

February 16, 2011

Dear parents,

While most of you read the communication sent out via email, I want to make sure all are aware that next year we will be opening an optional full-day junior kindergarten. The cost for this program will be the same as all full-time students. Half-day junior kindergarten will continue to be an option as well. This full-day junior kindergarten option is a more cost-effective way to meet the needs of those families that would be looking for full-day programming for their children. Here's hoping this exciting change helps us to grow our school!

I am again going to pair the junior kindergarten announcement with a reminder to register. In order to pay the reduced registration fee, you will need to turn in your registration forms by the end of February. Until the school has these registration forms, which give us the most accurate enrollment numbers, we are held back from addressing some planning for next year. Thank you to those who have already registered and thank you in advance for getting these registration forms in by the end of the month.

I am so pleased to announce that following the bake sale that was held by the student council on Monday, enough funds have been secured to ship the remainder of the books collected to Swaziland. The books were boxed and ready to ship yesterday and are being sent out today. Watch for a story and/or photo about the book drive in the newspapers. I was already contacted by the Oconomowoc Enterprise. I am so proud of our kids and their commitment to this wonderful service project.

On March 3 at 6:30 we will have our Parent Teacher Home and School meeting. At this meeting you will receive the login names and passwords to access grade book information and reporting options for your child. Remember that "WebGrader" will be accessible for all students in grades 4-8. There will also be brief announcements by various school committees. I look forward to seeing you all there!

Don't forget to help support our big events coming up in March beginning with the carnival on March 4. This carnival is an event to appeal to children of all ages and is being used as an opportunity to market the school through inviting the community to come in, play some games and enjoy some fun while getting a chance to see our facility and our school community

interacting with one another. What a fun way this will be to market the school, enjoy each other's company, and have some fun for our current school children.

On March 5, the YMCA basketball games will be held here at St. Joan of Arc. Watch for more information about game times or check with your child's coach. What a great opportunity it is for our school and families to have the games right here at home!

We are still getting set for the Cat's Pajamas concert on March 12. Thanks to a suggestion received, students whose families buy tickets will get a pajama day pass to wear pajamas to school the day before the concert. Why not welcome the Cat's Pajamas with our kids wearing their pajamas? There is no Mass scheduled this day (March 11) as we will have an Ash Wednesday service on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

I am also looking for help selling tickets to the Cat's Pajamas concert. If you would be willing to help sell tickets before or after school or after Mass on Sundays, please let me know. An article about the concert has also run in the Lake Country Reporter, will run in other parish's bulletins, and posters are in place in various venues around town. Thank you in advance for any help you can provide.

Finally, on March 18 the Hollywood Knights will present our school play, Jack and the Giant Beanstalk. Our kids have been working very hard on the production, so please come out and support our kids as they perform.

Coming up inside our school is a grade 1-4 museum field trip on March 1, a middle school retreat at the Tyme Out Center on March 4, Iowa Test of Basic Skills for grades 3, 5, and 7 the week of March 7 (please make sure kids are in school all week for testing and get plenty of rest to be ready for these important tests!) and the school level Modern Woodmen speech competition for grades 5-8 the week of March 14. What a fun, full month this will be for our school! I am very excited for the ride ahead!

God's Blessings,

Mrs. Holly Cerveny