

Principal's Weekly Bulletin
January 22, 2010

Dear Parents,

This week's bulletin (the one you're reading) is a two for one, and will take the place of last Friday's and this coming Friday's. Last week Cheryl was at a family wedding and I will be off campus this Friday. Soon, we will have all of our student and parent information on our new Surfside Lighthouse software program and I will be able to email you directly !! Yay ! I want to thank Susan Smith for all the hard work she is doing on that as we speak (or write and read, as it were...). NOTE: **Advisory Board** meeting for tomorrow is postponed until Feb 17. Sorry for the late notice!

A note from Patra and Rhonda, your **Le Carnaval de St. Francis** co-chairs:

* If you dug around the bottom of your child's/children's backpack on Friday, you should have found a manila envelope with your **Invitation to the Auction**. We hope you ALL will be coming! It will be a fun event ! It is one of the keys to our success of the school to be able to raise enough money to offer all the unique extras our kids are fortunate to enjoy at St. Francis.

* **Drive and donate for this past Thursday was rained out**, so you can either drop off your auction donation items at the school office as you come to your child's conference or bring them to the next Drive and Donate scheduled for tomorrow, January 27. Just pull up in the line and an auction volunteer can take your donor form and item, raffle ticket and invitation RSVP cards...We may ask you to pull around the corner if needed.

* Please find an **attached sponsorship letter** with this email !

Congratulations are in order to the top three place winners in the **8th grade D.A.R. essay contest** ! These fine writers were none other than Paul Brown 1st Place, Gina Peil 2nd Place and Meghan Piatti-Cosgrove took 3rd ! A clean sweep. Awesome job you guys!

This coming weekend is the opening of Catholic Schools Week. We will have a presence at the 9:00 Mass followed by a **Pancake Breakfast** sponsored by the Knights of Columbus (who have graciously offered to give us all of the proceeds to benefit a tuition scholarship that we have created in my father's name!) Thank you KOC !!

Open House will be Thursday the 4th of February. (6-7:30) Come see all the kid's work on display! We will also be holding an admissions Open House for prospective parents that same morning from 10-11:30 if you have any friends who are thinking of sending their kids here in the near future. Tell them to call or email Cheryl to sign up.

Lastly, I want to give a huge shout out of thanks to Camilla Switzer and Tish Lehane for their unbelievable **art work outside of the 7th grade classroom**. If you have not seen it, be sure to drop by and check it out ! The kids will forever be proud to walk into their classroom...And while you are there, just turn around and check out the newly completed **8th grade mural**. Patra Knox-Orr and Edna Needleman (2nd grade parent) painted the art sketches of all the 8th grade activities. The colors and the joy on the kids faces in the mural express all the fun and "coolness" of the year. Great job everybody, the warmth and personal touch to all of these murals is something I only could dream about and now, to see them up there in all their glory is truly humbling. This community is a special one, indeed. Mere thanks is woefully insufficient, I hope to have a muralist's dinner in the spring to celebrate the accomplishment...Grazie! Danke, Gracias, Merci !!

Bike Club will ride next MONDAY, weather permitting. We are going up Lovell Valley these days if any of you serious riders want to join in and think you can keep up ! Trevor Hernando throws down the gauntlet to all you "wannabes...." The question is, Can you ride as well as a 5th grader?

Have a great week everyone! May God Bless you and your families. I hope to see you on Sunday.

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"Your future is only as bright as your mind is open"