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## *St. Joseph School Knightly News*

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### **From the Principal's Desk**

Dear Parents,

As we experience our "Season of Mercy," please consider taking the time with your family to attend a Reconciliation Service. Our Communal Reconciliation here at St. Joes is at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 13. Also listed in the bulletin were other District Reconciliation Services with our Most Rev. Archbishop ListECKI as the Presider and Homilist. Here are a couple of those dates and locations:

- Thursday, March 4 @ 7:00 p.m. @ St. Thomas Aquinas in Waterford
- Wednesday, March 10 @ 7:00 p.m. @ St. Jerome in Oconomowoc
- Monday, March 15 @ 7:00 p.m. @ St. Dominic in Brookfield
- Wednesday, March 24 @ 7:00 p.m. @ Christ King

On Thursday, March 25, students in grades 3-8 will participate in a Forensics Meet. Originally, this event was going to include students from three schools and hosted by St. Peter School in East Troy. Due to a last minute medical leave by the teacher that was organizing this event at St. Peter, the decision was made to have each school host their own event this year. We have quite a few students who will be participating so it should be a wonderful evening.

Last week, I attended the Breakfast Mass for eighth grade. These masses are special as it is a time when just this particular grade along with their family and parish members can worship Our Lord together. It is a special time when Father Dick can talk with these students specifically in his homily, and then relate it directly to their class. I was so proud of our eighth graders and how they have become such wonderful young adults. They truly will be the future leaders of our church.

Please make sure you mark your calendars for the Auction. This year's auction will be on Saturday, April 24. It will be a family event this year! More details will be coming soon! Also, I had a representative from QSP come in to talk with me regarding magazine sales. She offered to do a sale where we send out booklets for students to take home and complete with addresses of family and friends that may be interested in purchasing magazines. They do the rest. As she explained, we may have family and friends that want to purchase magazines, and would like nothing more than some of that money to go back directly to the school. She will come in and talk with the students during their lunch hour on March 17 and will give the students the booklets that day. They will then have that evening to complete them and bring them back to school. If any sales are generated, then the school will get a portion of that revenue.

Standing on the side of Love,

Susan Shawver

## Calendar at a Glance

### Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>:

- ☺ Spirit Wear Day

### Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>:

- ☺ 8a.m. All School Mass hosted by K4 & K5
- ☺ 1:45p.m. All School Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>:

- ☺ Padre Tournament at Mount Mary College

### Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>:

- ☺ 8:00a.m. Parent Mass & Breakfast for 4<sup>th</sup> Grade
- ☺ Market Day Pick-up 2:30 – 3:30

### Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>:

- ☺ 2:30-3:30p.m. Chess Club
- ☺ 6:30p.m. Home & School Meeting

### Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>:

- ☺ 6<sup>th</sup> Gr. Bake Sale

### Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>:

- ☺ 8a.m. All School Mass hosted by 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>:

- ☺ K4/K5 New student testing

### Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>:

- ☺ 2:30-3:30p.m. Chess Club

Look for the next edition of the Knightly News to be published on Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010



## ***GET YOUR POCKET PEELERS***

From March 1<sup>st</sup> - March 15<sup>th</sup> the St. Joseph Safety Cadets are selling *Pocket Peelers* coupon books:

*Pocket Peelers* offers discounts at Dairy Queen, Cousins Subs, Subway, ACE Hardware, Chancery Restaurant and more!

*Pocket Peeler cards* are \$10 each and can be purchased from any 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grader.

## **2010/2011 Tuition Contracts**

Tuition Contracts went home on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Tuition Contracts were sent with the oldest or only child of your family. If you have not received your Contract, please check with your child for your packet. Please return both pages of the completed Contract, registration fee, and a voided check (if you chose the monthly payment plan) no later than March 30<sup>th</sup>.

## ***"Teddy Bear Patrol" Drive***



Please help the 4<sup>th</sup> grade class collect NEW teddy bears for children in crisis situations! The "Teddy Bear Patrol" program is sponsored by News radio 620 WTMJ. The collected bears will be distributed to area police and fire departments for their use in comforting children in crisis. New teddy bears are being collected March 1<sup>st</sup> - April 16<sup>th</sup> in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom.

Thanks for your help!

## **PEP RALLY**

We will be having a Basketball Pep Rally to cheer on the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys 'A' Team that has been invited to the Padre Tournament, Great Job Boys!!!

We will also be congratulating all of St. Joseph Basketball Players. Thanks to all of the coaches and players for a great season.

The St. Joe's team plays their first game at 7pm on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at Mount Mary College.

Hope to see you there!

## **FORENSICS JUDGES NEEDED**

We are in need of 5-6 volunteers who would like to be judges for the Forensic Meet on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

This will be for St. Joe's students only and will last approx. 2 hours. If you are able to help, please send a note or call the school office.

