

**CATHEDRAL PARISH SCHOOL'S  
HALO  
FEBRUARY 2010**

Dear Parents,

February is the shortest month of the year. However, it is a month full of many important activities and dates for you to mark on your calendar.

We begin the month with the national celebration of Catholic Schools Week with the theme for this year being "Dividends for Life". The weekly events have been e-mailed home. Cathedral Parish School will be one of the four diocesan schools to have their Catholic Schools Week activities featured in the spring issue of the Diocesan magazine. For this reason, I wish to take note of the food drive for Catholic Charities which all Catholic schools participate during Catholic Schools Week. Catholic Charities' food supply is very low due to the overwhelming demands from families in need of assistance during these hard economic times. CPS' Food Drive for Catholic Charities will be featured pictorially in the magazine. If each child brought just one item, there would be 350 food items to help other families. Wouldn't that make a wonderful picture and tell the story of the generosity of the CPS families?

Final Registration for returning families is **Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**. Again, because of the economy, families have told me they would not be able to pay the registration by February 5<sup>th</sup>. Should this be your situation, please send your registration information in by the deadline with a note stating when you will pay the registration. It is important for you child/ren be identified as a returning student and maintain placement on the homeroom list.

St. Johns County Sheriff's Department, St. Johns County School District and the Office of the State Attorney General's office have compiled a program for school students on bullying and cypersafety and cyberbullying. At the February 11<sup>th</sup> PTO Meeting, Kelly Walker, SJSO, will present a portion of this program to the parents. Following the presentation to the parents, Kelly Walker will present the program used in the County schools to our middle school students. As you know from my communications, there have been issues with the misuse of electronic devices in school. Just as you check Edline for grades and assignments, I encourage you to check cell phones, IPODs, your home computer,etc. If your child has a Facebook, etc, site, please check it regularly. If you think your child does not have a Facebook, etc, check periodically to see if he/she has created a page. It is simple to create a page.

Best Regards,

Janet Morton  
Principal

## FIRST MULTI-CULTURAL FAIR

For the past several weeks, the Social Studies teachers have been preparing for the Multicultural Fair on the evening of February 11<sup>th</sup> before the PTO meeting. Each grade level has been studying the traditions and culture of different international countries. Each classroom will have displays and sampling of food from the country the classroom has been studying.



**Where: Cathedral Parish Catholic School**

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**When: Before the PTO meeting on Feb 11th  
5:00-6:15**

## NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS

Kindergarten will be having their 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Olympics Opening Ceremony on February 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am on CPS' playground. Events include the lighting of the torch and the Parade of Nations. Our little athletes will compete all week long. The Closing Ceremony will take place on February 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am on CPS' playground again with our Parade of Nations and concluding with the medal ceremony.

Second grades classes have been busy learning about Japan. Ms. Lamm and Mrs. Wright, volunteers, taught the children about Japanese traditions and culture. The students learned origami, a paper folding art, and how to count to ten in Japanese. The children saw beautiful Japanese kimonos, slippers, and fans. Each student was also given a name tag with their name written in Japanese. Second grade will share all of these wonderful experiences with you during the multicultural fair on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

Fourth grade will taking a tour of the Lightner Museum on February 11<sup>th</sup>. While there, students will be able to take a scavenger hunt in the Science and Industry room, listen to instruments of the past in the music room and enjoy the beautiful Tiffany collection which includes stunning examples of cut glass, Victorian art glass and the stained glass work of Louis Comfort Tiffany. This trip, which takes us back to daily life in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, is always one filled with awe.

## NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

In December, the NJHS visited the Sisters of St. Joseph at Lourdes Hall and delighted the Sisters with Christmas carols and presented them with hand-made ornaments (See Attached Photos). As part of our Catholic Schools Week celebration, NJHS students spoke at the weekend masses and shared on their Catholic school experience.

## CHANGE IN FEBRUARY CALENDAR

**Originally, February 12<sup>th</sup> was designated as a No School Day. Just a reminder, February 12<sup>th</sup> was cancelled and moved to March 31<sup>st</sup>. On March 31<sup>st</sup>, the Cathedral-Basilica hosts the Chrism Mass for all Diocesan priests, personnel, etc. On this day, CPS' parking lot, parish hall and old cafeteria are used by the Diocese for parking, and the priests' and altar servers' luncheon.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

February 12<sup>th</sup>

- Woodmen Speech Contest for middle school contestants in the Parish Hall from 12:45 pm to 2:15 pm
- PTO Jeans Day
- Middle School Dance – 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

February 18<sup>th</sup> Preliminary Tropicana speeches for grade four and five

February 19<sup>th</sup>

- NJHS Jeans Day - \$.50 donation to participate
- Preliminary Tropicana speeches for grade 6th

February 25<sup>th</sup>

- Finals for the Tropicana Speech contest, 12:45pm to 2:15 pm, in the Parish Hall
- CPS students who are enrolled in the First Coast School of Music's after school program will present an instrumental concert for parents, etc beginning at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall

February 26<sup>th</sup> Jeans Day

*“Let us learn upon earth the knowledge that will continue with us in Heaven”  
St. Jerome*