



# Tiger Connection

Saint Henry School

Tuesday, January 10, 2012

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

This week is the first week of ordinary time in the Church year, but there is nothing ordinary about our life in Christ. Ordinary time helps us to grapple with our daily life in a more intentional way toward holiness. We often look for God in the major celebration and He is there, but more often we can find Him as we "slug it out" in the mundane of our ordinary life in ordinary time! What a gift to be able to teach the children to encounter daily struggles to grow in holiness.

As Catholic Schools Week approaches, we begin to reflect on the extraordinary treasure of Catholic Schools in the formation of the children and ourselves! Private and public schools, no matter how good their test scores, athletics, facilities, technology, etc...do not offer what Catholic Schools offer to our children – The message of Salvation given to us by Jesus Christ and His Church. This powerful message continues to change hearts, minds, lives, and communities. We must never lose sight that it is for this mission that we exist. We do not simply transmit information. We transform souls! This is the Good News!

Every human soul desires to see the face of God, whether they know it or not. Let us continue to strive a new in ordinary time to enter more deeply into the mystery of God made man.

In Christ,

*Sister Ann Hyacinth, O.P.*

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## Technology Upgrade

As you know over the summer we upgraded our 5-8 lab and staff computers. We were able to continue over the Christmas break with upgrades of technology in the rest of the school. New computers and monitors have been installed in all the classrooms, library, and the k-4 lab along with network printers. This much needed upgrade is a result of the combination of the debt relieved by the parish for our school renovation loan and the outstanding fundraising of our Home and School. We wanted to express our gratitude for all those who have worked so hard to make these upgrades a reality!!

## Thanks !!

A big thank you to all the volunteers that helped unload and set up all the new computers as well as break down all the boxes and separate all the contents for recycling. Another big thank you to those who helped haul all the recycling away! We couldn't do what we do without all of our volunteers!

## Mathletes Program

With the new year Saint Henry is in the process of creating a "Mathletes" program for the Junior High that will be both competitive and instructive. The creation of the program will include the formation of a team of "Mathletes" that will compete both online and in person in Math contests both locally and in cyber space. It will also include the formation of a "Math Lab" that will supplement and compliment the already existing Math/Algebra program. We are very excited about this new "Mathletes" program....so be on the lookout for the new look of Math at Saint Henry.

## Save the Dates

### Forming the Human Person in the Age of Technology

As parents and teachers we are all seeking helpful information that could assist us in forming our children to the best of our ability. To that end, Saint Henry School will be hosting an information and discussion evening the night of January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall of Saint Henry Church on the topic of Forming Human Persons in the Age of Technology. The focus will be on helping parents to become more informed about the obstacles that technology can present in forming their children in virtue. The evening will be directed by Mr. Hodes the Assistant Principal and Mrs. Mary Ann Sedita the Guidance Counselor of Saint Henry School, and will include a distinguished panel of specialists in the fields of technology, psychology, and Cyber Crime. Panelists include Scott Augenbaum from the FBI, and Todd Fetherling, Chairman and founder of Stratasan, will be taking any questions you might have on this very important and timely subject. In order to plan for the evening properly we ask that you RSVP by Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012. You can do this by going to the Saint Henry website, [www.sthenryschool.org](http://www.sthenryschool.org), and follow the link "Age of Technology". We thank you and look forward to seeing you on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Grandparents' /Special Friends' Day** is Friday, March 30, 2012. Please ask your grandparents and special friends to SAVE THE DATE.

**Catholic Schools Week** is January 30<sup>th</sup> thru February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Let us reflect on the gift of Catholic education to our children and in our own lives. God bless you for the many sacrifices you make to ensure your children receive this precious gift of their faith.

## Confirmation

- The Confirmation parent meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall.
- Confirmation will be Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in the Church.

## Report Cards

Report cards are going home today with students. Please take time to encourage your children for their good work at school.

