



Tiger Connection

Saint Henry School

Tuesday, February 16, 2010

Principal's Message

Dear Parents:

The following is an excerpt I shared with you last year and thought you would enjoy again as we prepare to enter into Lent tomorrow on Ash Wednesday. It is from Archbishop Fulton Sheen's book From the Angel's Blackboard. "...To accept the duty of this moment for God is to touch Eternity, to escape from time. This habit of embracing the Now and glorifying God through its demands is an act of the loving will. We do not need an intellectual knowledge of God's plan in order to accept it. When St. Paul was converted he asked merely: "Lord, what will Thou have me to do?" We can be warmed by a fire without knowing the chemistry of combustion, and we can be cured by a medicine without knowing its prescription. The divine will, pouring into the soul of a [person] resigned to suffering, will give him a far greater understanding of theology than a professor will get from a life time of theoretical curiosity about religion that he does not practice. The good thief and the bad thief on the cross had the same crisis of fear and suffering – one of them complained and lost his chance for heaven that day; the other spiritualized the brief moment of suffering. Some souls win peace and sanctity from the same trials that make others rebels and nervous wrecks. God cannot seize our wills or force us to use our trials advantageously, but neither can the devil. We are absolute dictators in deciding whether we wish to offer our will to God. And if we turn it over to God without reservation, He will do great things in us. As a chisel in the hands of Michelangelo can produce a better statue than a chisel in the hands of a child, so the human will becomes more effective when it has become a liege of God than if we try to rule alone. Our wills operating under our own power may be busy about many things, but in the end they come to nothing. Under divine power, the nothingness of our wills becomes effective, beyond our fondest dreams." (Refer to the February 2nd Tiger Connection for Lenten practices.) May you and your family have a blessed Lent as we prepare to meet the risen Lord!

In Christ,

Sister Ann Hyacinth, O.P.

Stations of the Cross

Join us for Stations of the Cross on February 19th in the church at 2:15.

Interims

Interims will go home on February 23rd. Make sure you check with your child to see how great they are doing!

Ash Wednesday School Mass

Ash Wednesday is tomorrow, February 17th, and marks the beginning of the Lenten season. We will have an all school Mass at 8:05 on this day. Parents and family members are welcome. Saint Henry Parish is distributing ashes only at 10:30 and 2:30. Consult your parish bulletin for additional Mass times.

Rice Bowls

Students will receive a Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl to allow them the opportunity to participate in this special Lenten project. This is a program of Catholic Relief Services, the official overseas relief and development agency of the U.S. Catholic community. Children are encouraged to sacrifice "treat" money in order to give to the poor. Change is collected in these boxes. Send the boxes to school to be sent to Catholic Relief Services before Easter in April. This is a great lesson in generosity and sacrifice for our children.

First Communion

There will be a First Communion meeting in the Fellowship Hall on March 10th.

Registration for 2010-2011

We are now **accepting registration for new families**. The late registration fee of \$75.00 now applies for current families.

Financial Assistance

The deadline is March 12th. To enroll for financial assistance you may go to the Tads website at www.tads.com. 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.

ITBS

ITBS testing will begin March 1st. Please make sure children receive plenty of sleep and a nutritious start to the day. Also, please avoid outside appointments during the testing days. These disruptions add to student anxiety (and teacher anxiety!!).

Grandparents' Day

Friday, February 26th is Grandparents' Day. Grandparents or "special friends" are invited to the program. The program titled "All God's Creatures" will be performed by Kindergarten – 8th grade (see pre-k note below) beginning at 9:00am. Due to the number of grandparents, students, and our space restrictions, this is a grandparents/special friend's performance. After the program, the classrooms will be open with refreshments and visitation. Students dismiss at 11:30. **Pre-Kindergarten** will only have classroom visits and would love for you to visit them. Mrs. Braeuner's class-12:30-1:30 p.m. Thursday, February 25

Mrs. Gilles' class 8:00-9:00 a.m. Friday, February 26
*** It is important for the students to be present on Grandparents' Day even if grandparents are not attending. This will help the students understand that this day is not about themselves but about all the Grandparents and special friends visiting our school.**

Circle of Friends

3rd annual circle of friends Children's Consignment Sale. Nashville's place to shop for gently used baby and children's items. Starts Saturday, February 27th at Saint Henry's Church 8:00-11:30 & 12:00-2:00

Music Man Music Man will begin for the parents March 4th at 7:00 p.m., March 5th at 7:00 p.m., and March 6th at 3:00 p.m.. The student performances will be March 3rd at 1:30 p.m. and March 4th at 1:30 p.m. We hope you will be able to come and see how hard the cast and crew have worked on their performance. Break a Leg!!!



"Home and School News"

The 2010 Boots, Biscuits, and Bluegrass Auction was a HUGE success!!! Thank you to the entire auction committee and all who were in attendance and participated! Because of **you** we were able to reach our fund raising goals! Stay tuned to the next Tiger Connection for final totals.

Items that were not picked up auction night will be at the school. Please ask Mrs. Lawson if you would still like to purchase an original Auction 2010 T-shirt and or poster they are available at the front desk. T-shirts are \$15.00 and posters are \$10.00.

Thanks again to Toni Roushdi and his Family Faith

Night Committee for a wonderful evening.

If you have an interest in being more involved in your Home & School Association next year please email Sara Beth Schwab at sarabethschwab@gmail.com.

Witness Of the Week

Witness of the week for Pre-K-4th grade is Dylan Leifheit in Ms. Elder's class. Dylan shows his classmates how important it is to help others and to make the right choices. He always helps in the dining hall without being asked and also helped one of his classmates during the faith rally. Our witness of the week for 5th-8th grade is Hailey Bain in Mrs. Pilon's class. Hailey shows her classmates how important it is to help others without being asked. She is always helping to gather homework for students that are home sick.

Spring Break

Spring Break will be the 15th thru the 19th. Have a wonderful week off.

Entitlement Talk

The talk at Overbrook with Family Counselor Jim Schleicher speaking on Entitlement has been rescheduled to Friday, February 19, 2010 at 9:00 in the Overbrook library.

Cafeteria Note

There will be sack lunches in the cafeteria March 3rd thru the 5th due to the Music Man. Please plan accordingly.