

Tiger Connection

Saint Henry School

Tuesday, January 3, 2012

Principal's Message

Dear Parents:

Welcome back! A blessed New Year to each of you! I pray everyone had a lovely, peaceful, and joy-filled Christmas with family and friends. Don't forget the Christmas season continues until Monday, January 9th with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

The secular world takes time at the end of a year to ponder New Year's resolutions to improve oneself. As Christians we also want to improve ourselves, but we also peer through the lens of grace! The end of a year affords us an opportunity to review our year in light of the graces received, our growth in holiness for the past year, and our growth in our capacity to love others. Each year is a new beginning to be open to the graces for the upcoming year. Take time in these early days of 2012 to once again look back on last year to see what opportunities God extended to you to grow closer to Him. Often we do not take Him up on His offers, but He always offers! The Good News is that if you missed opportunities in 2011, He has given us a new year to recognize His grace in our lives. He daily offers us new beginnings in His name.

Let us also look at ways we can re-claim the good, true and beautiful in our lives. Please know that you are in my prayers. Please keep me in your good prayers.

In Christ,

Sister Ann Hyacinth, O.P.

After Christmas Reminder - Students are going to be excited to share some of their new Christmas gifts with their classmates. Teachers will be reminding students not to bring items that are against school policy or items they would be upset about if the items were damaged or lost. Especially be conscience to have students refrain from bringing electronic devices to school, i.e. cell phones, iPads, iPods, e-readers, etc... We would appreciate your help at home to reinforce this reminder. If you address the issue early it will allow teachers to focus on academics rather than policing contraband materials that are obstacles to academic integrity. Thank you!

Report Card Reminder

Report Cards will go home January 10th enclosed in a red envelope in the Tuesday folders for grades K-6 and via 7th and 8th graders. Take this time to discuss with your children where they did well and what challenges they may face in the 3rd quarter. It is also a good time to help students set third quarter goals for improvement and continued success.

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 19th 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. The evening will include a distinguished panel of specialists in the fields of technology and Cyber Crime. In order to plan for the evening properly we ask that you RSVP by Monday, January 16th 2012. You can do this by simply going to the Saint Henry School website www.sthenryschool.org and following the link for technology evening registration. The link will be active from Tuesday, January 3rd until Monday, January 16th. We thank you and look forward to seeing you the 19th.

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 30th - February 3rd. Let us reflect on the gift of Catholic education to our children and in our own lives. God bless you for the sacrifices you make to ensure your children receive this precious gift of their faith.

Our Faith Rally is Friday, February 3rd. If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out the attached form and return it to the school office by this Friday, January 6th.

Registration 2012-2013

Re-registration for our current families for the 2012-2013 school year will begin the week of January 9th and end January 20th. Registration form/Subsidy form and tuition information will be sent to you in the mail the week of the 9th. Please refer to the school handbook for information on subsidy requirements. The \$60 re-registration fee is due by January 20th; after the 20th it will be \$75. Starting January 23rd we will start accepting new families. If you have a new sibling coming into the school, please make sure to fill out an application for the new student and return with your registration form.

Financial Assistance

Starting in January you will be able to apply for financial assistance. **The deadline is March 9th.** Financial assistance is dependent on meeting the March 9th deadline. Saint Henry School has a limited amount of aid to be distributed to families in need. The TADS application process assists us in determining the priority of need. Letters awarding financial aid

will be sent the week of April 2nd. Incomplete applications delay or may negate any tuition assistance.

Kindergartner Screening –Kindergartner Screenings start February 6th and will go through February 10th. Screening takes place between 12:00 and 2:30. You will be receiving a letter by the end of January listing your time and day. If you need any additional information, please call the office at 352-1328. This is just for our new incoming kindergartners.

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. You can also refer to the Saint Henry handbook.

Also just a reminder that before the break we did have some confirmed cases of head lice. Please make sure that your child is not sharing hair brushes or hats, etc. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mary Roushdi in the school clinic.

Lastly, please make sure students leave home properly prepared for the cold weather i.e. coats, gloves, hats, scarves, tights for girls...

Saint Henry School Sports

Congratulations to the Varsity Boys Basketball team. They remain undefeated in the Parochial League. They will look to keep their streak alive this Saturday vs Overbrook at Saint Henry School 3:45pm. Good luck !!!

Please keep an eye out in the Tiger Connection for Soccer/ Golf/ Volleyball information.

Basketball pictures information is around the corner.

Concession Duty reminder: **Jan. 7th**

7:30 am to 12pm - **Frank Chytil**

12 pm to 4pm - **Joe Braeuner**

Inclement Weather Reminder -It's that time of year – the time when students start praying for snow days! Just a reminder that school cancellations/early dismissals due to inclement weather will be announced on local radio or TV stations and via our School Reach program. If the roads in your neighborhood are impassable, keep your child(ren) home; they will be permitted to make up the work missed

Witness of the Week -PreK-4th grade Witness of the Week is Isabella Upton in Ms. Biga's 3rd grade class. Isabella showed her classmates how important it is to have patience and understanding with others. While in Art class a student had to start a project over and Isabella was so kind to help. Witness of the Week for 5th-8th grade is Nolan Spear in Mrs. Braniff's 8th grade class. Nolan showed his classmates how important it is to help others. While getting ready for exams, Nolan made an extra set of notecards for one of our new students to help her study for her exams.