## Registration Information

This week we are mailing home next year's 2012- 2013 re-registration form/subsidy card/tuition fees for current families. Please attach the \$60.00 fee with the application/subsidy card and return them to the school office by January 20<sup>th</sup>. A late fee of \$75.00 is applied for forms returned after January 20<sup>th</sup>. January 23<sup>rd</sup> we will start accepting new family registration applications.

## Financial Assistance

You are now able to sign up for financial assistance. To enroll for financial assistance you may go to the TADS website at [www.tads.com](http://www.tads.com). **The deadline is March 9, 2012.** Financial assistance is dependent on meeting the March 11<sup>th</sup> deadline. Saint Henry School has a limited amount of aid to be distributed to families in need. The TADS process assists in determining the priority of need.

## Kindergartner Screening

Kindergartner screening for new students are scheduled for February 6<sup>th</sup> through the 9<sup>th</sup>. Screening times are from 12:00 to 2:30. You will be receiving a letter by the end of January that will list your time and day for your child's screening. If you need any additional information please call the office at 352-1328.

**School Closed** - School will be closed on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

## Faith Rally

This year's February 3<sup>rd</sup> Faith Rally will focus on Mark 8:29 "Who do you say that I am?" and the opportunity to once again come together as a faith community to adore and praise Jesus! We still need volunteers to help so please fill out the volunteer form that was sent home with last week's Tiger Connection or call the office at 352-1328. This is a great opportunity for you to get to know more of the wonderful Saint Henry families.

## H&S FAMILY FAITH NIGHT ~ SAVE THE

**DATE!** Please join us for a night of food, fellowship, and faith on **Wednesday, February 8 at 6 p.m.** Stay tuned for event details ~the evening promises to be a great way to prepare your hearts for the upcoming Lenten Season! Please contact February Family Faith Night Coordinators Jason and Mary Sevier Moore ([seviermoore@yahoo.com](mailto:seviermoore@yahoo.com)) if you'd like to volunteer for this special event.

**Witness of the Week** – Pre-k-4<sup>th</sup> Witness of the Week is Claire Cordell in Mrs. Gaughan's fourth grade class. Claire showed her classmates how important it is to pick up after oneself. While taking a bathroom break Claire noticed paper towels thrown on the floor so she was very kind to pick them up. Witness of the Week for 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade is Jackson Lacey in Sister Veronica Marie's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class. Jackson showed his classmates how important it is to help others without being asked. After the Christmas party at school Jackson helped pick up the wrapping paper that was left on the floor and he also saw Sister Mary Barbara carrying a box to the car and offered to help her.

## Health Reminders

Parents, we have entered the cold and flu season so we are asking that you talk with your child/children about good hygiene (such as washing hands, not coughing on others, not coming to school sick). A child should be ailment free and/or fever free for 24 hours before returning to school or any after school activities.

## Visiting Alert!

Parents we welcome you to come and have lunch with your children, but we ask that you refrain from going to the playground, to your child's classroom, or other parts of the school building. This can cause a disruption with the students and also breaches our safety/security policy. If you need to speak with a teacher or playground monitor simply call and make an appointment or leave a message on their voice mailbox. Thank you for your attention to this policy.

## St. Henry Chili Cook-Off and Dinner

The St. Henry Men's Club will host its 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off and Dinner on **Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm in the Church Fellowship Hall.** The cost is \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 per family. All proceeds will benefit St. Henry Catholic Church and School.

## Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest

Free throw competition is Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Saint Henry gym from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Ages 10-14. Bring your best game and a copy of your birth certificate.

**Holy Family Circle**-meeting is Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a guest speaker, Charity Mulhern, to discuss Boundaries.

## JR. CYO ICE SKATING – “Mark Your Calendar”

- Saturday, January 21, 7:30 to 10 pm. at Centennial SportsPlex. Permission slips must be returned to church office by Jan. 13 so we can make reservations and get a group discount. Permission slips can be downloaded from the St. Henry website. 353-0203.