



Tiger Connection

Saint Henry School

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Principal's Message

I pray everyone had an enjoyable fall break. Breaks can be wonderful opportunities to re-charge our mental and physical energies and give us a new perspective to see current situations in a new light. It is important to take time out to reflect and make mental adjustments. I offer the following two quotes as food for future reflection.

“No one denies God unless he has some reason for wanting him not to exist.” Saint Augustine

“By ‘praying’ I do not mean the recitation of prayers that have been learned by heart, but rather simple worship, with or without words; remaining at God’s feet for the purpose and with the intention of worshipping him. Man cannot continue without worshipping something.” Fyodor M. Dostoyevsky

Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary, pray for us.

In Christ,

Sister Ann Hyacinth, O.P.
Principal

Emergency Drills

The Lockdown drill will be Thursday, October 13th

Pre-Kindergarten – 8th Grade Open Houses

October 18th from 9:30-11:30 for new prospective families - Pre-K-8th grade

October 26th from 9:30-11:30 for new prospective families - Pre-K-8th grade

Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten Open House

November 6th from 12:00-1:30 for new prospective families - Pre-K/Kindergarten

Report Cards

Student report cards will be included in the Tuesday folders 1-6 grades and via 7th and 8th graders on October 18th. Take this time to discuss with your children where they did well and what challenges they may face in the 2nd quarter. It is also a good time to help students set second quarter goals for improvement and continued success.

Thank You

We appreciate so many of our parents for volunteering in the cafeteria. We could not do it without you!

Parent/Teacher Conferences Information

Parent/Teacher conferences will be October 20th & 21st. Your child’s teacher will be sending home a schedule with your listed times the week of October 10th. Students will dismiss at 11:30 on both days.

Student Picture Retake Day

Picture retake day will be Wednesday, October 12th. This is not an out of uniform day for those students having their picture taken. They may bring a collared shirt with them to change into for the picture or they may have their picture taken in their uniform. If you need a retake, please return the proof package and indicate the reason for the retake.

Explore Test

The 7th & 8th graders will be taking the Explorer Test the week of October 24th. Please make sure they get plenty of sleep and a good nutritional breakfast.

Food collection for those in need

The first Friday of October took place during fall break this year. Unfortunately, those in need are not able to take a break! We will have a Saint Henry spirit day October 14th in conjunction with a food collection for the poor. Students may wear their Saint Henry spirit shirts or sports jersey with jeans (no shorts) on this day. Thank you for always being so generous to others!! Go Tigers!

SHS Sports

Varsity Football begins their playoff Wednesday Oct. 12th 7pm @ JP2. Winner of that game will then play again Saturday 15th at 11am at Father Ryan High School

Both 5th and 6th Grade teams will compete against each other this Saturday, 15th 11am at Father Ryan High School. Please go support our boys.

Cheer reminder that the Parochial competition will be at Father Ryan High School October 23rd at 7pm.

Good luck to all of our 5th/6th volleyball teams as they finish their season.

Lastly, a BIG Thank You to all of our Cross-Country Volunteers and Coaches.

Basketball sign-ups 3rd thru the 8th grade.

Cost is \$50.00 per player at sign-ups. Sign-up dates are:

Oct. 10th 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Oct. 11th 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Oct. 12th 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For more information on sign-ups and competitive teams go to our school website at www.sthenryschool.org.

Parent /Teacher Conferences

Look for your parent/teacher conference times coming home today in your child’s Tuesday folder.

Who do you say that I am

Human Dignity Program - On Tuesday, October 25th, our 7th grade students will have the opportunity to delve deeper into the meaning of their dignity as human persons. To help facilitate this discussion, a speaker from the national Endow program (Educating on the Nature & Dignity of Women) will be at Saint Henry to lead the girls through a one day program and Mr. Dison, with the help of other Catholic men in our community, will lead the program for the boys. Learn more about Endow by visiting their website www.endowonline.com.

Father Ryan

Join Father Ryan for its annual Open House on Sunday, October 16th from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. For those unable to attend, they are also offering an evening Open House on Tuesday, October 18th from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Save the Date

Join St. Cecilia for its annual Open House on Sunday, November, 13th from 1:00-3:00.

Wrestling

Nashville Catholic Wrestling (NCW) invites boys grades 5-8 interested in learning about the sport of wrestling to join us on Sunday, October 16 and October 23. These meetings in the Father Ryan wrestling room will be informational for parents, and first practices for the boys from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. No experience is necessary and everyone makes the team. NCW provides great instruction and is the (5) time defending Grand Champion in Middle Tennessee, and there have been (34) individual TSSAA State High School Championships achieved by NCW alumni since 1998. There is also a "Club" team for boys K-8 and signups are December 4th and 11th at 4:30 pm. Financial assistance is available, and for more info visit www.nashvillecatholicwrestling.com.

