

Saint Mary's Newsletter

Wednesday, August 26, 2009

Dear Parents,

It is so very good to have the children back. We enjoyed a wonderful first week of the 2009-2010 school year. The children have been very cooperative, industrious and just all-around very good "love-doves". You know, I believe that our new refrigerated air is playing an important part in all this. With this new cooling system, it seems that much of the children's energy that was used in trying to keep cool is now be directed and applied to learning. This is an exceptional improvement and I do want you to know that your children and every faculty and staff member love working in this newly provided cooling system.

I want to thank each of you who has supported and worked toward this renovation. So much work was accomplished this summer. On any given day, there were as many as 30-35 workers and approximately 10-12 heavy duty trucks of all types. The roofs have been totally renovated and adequately insulated; the heating and cooling system has been installed in every room in both buildings; four bathrooms in the elementary building have been updated and renovated following the best of artistic taste; the windows are a true show piece. We are told in addition to the windows being so "beautiful" economically they will prove to be much more efficient. The electrical system has been updated. All lights were changed and are also to be another financial savings.

So we are ready. Deadlines were met and we thank God for all these gifts. Because of all that has been done, one might be led to believe that "IT'S OVER, EVERYTHING IS FINISHED." My friends, this is not the case. We are not finished. We are already planning Phase III of the Capital Campaign which will take place next summer. This will provide for renovated bathrooms in the mid-school, surfacing black topping in play yards, and gym floor. So as you can see there is still more to be accomplished. Members of the Capital Campaign will be speaking to our parents at the Open house on Wednesday, September 2nd. We have been the beneficiaries of so much and soon our parents will be asked for their support. Our school looks beautiful and after Phase III it will be absolutely wonderful. If you know any firm, corporation, relatives or friends who would be able to make a contribution, I ask that you let me know. Thank you and I know we are going to have a special year.

We will again be sponsoring "Grandparent Day" What fun they had last year!!! You will be receiving more information concerning this. I do hope that many grandparents will be able to attend.

Some of our students have enjoyed and profited by being members of a Chess Club. Many, many thanks to Mrs. Beth Chavez, who monitored the mid-school section and to Mrs. Marie Maestas who was responsible for the elementary section. I am indeed proud of their outcome in tournament. Mrs. Chavez has resigned and we do thank her for all her hard work. Mrs. Maestas will take over the mid-school sessions. This leaves us with needing a chess instructor for the elementary division. This will be once a week

from 3:00-4:00. If you are interested or know someone who would be interested please, let me know. I will put them in touch with Mrs. Maestas. Thank you.

Thank you for choosing Saint Mary's and allowing us to be your partners in this great work of education.

God bless you and may 2009-2010 school year have many blessings in store for you and your family.

God bless you,



Sister Marianella S.C., Principal

Student Service Council News

Receive the Power! Be ready for Spirit Shirt Fridays! Our red spirit shirts are in!! You may stop by Mrs. Thorson's room and pick up your shirt or send in the order form that is in this envelope. On Wednesday, August 26th, you may wear your red spirit shirt (or any appropriate red shirt) as we celebrate the Mass of the Holy Spirit.

Receive the Power Spirit Shirt --- \$9.00 Mrs. Thorson's room, stop in -- or fill out the order form and return with a check.

Lemonade: M-W-F, outside of the blue table 25¢

Service Council Requirements:

- 1.) attend St. Mary's School
- 2.) willingness to serve
- 3.) if you can, attend the meetings and help plan service opportunities. Look at the white board in the west mid-school hall by the gym door for a list of meetings and opportunities.

Recycle: * clip and send in General Mills box tops and Campbells labels
* used ink cartridges
* eyeglasses
* pull the tabs-from cans

A collection bin for smaller items is in the elementary building and in the hall by the white board in the mid-school. Large bins are in mid-school hall.

Food and gently used clothes, toys, etc. are always collected and given away.

Stretchable book covers: \$3.00 Mrs. Thorson's room, fits large book, should last all year.