Confirmation Parent Meeting - Confirmation parent meeting will be held January 23rd at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

No School on Monday, January 16th in observation of Martin Luther King Holiday.

Thank You ...

to so many of you for your Christmas generosity to the faculty and staff of Saint Henry School. Your kindness is a tangible reminder of your love and support of our mutual efforts on behalf of the children.

To Home and School members for the generous gifts to each member of the faculty and staff, and their tireless efforts to manifest Christ love in our school community.

Saint Cecilia Academy

Saint Cecilia Academy applications are due January 10th. In addition, the SCA Principal's Scholarship essay exam is set for January 11th or January 24th at 3:30 p.m. The Principal's Scholarship is a four-year award valued up to \$10,000 per year. It is designed for students whose families have a great financial need and whose daughter has high academic potential. To reserve a place for the essay exam for your daughter, please contact Betty Bader, Director of Admissions at 298-4525 ext. 377 or email admissions@stcecilia.edu

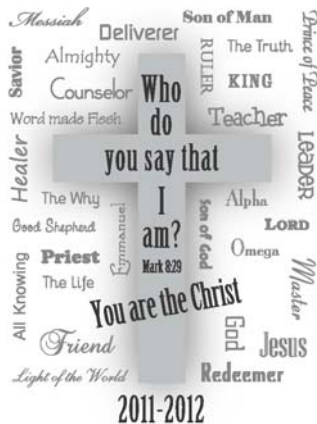
St. Henry Chili Cook-Off and Dinner

The St. Henry Men's Club will host its 12th Annual Chili Cook-Off and Dinner on **Saturday, January 14th 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.

First Friday Food Collection-January 6th

Take a moment out of your busy day and spend time with the Lord. You will find it a moving experience to see how beautifully and reverently your children pray. Students may wear the new Faith Rally shirt and jeans on First Fridays. Also on First Friday, we ask students to bring in food items for those who are in need in the community. Thank you for always being so generous to others!!

Hearing and Vision Screening – Hearing and vision screening will be done this Thursday, January 5 by the American Red Cross. All students in 1st, 3rd, and 5th grades will be screened. If your child wears glasses or hearing aids, please make sure they have them. In the event your child does not pass one or both screenings, you will be contact by the Red Cross.



Volunteers Needed for Faith Rally 2012

Dear Parents:

Last year's Faith Rally brought together many members of our Saint Henry School community to adore and praise the Lord. Over 40 parents participated in the day as members of a faith *community*, as adorers and as lunch helpers. The Faith Rally has proved to be an important spiritual event in the lives of the students, faculty, and parents. We again invite parents to participate in the Faith Rally which will be held on Friday of Catholic Schools Week.

The faculty and 8th grade students will be coordinating some catechesis and activities for the entire school. They will need your help and support to make it a success.

Our Faith Rally will be **Friday, February 3, 2012**. I have provided some general information about the Faith Rally and the volunteer information form on the back of this letter. Please complete the volunteer information form or call the office (352-1328) to volunteer by this Friday, January 6.

We need parent volunteers to help in the following ways:

- 1) to pray for the event, especially for our 8th graders who play a special role
- 2) to volunteer for the day as a participant (we need 30 adult volunteers)
- 3) to be present with the Blessed Sacrament from 9:30-10:15am and straighten the kneelers
- 4) to assist with preparations before the event or to help with miscellaneous things throughout the day.

In Christ,

Sister Ann Hyacinth, O.P.
Principal

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Purpose of the Faith Rally:

- For students, parents, faculty and staff of Saint Henry Church & School to grow in the truth and love of Jesus expressed in a dedicated day to Our Eucharistic Lord
- To grow in love and appreciation of the Saint Henry Community
- To meet new people
- For students, parents, faculty and staff to participate in the Faith Rally and have a special encounter with Christ

General Information

- The Faith Rally will include Mass, adoration, praise and worship, activities, a Eucharist Procession, and Benediction.
- Each student, teacher, staff member and parent volunteer will be assigned to a *community*. Each will meet new people, pray together, learn together, support each other, and play together.
- The eighth graders and faculty will be working on the activities and lessons that will take place during the day. All students, teachers and volunteers will participate in these activities and lessons, which the 8th graders and faculty will lead.
- Students will bring their own lunch and we will provide drinks. We will also provide a mid-morning snack.
- More information will be provided to volunteers in advance of the Faith Rally!

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____ Yes, I want to volunteer for the Faith Rally (Friday, February 3, 2012)

Name _____ Daytime Phone _____

I would like to:

_____ help with gym set up on Thursday at 3:00 (02/02/12)

_____ volunteer for the day as a participant in faith sharing groups until 2:00 (02/03/12)

_____ can help with anything throughout the day of the Faith Rally (02/03/12)

_____ be present with the Blessed Sacrament from 9:30-10:15am (02/03/12)

_____ help with cleanup of gym at 12:15 (02/03/12)

Please return by Friday, January 6, 2012