Spirit Shop

Spirit Shop will be having a sale on Thursday, the 13th. It will be after school. T-shirts and sweatshirts will be only items available.

5K TIGER TOWN RUN ****IMPORTANT NEWS****

FAMILY/BUSINESS SPONSORSHIPS NEEDED With Fall Break behind us, it's time to dig out the the Sponsorship forms you may have "tabled." We are in need of family or company sponsorships for the 5K. Levels sought: PRESENTING (Title) sponsor; GOLD; SILVER and BRONZE. As an added incentive, those families or businesses who sponsor at the Bronze Level (\$250) *will also have their name included on the race t-shirt!* Sponsorship forms can be emailed directly to you -- please contact Dawn Cummings at dcummings30@hotmail.com. Sponsors who wish to be included on the race t-shirt, your deadline is quickly approaching - **Oct. 15!** Please prayerfully consider joining us this week with a family, individual or business sponsorship. **WATCH FOR PLEDGE PACKETS TODAY** ~ Pledge packets, along with an instructional Pledge Form Fact Sheet will be coming home with your child today. A preview of the exciting incentives: top three students who collect the highest dollar amount will receive cash prizes; pizza party for the classes (Pre-K-4th; 5th-8th) with the most participants; \$45 minimum total pledges per family qualifies students for a Spirit Tee/Jeans out-of-uniform pass; and **NEW THIS YEAR -- if \$12,500 in student pledges are collected, Vice Principal Dan Hodes will kick off the 5K with a skateboarding demo!!** Pledge envelopes must be returned to SHS no later than Oct. 28 to be eligible for prizes. **THIS IS YOUR RACE TIGER TOWN ~ WE APPRECIATE YOUR ON-GOING SUPPORT!!**

ATTENTION ATHLETES, PARENTS, AND COACHES

Fall sports team pictures will be taken after school on Friday, October 14th. Athletes will also have the opportunity to have an individual picture taken. Please make every effort to be there for this is the picture for the St. Henry 2011-2012 yearbook. Other team pictures will not be accepted for use in the yearbook. The schedule for the day will be:
Cross Country - 3:15 to 3:45 in front of the church steps.
5th and 6th grade Volleyball- 3:45 to 4:30 in the gym. (4 teams)
Cheer 4:30 to 5:00pm
Football- Coach Hagey 5:00-5:30
Coach Kelly 5:30- 6:00
Coach Brocato 6:00pm to 6:30.

Saint Henry School & WeatherBug: There's an App for That

If you or your business would be interested in contributing to the WeatherBug system for the school and would like more information about WeatherBug and its benefits to the Saint Henry students and community, please contact Brian Knoop at 352-1328. WeatherBug is a real-time weather station that provides data for twenty-seven different weather measurements. Not only is WeatherBug an award winning K-12 educational program providing students with an opportunity to learn real-time science, math, geography and technology, but it also provides real-time weather data to WSMV TV Channel 4. Also, instant weather conditions from the Saint Henry School WeatherBug station can be accessed on your home computer via the internet or through an app on Android based and iPhones. There really is an app for that.

Holy Family Circle

To all mom's of young and school age children. The next Holy Family Circle is on Tuesday, October 18th at 9:30AM in the Fellowship Hall. This meetings topic is **Experiencing the Liturgical Year with your Children**, presented by Patricia Rodrigue, parishioner, certified educator, and homeschooler. Please come and bring a dish to share. Childcare is offered. Contact Jackie Booth at jmbooth99@yahoo.com for more information.

Jr. CYO

Jr. CYO is having a movie night in the Fellowship Hall on Friday Night, Oct. 21 from 6:30 pm to 9:30.

ROBIN CRIST MINIATURE GOLF CLASSIC

Join us November 1st at Grand Ole Golf (near Opryland) for miniature golf, benefitting the Triple Negative Breast Cancer Foundation. Golfing starts at 10:00 am with a Jr High Scramble and open golf for grades Pre-K-6. Cost is \$10 per golfer per round or \$25 for a family of three or more. Sign up sheets are on the Saint Henry School website. For volunteer opportunities, sponsorship, or more information contact Jane Bray at bray9606@bellsouth.net.

