children will share positive comments and acknowledge their peers in the true spirit of St. Valentine.



All Souls School Lunch Menu

Feb. 6-17, 2012

Daily Lunch \$4.00
 Apple Juice \$0.60
 Orange Juice \$0.75

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	<p>Popcorn Chicken w/ Ranch or BBQ sauce Mashed Potato Roll / Corn / Fruit 1% Milk or Chocolate Milk</p> <p>8:30-11:15 Arguilla 9:30-12:15 Ballete 11:30-1:30 Gonzalez, Lauron, J. Flores</p>	<p>Taco, Salsa Spanish Rice Carrots Ranch Dressing Fruit 1% Milk or Chocolate Milk</p> <p>9:30-12:15 Sanchez 11:30-1:30 Ranjo</p>	<p>Spaghetti or Buttered Pasta Cheese Stick Buttered Bread Green Beans/ Fruit Cup 1% Milk or Chocolate Milk</p> <p>9:30-12:15 Ramirez 10:30-12:30 Vazquez 11:30-1:30 A. Flores, Heaney</p>	<p>Chickenburger, Fries, Cheese, Lettuce, Pickle, Carrots, Ranch Dressing, Fruit 1% Milk or Chocolate Milk</p> <p>9:30-11:30 Molina 11:30-1:30 Smith</p>	<p>Cheese Pizza Tossed Salad Carrots Ranch Dressing Fruit 1% Milk or Chocolate Milk</p> <p>9:30-12:15 Aldon, Chacon, Vo, Cazares, Gajiwada 11:30-1:30 Truong, Bulaong, Burgos</p>	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	<p>Chicken Fried Rice / Buttered Bread / Salad Mandarin Oranges 1% Milk or Chocolate Milk</p> <p>8:30-11:15 Arguilla 9:30-12:15 Ballete 11:30-1:30 Gonzalez, Lauron, Duenas</p>	<p>Cheese Quesadilla Refried Beans Salsa Vegetable Stick Fruit 1% Milk or Chocolate Milk</p> <p>9:00-11:00 Ortiz 9:30-12:15 Sanchez 11:30-1:30 Brill, Ranjo</p>	<p>Oven Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes Corn, Roll, Apple Crisp 1% Milk or Chocolate Milk</p> <p>9:30-12:15 Ramirez 11:30-1:30 Gomez, Heaney</p>	<p>Grilled Cheese or Turkey Sandwich Chicken Soup Carrots w/ Ranch Dressing, Fruit 1% Milk or Chocolate Milk</p> <p>9:30-12:15 Perez-Moya 9:30-11:30 Molina 11:30-1:30 Saucedo, Smith</p>	<p>SEMESTER HOLIDAY</p>	

Please contact school cafeteria w/ any questions. Cathy Barri, Cafeteria Mgr. 650-583-2475