



St. Joseph School
A National Blue Ribbon School
January 13, 2010
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Rooted in Christ

This weekend twenty-four men from our parish will be using our facilities for the Christ Renews His Parish program. The program has not been active in the parish for several years, and now has been revived. Our school children will be praying for these men as they spend this spiritual time together.

On Monday our eighth grade students will participate in a retreat as they make final preparations to receive the sacrament of Confirmation on February 2nd. Father Ed will also begin conducting private interviews with the candidates next week to discuss this step that they will be taking in becoming full members of the Catholic Church. Please keep our eighth graders and the CRHP participants in your prayers.

Academic Team

Congratulations to our Middle School Academic Team! Last weekend they participated in the Northern Kentucky Academic League Meet and one of our teams took second place by winning two out of three matches. In overtime they lost first place by one point. Our other team also did very well, and only lost by a slim margin. On the written tests Will Neltner placed 5th in math and 3rd in social studies. Maria Pope received a honorable mention in arts and humanities. We are very proud of the students for doing so well especially since we entered this program late and have not been able to participate in any sanctioned meets. The students who participated in the meet were: Logan Boyle, Sam Darpel, Mo DeGreen, Megan Hemmer, Kara Kanter, Sam Kunkler, Matthias Mando, Bridget Neltner, Will Neltner, Maria Novak, Maria Pope, Cole Tilden, Caroline Winstel, and Claire Wulfeck.

From the PTO

The PTO would like to congratulate several Volunteers of the Month for January. They are **Mrs. Babs Thompson, Mr. Jerry Dressman, Mrs. Elisa Finn, Mrs. Susan Colvin and Mr. Mac Hayden**. These Volunteers are generous with their

time and talents and help with coordinating all the boys and girls basketball teams, uniforms, tournaments, coaches, and maintenance of the gym during the season. They were nominated by Peggy Henn. Congratulations!

Also, please mark your calendar for an **INFORMAL Wine and Cheese Tasting and Tupperware Party** at the OPEN PTO meeting on **February 11 at 7:00 p.m.** in the library. We hope to see you there!

SJS AAA

The next SJS AAA general membership meeting is scheduled for this evening Wednesday, January 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. All are welcome to attend.

Student Council

Student Council is sponsoring an out of uniform day on Friday, January 15. Any student who would like to be out of uniform needs to bring in \$.50 on Friday.

Accelerated Reader

Please see the attached Accelerated Reader flyer for important information regarding the program.

Athletic News

BASKETBALL WORKERS NEEDED

The basketball worker schedule is posted at SJSAAA.com. Please visit the site, click on the schedule button, then worker schedule. Choose a shift (or shifts) that you want to work and call or e-mail Rich Beiersdorfer via the link on the page.

New shifts will be added when the current schedule has been filled. Thanks for your help!

Bids and Bites

This year's theme to Bids and Bites, the parish's annual Silent Auction Event, is "Bon Voyage". So get ready to cruise! The event will take place on

Saturday, March 20 at the Gardens of Park Hills. Tickets will go on sale this Friday, January 15. Tickets can be purchased through our web site at www.bidsandbites.com or by calling Monica Lonnemann at 344-0216.

We need your Help!

Each homeroom has been given a "Theme Basket" project to be used at the Bids and Bites event. You will be getting a letter from a parent representative describing your homeroom's basket theme. Donations will be collected beginning January 21 through February 12 for your homeroom's basket. Once all items are collected, the baskets will be assembled. Tickets to win the baskets will be sold during Bids and Bites and other select times prior to the event. The winning ticket will be drawn the night of the event. Please watch for your homeroom's letter coming home next week.

Box Tops and Campbell's Labels

We will be conducting another competition for the Box Tops and Campbell's Labels through the month of February. The homeroom that brings in the most items by percentage of students will receive a class out of uniform day. Please include your child's homeroom number on any Box Tops and Campbell's labels that are sent to the office.