Dates

October 12th -Picture Retake day
October 12th - 1st Penance Meeting 7:00 Fellowship Hall
October 18th -Open House for prospective families 9:30-11:30
October 18th - Report Cards go home
October 20th - 21st Parent Teacher Conferences
October 25th- 8th graders visit JP II Visit
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Website Attachment: Robin Crist sign-up sheet

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OPEN PUTT-PUTT

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Grand Ole Golf

244 Music Valley Drive (near Opryland)

Contact Jane Bray with questions, to volunteer, or to sponsor a hole at bray9606@bellsouth.net.

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Make checks payable to Sue Faulkner.

Registration due by Tuesday, October 25 to Kathy Lawson or Saint Henry School office

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Player's name(s): _____

phone: _____

email: _____

amount enclosed: _____

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JR HIGH SCRAMBLE

\$10/player

Form your own four-some.

Single player/groups with less than 4 players
will be assigned to a team.

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Saving Catholic Education

Earlier this week, the Los Angeles Catholic Education Foundation announced a campaign to raise \$100 million for Catholic schools in our area.

Catholic education in the United States is in dire straits. A report from Loyola Marymount University in June found that Catholic schools

HOUSES OF WORSHIP

By Richard Riordan

continue to close even though they graduate 98% of their high school students and send almost all of them onto college. In the early 1960s, the U.S. had over 13,000 Catholic schools with 5.5 million students. Today there are 6,900 schools with two million students. In the Los Angeles area, enrollment has fallen by 20% over the past 10 years, to 80,000 students from 100,000. This trend is due not to lack of demand, but to the inability of parents to pay tuition.

The urban poor are more desperate than ever for Catholic education. Urban public schools have failed these families, graduating approximately 30% of Los Angeles high school students in four years. Catholic schools are their best hope—something I know from personal experience.

Catholic schools shaped my spiritual, intellectual and social

growth. This included grammar school (where I got a very good education despite having 55 students in my classroom), high school and then college. I remember vividly my third-grade teacher reading to us for a half-hour every day. It started me on a lifelong love of reading. I remember the ethic of service the nuns and lay teachers instilled in me. I was taught that the poor were not to be pitied—they wanted only to be given the opportunity to succeed. And the fortunate had an obligation to help.

So why are Catholic schools the answer to our urban education woes? Aren't charter schools beginning to help this underserved population? Charter schools are an amazing development, and I've chaired the Alliance for College-Ready Public Schools and the Inner City Education Foundation, both charter advocacy organizations. But not everyone will be able to attend charter schools because the capacity isn't there.

Charter schools are public schools that receive the same dollars as other public schools (in California, \$7,500 per student). By contrast, Catholic schools rely on private contributions (averaging \$4,000 per student) and tuition (averaging \$2,500 per student) from some of our poorest families. In terms of graduation rates, only the very best charter schools in

Los Angeles are on par with Catholic schools.

Catholic schools infuse beliefs, values and standards that children will carry all their lives. They provide a safe learning environment for those from high-crime neighborhoods as well as structure and a faith-

Over 50 years,
the U.S. Catholic
school population
has dropped by
almost two-thirds.

based education. The schools create a sense of community and an expectation that every child will achieve his or her goals.

Many students in Catholic schools are not Catholic. As Catholic school teachers often say, "We provide this education not because the students are Catholic but because we are." Our faith calls us to it.

So how can we provide the gift of Catholic education to the thousands of struggling families who want it but could never scrape together an extra \$2,000 or \$3,000 a year? Of the 17,500 applications the Los Angeles Catholic Education Foundation received for financial aid last year, 17,000 qualified for a tuition award. But the foundation could afford to give awards to

only 8,400 students. The average income level for a family of four who received tuition assistance last year was \$21,500. We believe that if we increase our endowment by \$100 million, we will be able to offer scholarships to all deserving children for decades to come.

In the years that I was mayor of Los Angeles, I was interested to find that some of the best people who worked for me had Catholic school experience. My fire and police chiefs were both Catholic school graduates. And I see significant numbers of Catholic school alumni in a leadership course I teach at UCLA's business school.

Each of us, no matter what career we have followed, has an obligation to educate the next generation. The education needed for success in our world necessarily includes the basics of reading, writing and math. It must also include the ability to reason, to make good judgments, and to be responsible for our planet and all its peoples. These have been the fundamentals of our Catholic schools for over a century. We must guarantee they are here for generations to come.

Mr. Riordan, who was mayor of Los Angeles from 1993 to 2001, is the founding president of the Los Angeles Catholic Education Foundation.