



Tiger Connection

Saint Henry School

Tuesday, January 5, 2010

Principal's Message

Dear Parents:

Welcome back! A blessed New Year to each of you! I pray everyone had a lovely and joy-filled Christmas with family and friends. Don't forget the Christmas season continues until January 10th with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

The end of a year is a wonderful time to reflect on the year of grace God has given each of us to grow closer to Him. Take time in these early days of 2010 to 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 2009, He has given us a new year to recognize His grace in our lives. He daily offers us new beginnings in His name.

Please know that you are in my prayers. Please keep me in your good prayers.

In Christ,

Sister Ann Hyacinth, O.P.

Save the Dates

On Tuesday, January 26th Counselor (and Saint Henry graduate) Katie Veit will give a talk for parents to help you guide your children through the sometimes emotionally challenging waters of technology (social networking [Facebook/MySpace], texting, Twitter, blogging, e-mailing, etc...). Attached is a reply form to help us plan the number of talks and their location.

Grandparents' /Special Friends' Day is Friday, February 26, 2010. Please ask your grandparents and special friends to SAVE THE DATE.

Catholic Schools Week is February 1st-5th. 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.

Our Faith Rally is Friday, February 5th. If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out the attached form and return it to the school office by this Friday, January 8th.

Registration 2010-2011

Re-registration for our current families for the 2010-2011 school year will begin January 11th and end the 22nd. Registration form/Subsidy form will be sent to you in the mail the week of the 11th. Please refer to the school handbook on page 28 for information on subsidy requirements. The re-registration fee will be \$60.00 and after the 22nd it will be \$75.00. Starting January 26th we will start accepting new families.

Financial Assistance

Starting in January you will be able to sign up for financial assistance. **The deadline is March 12th.** Financial assistance is dependent on meeting the March 12th deadline. Saint Henry School has a limited amount of aid to be distributed to families in need. The TADS process assists us in determining the priority of need.

Kindergartner Screening

Kindergartner Screenings start February 8th and go through the 10th. They will be from 12:00 to 2:30. You will be receiving a letter by the end of January that will list your time and day. If you need any additional information please call the office at 352-1328.

Report Card Reminder

Report Cards will go home January 12th 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.

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. 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!

Witness of the Week

PreK-4th grade Witness of the Week is Jim Killian in Mrs. Blair's class. Jim shows his classmates everyday what a wonderful heart he has by how positive and cheerful he is with others. Witness of the Week for 5th-8th grade is Lowery Wilson in Mrs. Braniff's class. Lowery shows his classmates what it means to be a team player. During exam week when the students were playing different games to study he was always cheering on all of his classmates whether or not they were on his team or not.

Confirmation Parent Meeting

Confirmation parent meeting will be held January 11th at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Confirmation Retreat

The 8th grade confirmation retreat will be held at Saint Cecilia Motherhouse on Thursday, January 28th. Please keep the 8th graders in your prayers.

Spelling Bee

January 14th is the annual Spelling Bee. It begins at 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcomed.

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. If school is canceled due to inclement weather, please refer to page 23 in the parent/student handbook.

No School on Monday, January 18th in observation of Martin Luther King Holiday.

Thank You

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

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

Ledford Thank You

Ginger Ledford ask that I convey her deep appreciation to so many that have helped her, Spencer, and John. Here is an excerpt of her request - "Our family is overwhelmed by the outpouring of love we have experienced from our parish and school. The words 'thank you' do not seem adequate enough. I'm afraid that I have fallen behind in my individual thank you notes because the number of people to thank has grown tremendously. This is an attempt to reach out to everyone that deserves our utmost thanks and admiration. Truly, we have many angels in our lives, and we are very grateful to each and every one of you."

First Friday Food Collection

We were out of school of the First Friday in January; however, the need for help does not take a day off. The food pantries would be grateful for any items you could send this week.

