

Thursday Letter – February 25, 2010

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The second Sunday of Lent is already upon us and our HF students are participating in several service projects. Our primary students are creating Easter Baskets to donate to St. Joseph's food pantry while our junior high students are learning about the charity Feed My Starving Children. Our 5th-8th graders will visit FMSC after Easter to help pack meals for third world countries. Our HF community is continuing our prayer partners program throughout Lent, and we are planning many activities with our prayer partners as we continue on our journey through the holy season of Lent.

Penny Wars

Holy Family sent a check to Food for the Poor in the amount of \$1,343.68 for Haiti Relief. Well Done! Thank you to Mrs. Stafford and Mrs. Kimmel for taking all of that change to the bank for us!!! That was not an easy task.

Legislators Visit/ Legislative Action

State Senator Carole Pankau and State Representative Dennis Reboletti visited our junior high students this past Monday. Our 7th and 8th grade students spent over an hour with our legislators and learned quite a bit! Thank you to Michele Eichhorn and Shirley Pingel for coordinating this visit and welcoming our legislators with a tour of the school.

Please visit the legislative action page on our school website. There are many upcoming bills in Springfield that effect funding for non-public schools. We are currently working to restore the Textbook Loan Program that has been in operation since 1975 yet was taken away last year. House Bill 6096 and Senate Bill 3530 have been introduced in the Illinois General Assembly to restore this funding at Fiscal Year 2007 levels. Please call or write your State Senator and Representative to ask him/her to co-sponsor these bills. To find the contact information for your State Representative and State Senator, go to www.ilga.gov and click on Legislator Lookup in the lower, right-hand portion of the page. You can also call the CCI (Catholic Conference of Illinois) offices for assistance at 312-368-1066 or 217-528-9200.

Registration

Remember to re-register for the 2010-2011 school year by sending in the registration form and fee no later than March 15th. After March 15th, the fees increase. Please take advantage of this savings. The class with the highest percentage of registration forms turned in by March 15th will win an entire week out of uniform! All children with forms turned in by March 15th will also receive a special treat!

Internet Safety Presentations

Detective Rich Wistocki, an Internet Crimes Investigator and a member of the US Secret Service Computer Crimes Task Force, will be spending the day with HFCS on Thursday, March 18th. He will meet with our junior high students for two hours in the afternoon and then present to our parents the same evening from 7-9pm. **ALL** parents, regardless of your child's age, are **STRONGLY** encouraged to attend- please also bring your friends and colleagues. I have heard Detective Wistocki speak before, and I guarantee that you don't want to miss the opportunity to hear him! This is too important to pass up.

Spring Pictures

We will have Spring Pictures on Friday, March 19th. Students will be out of uniform in appropriate dress.

Junior High Dance

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our Spring Fling which will take place in the school gym on Friday, March 19th. We will have a DJ, pizza, drinks, and a lot of fun! Please see Mrs. DeBartolo for details.

March Calendar

Enclosed is the March calendar. Please take note of these special days:

March 5th- No School (Teacher In-Service)

March 9th- Reconciliation (Grades 2-8)

March 13th- Texas Hold'em Tournament (East Campus gym)

March 15th- Turn in Registration Forms! ☺

March 17th- All School Celebration/Buddy Day (East Campus)

March 18th- Internet Safety Parent Program 7pm

March 19th- Spring Pictures and Jr. High Dance

March 24th- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Grades 5-8)

March 26th- ½ Day (Teacher In-Service)

March 27th- Easter Dash

March 27-April 5th- Easter Vacation (Return to school Tuesday, April 6th)

WOW...we're busy!!!

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

God Bless,

Mrs. Corie Alimento