## **Reminder**

If you have any information that you would like in Knightly News, please have it to the school office no later than 9am the Monday prior to the newsletter. The newsletter comes out the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month with a few exceptions. We would love to get everything in at any time, but with all of the office activity it is very difficult to get changes made after the layout is done.

We appreciate your understanding.

### **Dress Down Passes**

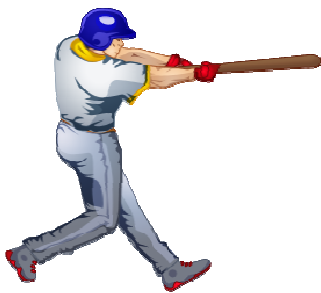
- Current 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Honor Roll dress down passes must be used before the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter which is March 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Current Basketball tournament passes must be used by the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, March 19<sup>th</sup>.
- All other dress down passes that you may have are now void. All future dress down passes will be issued with a *use by date* printed on them.

### **Yearbook Orders**

#### **Don't forget to order your Yearbook.**

Order forms with payment must be returned no later than Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. St. Joe's School yearbook order forms were sent home on Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, please check with your oldest/only student if you have not received it. Yearbooks provide memories for a lifetime; don't miss out on ordering one for each of your students.

If you have any questions or need another order form please stop in or call the school office.



## **GRAND SLAMMIN' TAILGATE AUCTION**

**Our Annual Tailgate Auction is scheduled for Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. This event is one of our largest fundraisers - a casual, fun night the whole family can enjoy!**

**Please help us get out of the dugout!**

**We are asking each family to obtain one new item that can be sold in our auction. We would be grateful if you would contact a business to support and donate toward this important event. There is no specific value or geographical limitations - simply one item that you think someone (even you) may be interested in bidding on. Some ideas to consider:**

**Various businesses you frequent throughout the week, month or year.**

**The commercials you see on TV, online, in the newspaper or hear on the radio.**

**Something you've been wanting to get for yourself but haven't had the opportunity so now you could be the winning bidder while supporting St. Joe's!**

**A business outside our local community, such as a Wisconsin Dells or Door County destination, Wisconsin Timber Rattlers Minor League Baseball Team, etc.**

**To ensure the same business does not receive multiple requests, please email Tammy Charles (bcharles3@wi.rr.com) prior to your contact. Tammy will maintain an ongoing list of business names.**

**Additional Solicitation Letters for the business as well as a Donation Form to record the item received are available in the school office.**

**If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Congemi at [mcongemi@wi.rr.com](mailto:mcongemi@wi.rr.com) or Julie Husted at [bhusted@wi.rr.com](mailto:bhusted@wi.rr.com).**

**St. Joseph School Auction Committee**

## **MOMSNext (Mothers of School Age Kids) Focus Group**

Meeting the needs of moms in our community shouldn't stop once you send your kids off to school. Right now our St. Joe's MOPS group does an amazing job of ministering to moms with children ages 0-5, but a mom's need for community, fellowship, and support does not stop once the kids are in school. Challenges and joy shift as you move into this next season of life. MOPS International has spent time focusing on how to implement a sister ministry to MOPS to help minister to moms in this next season of life. MOMSNext is this answer to prayer! MOMSNext is in it's inaugural year of ministry and is catching on fast. At St. Joe's we're ready to catch the wave and hold on for the adventures in mothering together!

MOMSNext will look a little different than MOPS, but the essential keys of providing fellowship and building community in Jesus' name are the same. What we need to know now is as a mother of school ages kids- what are your needs? What resources can we share as moms and how can this fit into this very busy season of soccer practice, scouts, and recitals. We need your help to develop a program that Moms with school age kids will want to attend, be beneficial to them and work in their schedule with the increased activities of their kids.

Join me on Monday March 15th for fellowship (this means food :) ) and discussion as we explore HOW to best implement this important ministry at St. Joe's! We'll meet S86 W18536 Sue Marie Lane in Muskego at 6:30. I look forward to exploring more about this exciting new adventure together!

Carrie Schanen  
St. Joe's MOMSNext Coordinator



## **RAISE A READER PROGRAM**



Our School is registered in the Raise a Reader program, sponsored by Parents, Parents.com, and the International Reading Association. You can register your child and read additional information about this program on this link: [www.parents.com/reading/stjosephcatholicschoolbigwi](http://www.parents.com/reading/stjosephcatholicschoolbigwi) Students can register to read with your school beginning March 8.

### **About Raise a Reader:**

Motivate your students to read by rewarding their reading milestones! The Raise a Reader program allows your students to log their reading minutes as they devour books throughout the spring. We'll track which schools have the most logged minutes per student, winning school will receive a \$5,000 library grant!

The free program includes a personalized school page where you, your students and parents can watch your school's progress. Online spelling games and worksheets keep it fun, and we've got recommended books for every age level. Plus, students who log at least 60 minutes of reading each week will be entered for individual prizes.

Help our school by registering your child for this program.