Congratulations

Congratulations to all the students that participated in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest. The winners are:

10 Year olds-Alex Ledford	Mitchell Bray
11 Year olds-Dana Morcillo	Will Braeuner
12 Year olds-	Johnathan Rapp
13 Year olds- Chris Pickney	Dennis Hilgendorf

Home & School

DYK... tributes for the auction program are due ASAP. Deadline January 8.

DYK...our auction at the Loveless is in its full planning stages. The Loveless will accommodate over 400 guests. So come and kick up your heels February 6th! There will be live music, great food, plenty of seating, and great items to purchase!

DYK... the contributions made to the classroom teacher collection and the office collection for the speciality teachers and staff were so appreciated. Thank you to all who participated.

DYK... that the silent auction could still use your help. If you work for a business that would donate an item or service we would greatly appreciate it. A friend or family member willing to donate something-great! Remember your donations are tax deductible. Sports tickets, spa treatments, jewelry, movie gift cards, financial planning, TPAC tickets, Symphony tickets are just to name a few. Do you bake something fabulous? Can you hem a jumper or skirt? If you coach a sport maybe you could offer a little one on one time for one of our students. Please don't wait for us to ask you; call Beth Holzapfel at 354-9111 or email bholzapfel@comcast.net.

No Spirit Shop sale this month, if you want to purchase something please go to the website and print an order form.

Katie Veit Reply Form

Please fill out and return to the school office by January 8th.

Name _____

Children at SHS _____ Grades _____

Please select **two** of the times from the list below that would best serve your needs (please rank 1 and 2). We will publish in next week's Tiger Connection the time and location of Mrs. Veit's talk based on the response received. The top two times will be selected.

_____ January 26th 8:05 a.m. (right after prayers)

_____ January 26th 1:45 p.m. (right before dismissal)

_____ January 26th 6:00 p.m.

***Childcare is not available**

Year for Priests



Come, Follow Me

Volunteers Needed for Faith Rally 2010

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 the catechesis for the entire school. They will need your help and support to help make it a success.

Our Faith Rally will be **Friday, February 5, 2010**. 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 8.

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 (Last year we had 5 dads and 20 moms volunteer in this capacity)
- 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

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 that will take place in the classrooms, 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 in the classroom. 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 5, 2010)

Name _____ Daytime Phone _____

I would like to

- _____ help with gym set up on Thursday (02/04/10)
- _____ volunteer with small group faith sharing activities until 1:30 (02/05/10)
- _____ can help with anything the morning of the Faith Rally (02/05/10)
- _____ be present with the Blessed Sacrament from 9:30-10:15am (02/05/10)
- _____ help with cleanup of gym at 12:15 (02/05/10)

Please return by this Friday, January 8, 2010

Saint Henry School “Boots, Biscuits, & Bluegrass”

2010 Auction Program Tribute Form

Name _____ Phone number _____

E-mail address _____

Please send your tribute to Robin Round at robin.round06@comcast.net in 25 words or less in a basic, legible font such as *Times New Roman*. Please send it in the body of the e-mail, not as an attachment. If e-mailing is not possible, please print legibly on the back of this form or attach a printed document to this form. Return it to the school office in an envelope marked “Auction Tribute”. We will contact you if we feel editing is necessary.

Circle your tribute level below and bring this form with payment in an envelope marked Auction Tribute to the school office or mail it to:

Saint Henry School 6401 Harding Rd. Nashville, TN 37205

Thanks for participating! **DEADLINE: Jan. 8, 2009.**

Tribute

\$50 – approximately 1/16th page

Sponsorship Tribute

(Your tribute may be longer if choosing a sponsorship level)

Full page --\$1000.00 Half Page \$500.00 1/4 Page – 250.00

Sample tributes:

Jane,

We are so proud of you! What a great year you are having! You are a great daughter.

Love –Mom and Dad

Thank you to all of the faculty and staff of Saint Henry School for a wonderful year.

The Jones

Sara and Megan,

We love you so much! Have a great year.

Love, Grandma & Grandpa