

**CATHEDRAL PARISH SCHOOL'S
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NOVEMBER, 2009**

Dear Parents,

The season of Thanksgiving is fast approaching. It is a time to remember the many blessings we received during the year. Blessings come to us in many ways: from our families and friends; from the person who greets you with a smile or a hello; from the random acts of kindness we receive; from our priests who serve their parishioners twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week; from our armed service personnel who unselfishly put their lives on the line everyday for our country and our liberties; for the families of these men and women who know the risk their children are taking for us; and everyone else who touches our lives.

Have you noticed the large blue lift by the Lyceum these past few weeks? We are in the process of replacing the roof on the Lyceum. After many years of patching the leaks, it became necessary to replace the entire roof. The cost to the school is approximately \$33,000. However, the school will receive a rebate from FPL for the energy saving materials being used. In addition, these materials will provide a 60% reduction on the electricity bill for the Lyceum.

Please note, there is a change in our school calendar. The February 12, 2010 discretionary day is cancelled. This discretionary day is being moved to March 31, 2010. This is the day of the Diocesan Chrism Mass. The Diocesan priests use our parking lot and following the Chrism Mass, there is a luncheon in the parish hall for the priests. Easter break will begin at the end of the day on March 30, 2010.

My faculty, staff and I wish everyone a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

**Janet Morton
Principal**

VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY

Student Council will be presenting our annual Veteran's Day Ceremony on Veteran's Day, November 11th. The ceremony will begin at 9:30 am in the St. George Street parking lot. Parents are welcome to attend our ceremony to honor all the men and women who are serving or have served in our Armed Forces. **There will be no parking in the St. George Street parking lot this morning.**

NOVEMBER PTO MEETING

The November PTO Meeting will be held on November 12, 2009 in the Parish Hall. Parents will be able to shop at the Book Fair on this evening. CPS Christmas tree ornaments will be available for purchase or to order. Students, whose parents attend the PTO meeting, will have a Jean's Day on November 13th.

SJA AND CPS RETREAT

St. Joseph Academy Campus Ministry students and our eighth grade students will have their annual retreat day. This is held on CPS campus.

UPDATE ON FLU SHOTS

St. Johns County Health Department contacted CPS this week regarding being a host site to administer flu shots, H1N1 and regular flu shots. We confirmed with the Health Department that we do wish for the school to be a host site for our students. When the County sends the school the permission referral slips to sign up for the shots, we will forward them home to the parents. There will be a deadline to return the forms to the school. It is from these forms that the supply of vaccines will be allocated for our location.

BOOK FAIR

The annual CPS Book Fair is being held in the Library until November 13th. There is an amazing selection of books for the students. At the Book Fair, you will find the latest and finest titles for kids, as well as books of interest to parents.

Mark your calendar for our Family Event, PTO night 11/12/09, where the whole family can join in the fun and you can contribute books to your child's classroom library. The Book Fair is a great way to get everyone excited about reading.

INTERIM REPORTS

Interim reports for the second quarter will be sent home on November 20th with your students. Please review your student's interim. Sign and return the interim envelope to your student's homeroom teacher on November 23rd.

THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON/THANKSGIVING VACATION

The annual Thanksgiving Luncheon will be held on November 24th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Further information will be coming home. Thanksgiving vacation will at the close of the regular school day on November 24th.

CPS CLASSROOM NEWS

Fifth Grade

During a presentation by Mr. Bob Bergstrom, CPS fifth graders had the opportunity to observe the replica of Columbus' ships, the Nina, Pinta, and Santa Maria. Mr. Bergstrom's childhood dream was to recreate Christopher Columbus' fleet of ships which he sailed to the new world.

The fifth graders have been learning about ancient ships such as the Caravels, Carracks, and the Viking's Longships. Mr. Bergstrom shared with the students, information he had learned from his research of Columbus' travels and the Vikings.

The fifth graders are, now, in the process of creating Caravel ships which Columbus used in his fleet. They will be taking a field trip on the Schooner Freedom as an ending to their project.

Mrs. Kings' Middle School

CPS middle school students will be sharing their talents with the residence of the Bayview Nursing Home on Marine Street at the Nursing Home's 4th Annual Talent Show. Students will sing, dance, read poetry and there might even be juggling! The students will visit the residents on Saturday morning, November 21st, as a warm, friendly way to enjoy being together during the holidays.

This is an opportunity for students to interact directly with the community as they earn service hours. Students will visit the residents' rooms, wheel them down to the performance, serve snacks and drinks after the show and return them to their rooms. Please see Mrs. Kings to sign up, if, you have not done so yet.

Thank you to Mrs. Mullin's Students from the Council on Aging

“Thanks to all who donated nutritional supplements to COA Care Connection. Your donation will be given to the needy seniors in St. Johns County by our Care Connection volunteers. It is great to know that there are caring neighbors like you in our community. Thanks again, Sincerely, Ray Franklin, Program Coordinator, COA Care Connection.”

Heavenly Father, Saint Ursula loved children and became a teacher. She taught them about the Good News and instructed them in how to lead holy lives. She is the patron saint of Catholic education, students, and teachers. I ask her to intercede for Cathedral Parish School and all Catholic schools, that whatever problems we face are resolved according to Your wisdom, O Lord. Bless our teachers; may they remain true to the Gospel in all of their lessons. Bless our students; may they learn about the Faith and also how to live the Faith. Provide Catholic education to families who cannot afford the normal tuition. Saint Ursula, pray for us. Amen.

