



Thursday Letter – January 14, 2010

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are back into the swing of things as we come to the conclusion of second quarter. Second quarter ends on Friday, January 29th, with report cards coming home on Thursday, February 4th. January 29th is also our monthly spirit day. Students may wear spirit wear and bring in a donation for the St. Joseph food pantry.

As we finally have had some significant snowfall this winter, we are very thankful for all of our HFCS families that were able to safely bring their students to school during the recent storms. No students were marked tardy on those days. As we go forward, if the school is scheduled to be closed, we will use our parent phone tree. The Emergency Closing Center will be alerted as well. You will be able to see this information on your local news broadcast crawls, as well as logging onto the ECC website at www.emergencyclosingcenter.com. There is also a link to the ECC from our school website.

Congratulations to our junior high Geography Bee class representatives who participated in the National Geographic Society school finals last Friday. Our class representatives were Tony Vierya, Brandon Grimaldi, David Rivera, Max Eichhorn, Abraham Salazar, Becca Berger, Kaitlyn Morgan, Mariel Eloppe, and Tiffany Satera. Max Eichhorn was our school winner.

Our next Family Dining Night will be Wednesday, January 20th at Home Run Inn in Addison. Please note the venue change. Home Run Inn will accept our school orders all day. That means you can stop in any time on that day and 20% of your total will be given back to Holy Family Catholic School. Home Run Inn is open from 11am-10pm and is located at 1480 W. Lake Street, Addison. What a wonderful opportunity to raise money for our school in a fun way!

Color Portraits will be here on Thursday, January 21st to take team/group pictures for the yearbook. Students who participate in chess club, art club, band, piano, choir, volleyball, basketball, and altar serving will be photographed. Please have your child bring their volleyball or basketball uniforms for the pictures.

You will find information in today's packet regarding ticket purchases for our Party Gras Auction Dinner Dance on February 13th at Alta Villa Banquets in Addison. Tickets are on sale after weekend masses at both parishes. You may also purchase tickets through the school office. We look forward to seeing you there!

Catholics at the Capitol is a rally in Springfield for Catholic Schools to address our senators and representatives regarding legislative issues that specifically affect Catholic Schools. With current state budget cuts we have lost a lot of critical funding that affect both our school and our individual families (for example the Transportation Reimbursement program as been cancelled), and our presence at the capitol will remind our legislators that we are important taxpayers. Catholics at the Capitol will take place on March 3rd. Please call Michele Eichhorn for more information.

Thank you to Raul Iniquez for representing Holy Family Catholic School at Breakfast with the Bishop tomorrow at the University of St. Francis. We look forward to lighting our Catholic Schools Week candle that Raul will receive from Bishop Sartain.

Catholic Schools Week is coming quickly! Mark your calendars for January 31-February 7 when we will celebrate all the wonderful benefits of a Catholic education. We will start the week together at the 10:30 mass at St. Joseph's followed by hospitality and an Open House. Parent Club is sponsoring a Grandparent's Mass on Wednesday, February 3rd at both locations, and we will close Catholic Schools Week on February 7th at the I I am mass at St. Charles Borromeo followed by hospitality and an Open House. Many, many fun events are planned for that week as well!

Holy Family will host a PreSchool/Kindergarten Open House on January 28th at our West Campus. Please spread the good news to anyone who has a 3,4,or 5 year old child!

Enjoy your extended weekend and I'll see everyone on Tuesday, January 19th.

Please visit our website at www.hfcatholic.org for updated information, news, upcoming events, school calendar, and fun pictures of our school and kids!

Peace,

Mrs. Corie Alimento