



St. Isidore Catholic School

January 27, 2010

Dear Families,

So much is happening around our school, we have hit the road running this year. Our Spaghetti Dinner had a good turn out even with the rainy weather. Our basketball teams have been having a good season and the Academic Decathlon and Speech contest students are working hard preparing for their day in the sunshine. Coming next week is Catholic Schools Week celebration; so many things are planned for the week I hope you are able to make some of the activities.

This Friday we will celebrate our Honor Roll students with the call out of names and certificates after Mass. Come join us!

On Sunday, Jan. 31st our school will host the Mass at 10am; teachers, students and parents are involved with readings, walking up the gifts, working as ushers, altar servers, readers and choir. The sixth grade will be having a bake sale to finish fundraising for their Outdoor Science Camp experience – Shady Creek. Our SCRIP program will be selling Wal-Mart and Starbucks out front with the bake sale. (Bring your checkbook) The science and book fair will start on Monday; Wednesday will be our Open House for you to visit the science and book fair plus visit classes. If you have a friend or co-worker who is wondering if St. Isidore Catholic School is for them, please bring them to this exciting occasion and introduce them to our community. We have folks ready to give tours and answer questions. A flyer listing the weekly activities is included in this parent envelope.

As our year is moving forward we are working on several fundraising programs:

- We gained a big percentage of the Shady Creek funds from working concessions stands at Sleep Train Amphitheater. This has a potential of bring in a great deal of money for our separate activities such as Athletic Boosters, graduation and Sacraments and outdoor science camps. As a school community, we work together to raise funds or pay personal fees to cover these special activities that all students have the opportunity to take part. Parents are needed to work this fundraiser; you earn physical hours plus have a good deal of fun. Please contact Adria Kibbe @ 749-9552
- The Dinner Auction will be held on April 24th. There is LOTS of work to get completed for an exciting evening. Our chairperson duo of Nicole Novello and Rusti Keeley plus their crew have been working for several months already. New workers are always invited to call the office and leave their phone number. If you own a company and would like to donate a service or an item please call Nicole @ 674-3642 or the office @ 673-2271.



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- SCRIP is our newest and only fundraiser where you get dollar for dollar. It cost you NOTHING except the time to order and pick-up the SCRIP (gift cards). Come in and ask us to show you how easy it is to go on line, open your account and make your first order. Our program takes cash or checks, no credit cards at this time.

Please remember that our tuition rate is based on the number of students enrolled paying full tuition and the amount of money that our fundraisers bring into the general fund. There are many items that are in general fund, such as financial aid, salaries and benefits, utilities, upkeep of facilities and curriculum materials. If our fundraising does not make our allotted amount, \$80,000 this year, we will need to cut back on basic items or raise tuition up to \$5,800 - \$6,200 to cover budgeted expenses. As a staff, we are working hard to use the funds our community raises in an efficient manner, there are always needs when you have a 50-year old building and an expanding curriculum. Please support the school through the fundraisers.

We have a great understanding of the financial difficulties many of our families are facing; as a staff, we will be freezing our salaries for a second year; helping to hold down expenses. Please keep our school and CSAC in prayer as we develop our 2010 – 2011 school year budget.

During the month of February, you will be receiving an evaluation for the direction and mission of the school and administration. This survey evaluation can be done in the paper/pencil mode and then mailed in or handled on-line through a website. The survey evaluation needs to be completed by the end of the month. The data will be used to review my work with our school community within our mission and guidelines of Catholic School administration. Please be looking for the survey evaluation in your next parent envelope.

Ash Wednesday is quickly approaching. The school will be attending the Wednesday Mass at 8:30 am. Please join us or come to the several other Masses that are scheduled on that day. We will not attend the Friday Mass giving our classes the opportunity to spend time in class prayer services talking about the Lenten season of our faith. Be watching for our Stations of the Cross reflections our classes will be putting on for our school community.

Peace and prayers for your needs and that of our community.

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