

HALO – OCTOBER 2009

Dear Parents,

Last week, the final touches were in place with the new fence on St. George and Bridge Streets. The new fence is a wonderful addition to our school and its visual appeal, not to mention, providing additional security to the campus. With the goal of increasing security to our campus, the Bridge Street parking lot will be a designated faculty parking lot. The gate will be closed during the day from 7:45 am to 3:15 pm. Then, the gate will be closed at 4:00 pm until the next day. The future goal is to provide additional fencing to enclose the school property. This will occur as the funds are available.

Our new Spanish teacher is Mayra Riveras-Morales. She is currently teaching Spanish part-time at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School in Palm Coast. We are fortunate to have Mrs. Riveras-Morales joining our staff. She is certified in Spanish, K-12; Guidance and Exceptional Student Education.

The first quarter ends on October 16th. Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for October 22nd and October 23rd. The homeroom teachers will send home a time for your conference. Conference times on October 22nd will be from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm and on October 23rd from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm for grades 1-8. School will be dismissed each day at 11:30 am. There will be After School Care.

Weekly updates are e-mailed on Fridays, and our website is updated on a regular basis with new information.

Best Regards,

Janet Morton

ITBS TESTING

ITBS Testing, for grades 3-8, will be held from October 5th -14th for all Catholic schools in Florida. This year, the ITBS Tests will be a revised test with updated norms for scoring. The ITBS tests are diagnostic tests and the results will delineate your student's strengths and weaknesses in the areas tested. The information from the test allows the teachers to adapt their lesson plans and focus on skills which need to be reinforced. Students, who are tardy, may not enter the classroom during testing. Please try and avoid morning appointments for your students during these dates.

CPS PRESENTS LIMITED EDITION COMMEMORATIVE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT

CPS has beautiful custom designed Christmas ornaments of CPS school. This Limited Edition Commemorative Christmas Ornament would make a wonderful keepsake. The ornament is cast in three dimension resin and is being offered for \$25. You may see these ornaments in the school office. Order forms are attached.

POINSETTIAS FUNDRAISER FOR EIGHTH GRADE

Once again, the 8th grade is selling poinsettias to raise money for their end of the year trip to Orlando. The final day for orders is October 30th and the delivery date is December 3rd. Order form is attached.

Christmas Trees/Wreaths:

The following items are still left for purchase:

- (20) Christmas Trees 6-7' \$50/each*
- (2) 8" Wreaths \$15/each*
- (4) 12" Wreaths \$25/each*
- (1) 16" Wreath \$35*

*Email Mrs. Heiser at dheiser@cpsschool.org if you'd like to make a purchase.
Thank you.*

CAFETERIA

Only students, whose parents have an active account, are allowed to buy lunches. I would suggest you periodically check your account balance. SLA reserves the right not to serve your student if your account is in a deficit.

FLU SEASON

Just a reminder: CPS has had a few cases of the H1N1 flu. It is important to report all cases of the H1N1 flu to the school. The school reports the cases to the Health Department. Students are to be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school and will need a re-admit note from their doctor.

CHANGE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL POLICY – EFFECTIVE 10/1/09

Edline is the primary method of reporting ongoing grades to CPS parents. If electronic communication is not sufficient to meet your needs, contact your child's homeroom teacher to request that all test and quizzes with grades below 70 be sent home for your signature. These signed tests and quizzes must be returned on the next school day. Failure to comply with this timeline will result in "silent lunches" until the situation is rectified.

PTO INFORMATION

There is NO PTO Meeting on Thursday, October 8th. Instead, there will be a training workshop and signup for VOLUNTEER BUILDER from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the school's computer lab. Parents will now be responsible for logging in their own hours. You can log in your hours from any computer, anywhere. The office computer will no longer log hours. In addition, you can sign up for events throughout the year, allowing parents to schedule their own volunteer time. There will be another training session on Thursday, October 15th, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, in the school's computer lab.

RED RIBBON WEEK

Red Ribbon Week is October 26th through the 30th. Our Red Ribbon Committee has been meeting and planning activities for this week which will focus on "Saying No to Drugs". More information will be forth coming.

TREE-MENDOUS DAY

Thank you to Mrs. Mullins and all the parents who volunteered to make Tree-mendous Day a success day for all our students, K-8. Tree-mendous Day was a day to highlight the conservation of our environment.

NEWS FROM MRS. KINGS

Mrs. Kings' CPS DANCE ANGELS for 2009-2010 are: Kelsea Freeman, Alyssa Lambretti, Erykah Jackson, Sarah Stansel, Susie Upchurch, Renata and Marita Sindicic, and Lexi Packo. Currently, the Dance Angels are collaborating with the CPS Twirlers in a baton/dance routine. The fall projects will include their annual visit to Bayview Nursing Home for Thanksgiving, to share our time and talents, a fundraiser

to benefit Wolfsen's Children's Hospital, and our Christmas program at school All of the girls are enjoying dancing to Christian music and having fun on Tuesdays!

Woodmen Speech Contest 2010 – There are so many careers that involve speaking to a group. The contestants for the 2010 Woodmen Speech Contest have taken steps to improve their public speaking abilities by volunteering to write a speech and deliver it this February in our 4th Annual Woodmen Oratorical Contest. Their speeches are to be no less than 3 minutes in length and the topic is “If I Were President...”. Our participants are: 8th graders Derrick Lee, Barrett Matlock, Lee Williams, Stephanie Jones, and Makena Rakouska; 7th grade students Robert Schmidlin, Paige Sharp, Kirra Tavary, Abigail Ward, and Lucy Yelton.

*Poetry by Chynna Giani
Death to Life*

*How are you normally born?
Does light flash in your face?
Hearing noises and feel your breath come,
Begin the start of life.
Count as far as you can,
Take one step after another to succeed,
First thoughts are always the same –
Why am I here today?*

*Learning is our human nature
Grasping it can achieve greatness.
Learn ways to see the light,
When darkness grabs you quickly but silently.*

*At the end of your road,
There are two paths to take.
Your best friend who you trust goes to the left, darkness.
Do you follow?*

*Let your own judgment lead your own life
To follow Christ and see the light.*

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 16th - Wear Your Color Day – Cost \$1.00, sponsored by Student Council.

October 19th - NO SCHOOL – PROFESSIONAL DAY FOR TEACHERS

October 22nd and 23rd – Parent-Teacher Conferences, Dismissal at 11:30 am

October 30th – Jeans' Day; Fall Festival and Middle School Dance 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

FIELD TRIPS

October 30th – Sixth grades will attend production at IMAX from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm
Fourth grades will visit Old St. Augustine Village from 10:00 am to
11:00 am