

**CATHEDRAL PARISH SCHOOL  
HALO – JANUARY, 2010**

**Dear Parents,**

**Welcome to the New Year and the final semester of the school year. Registration information, for the school year 2010-2011, was sent home on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. Registration for returning families and Kindergarten students will begin on January 19<sup>th</sup> and close on February 5<sup>th</sup>. Families, who select not to re-register during this time period, will become part of Open Registration. Families with a Kindergartener or first grader, who are entering CPS for the first time and may be in need of financial assistance, may apply for financial assistance, based on need, by going to Step Up for Students.org.**

**Open Registration for new families will begin on February 5<sup>th</sup>. CPS will host an Open House on February 4<sup>th</sup> for interested new families. Open House will be held from 9:00 am to 11:00 and from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Please invite friends who may be interested in attending CPS.**

**On January 14<sup>th</sup>, our maintenance man, John Thompson, is retiring. We want to say thank you to John for all he has done over the years in maintaining the physical facilities. Beginning January 11<sup>th</sup>, our new maintenance man will begin. His name is Tony Martin. We welcome Tony to our staff.**

**National Catholic School Week will be January 31st – February 6<sup>th</sup>. Our Catholic School Week Committee has planned a week of events for the students. Information will be coming home later this month.**

**Best Regards,  
Janet Morton**

**Principal**

## **Message from Fr. Tom:**

As many of you know, our principal, Janet Morton, will be retiring at the end of this school year. Her service to the school and our faith community for the past five years has been a real blessing. She will be missed.

The search for a new principal has begun. The Diocese of St. Augustine's Office of Educational Services is handling the placement of advertising and getting the word out that this position is open. I have put together a Search and Interview Committee that will assist me in identifying the best candidate from which we have to choose. In addition to me, the committee members are:

- Janet Morton
- Pat Bronsard - Superintendent of Education, Diocese of St. Augustine
- Pat Tierney - Superintendent of Education, Diocese of St. Augustine retired
- Judy Tibbitts - Chair, CPS Advisory School Board
- Susan Hagaman - CPS Advisory Board
- John Garofalo - Parish Manager, Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine
- Holly Faustini - CPS Faculty
- Dr. Bernard Sans – Director of Music, Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine and a former Catholic school principal (Archdiocese of Milwaukee)

Our goal is to have a candidate identified and hired by May 1, 2010. Please keep our work in your prayers. The power of prayer can never be underestimated, so remember the Committee members in your prayers.

Should you have any questions, please contact me and I will do my best to answer them.

Sincerely,  
Father Thomas S Willis  
Pastor

## **Cathedral Parish School's 2010 Multicultural Fair**

Dear Parents,

Cathedral Parish School is in the process of planning the multicultural fair that will be held on **February 11 before the PTO meeting from 5:00-6:15**. The fair is a "drop-in" with no scheduled events; just a visitor's self-guided tour of the classrooms.

You are invited to come and view our students' multicultural projects. Each grade level has been studying several multicultural themes, and our students have created interesting, and educational displays about what they have learned.

After entering our school at a check-in area, please take your "passport" to the individual classrooms. Please enjoy our students' displays and a sample of food from around the world.

In addition, during the PTO meeting, we will have several multicultural activities set up in the old cafeteria for any students of Cathedral Parish School to enjoy while you attend the PTO meeting. We hope to see you, so don't miss the boat!

Sincerely,  
The Social Studies Committee  
Holly Faustini  
Vicki Tibbitts  
Kelly Giglio  
Glenna Graff  
John Algreen

## **H1N1 AND SEASONAL FLU SHOTS OFFERED AT CPS**

**St. Johns County Board of Health will be giving the seasonal flu and H1N1 shots to CPS students on Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 8:00 am to 9:00 am, in the Parish Hall. A parent or legal guardian must accompany their student/s at the time of the injection. Permission slips will not be accepted. Please park in the center of the Charlotte Street parking lot. There is no charge for the shots.**

## **PTO MEETING and EVENT**

There will be a PTO Meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Jeans Day is January 15<sup>th</sup> and January 29<sup>th</sup>. January 15<sup>th</sup> is only for students whose parents attend the PTO meeting. PTO will celebrate the beginning of Catholic School Week with their annual Italian Festival Dinner on January 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Flyers with reservation information will be sent home later this week.

Mark your calendars for the PTO's Oyster Roast on February 13<sup>th</sup> from noon to 5:00 pm on the playground at CPS.

## **HONOR ROLL and SPIRIT AWARD PARTIES**

The second quarter Honor Roll Party will be held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. Middle school will have their party from 1:30 pm to 2:00 pm and grades 4 and 5 will have their party from 2:05 pm to 2:35 pm. The Spirit Award Party is January 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:05 pm in the Parish Hall.

## **CLASSROOM NEWS**

### **Kindergarten:**

Kindergarten will begin to attend mass on Tuesdays, weather permitting, on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Additional dates for the masses Kindergarten will attend are: February 17<sup>th</sup>; March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>; April 20<sup>th</sup>; May 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Parents are invited to join their students at these masses.

### **Second Grade:**

Both, second grade classes toasted the New Year with champagne (Sparkling Grape Juice) and discussed New Year's Resolution. Second grade has begun their Social Studies Unit on World Culture and will highlight JAPAN for our Multicultural Project. If anyone has Japanese items or books, etc. will you be willing to share with our grade. Sushi and tea will be our food. Our students are working hard on their First Communion Preparations in their parishes. They cannot wait! We have started our Science Unit on Human Body Systems. The students are really impressed with the models of hearts, brains, and other body parts all over our classrooms.

## **Fourth Grade:**

January 15<sup>th</sup>, the fourth grades will be heading to the Old Florida Museum for a “trip back in time”. They will be experiencing the lives of the Timucua Indians who existed in the northeastern part of Florida until around 1565. While there, they will learn how the Indians grew their crops, how they built their “pahama” ( home), what they wore and ate, how they played, prayed and protected themselves. This field trip is one of fourth grades favorites of the year because every part is “hands-on”. The picnic at Swing Park afterwards doesn’t hurt either!

## **Seventh Grade Science:**

Mrs. Mullin’s seventh grade science class is learning about Bioremediation with BTI.



### **Bioremediation with BTI with CPSSCIENCE**

Adam Holt from Anastasia Mosquito Control has been conducting experiments with our seventh grade students. Our life science students have been studying positive uses of bacteria with mosquito larvae. Adam Holt will also be working with our science club this year on a number of hands-on activities! Mr. Holt provides engaging learning activities throughout the school year for junior and high school students as well as exiting summer camps through Anastasia Mosquito Control.

## TOP SPELLERS AT CPS!

Corpus Christi Church was all a-buzz with the Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee on Saturday, Jan. 9th. CPS students displayed their spelling talent on this very cold morning, bringing home 2 trophies! Congratulations to Abigail Ward, placing 2nd for the 7th-8th grade Bee and Rebekah Prevatt, placed 1st in the 5th-6th grade Bee. The announcer made a point of saying everyone in attendance was a winner. Earning certificates of participation were: Robert Schmidlin, Blair Diedrick, Kelsea Freeman, Erykah Jackson, and Alyssa Lamberti. These students did an amazing job!



## DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

In celebration of Dr. Martin Luther Kings, Jr's life, there will be no school on January 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Please continue to check the Friday updates for additional or revised information.**