8th Grade Families

Last week, Mrs. Stover emailed a release of records form to the eighth grade parents. Please sign and return to school by Friday, January 15.

In-School Registration

It's hard to believe, but it's already time to start planning for our next school year. Friday, the youngest student in each family will be given your family's registration form for the 2010-2011 school year. Forms and fees are due by February 1. Registration for those students not currently enrolled at St. Joseph is scheduled for Thursday, February 4, 2010, in our school library from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm.

Snow Closings & Delays

Thank you to everyone for your patience as we go through the ice and snow season. We will always try to utilize the Kenton County bus service if at all

possible. We will continue to notify you through the phone notification system and email. If you are in doubt, please check the TV or listen to the news to verify whether or not we have bus service of if we are open. We will utilize all three systems for snow schedule notification. Half-day kindergarten families – on days we are on a delay, you will be on private transportation arrival but will have bus service for the 12:30 pick-up if bus service is available.

Prior to Christmas break, we sent home the "Emergency 2009-2010 School Closing Procedures" and "Instructions for Private Transportation." If you have misplaced your directions, they are posted on the "Forms" page of the school website.

Drinking Cups

Our supplies of drinking cups are once again low. Please send in paper cups for use at the drinking fountains. Thanks for your help.

2010 Calendars

The Holy Name Men's Society is selling 2010 pocket Calendars for \$10.00 each. Daily raffle drawings and your chance to win every single day for the year from \$25.00 up to \$500.00. Calendars may be purchased by contacting Kelly Novak at 859-426-8806 or May Kay Waugaman at 859-344-1726.

Wellness

It is important to each and every student that they come to school each day. However, if your child is sick, has had a fever in the last 24 hours, or has had vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours, please keep them at home to rest and regain their strength before returning to school.

Transportation Changes/Walkers

This is a reminder that your child **must** have a signed and dated note to walk home. Students who wish to go home on the bus with a friend must have a signed, dated note with their friend's address and bus number. ***Emails or phone calls for transportation changes are not acceptable.*** **Students will not be permitted to call parents at the end of the day to receive permission.**

Calendar

- Jan 14 Academic Team Competition @ St. Joe's
vs. Fort Wright School
PTO Open Meeting 7:00 pm
- Jan 15 Second Quarter Ends
- Jan 18 No School – Martin Luther King Day
Grade 8 – Confirmation Retreat
8:45 am – 2:30 pm – St. Joseph Heights
- Jan 19 Bank of Kentucky Mini Bank 7 – 7:20am
Skyline Time 5 – 8 pm
- Jan 20 STUCO 2 – 3
Academic Team Practice 4 – 5:15
- Jan 21 January & July Birthday
Out of Uniform
Academic Team at Ludlow
- Jan 22 Report Cards go home
- Jan 25 Yearbook 2 – 3
- Jan 26 Computer Club 2 – 3
- Jan 27 Chess Club 2 – 3:15
Quilt Club 2 – 4
Academic Team Practice 4 – 5:15

Attachments

- Boys Volleyball Sign Up Form
Fr. Ketteler Question & Answer Session
A/R Information

Posted on School Website “Forms” Page

- Emergency Snow Closing Procedures & Private
Transportation Information

January, 2010

Accelerated Reader

Dear Parents,

St. Joseph School currently uses the Accelerated Reader Program as part of its reading curriculum. It allows the students to choose books at appropriate levels and then take reading comprehension tests on them. It is a highly regarded program in which the students are excited to participate.

We also use STAR Reading as a pre-diagnostic tool as a guide to teachers, students, and parents to identify the reading levels of students, see growth throughout the year, and personalize the achievement according to reading levels. STAR Reading personalizes the AR program and makes it easier to reach every student. One of its main purposes is to individualize reading goals for each student. With STAR Reading, we are able to assess each student's reading level immediately, and, in doing so, maximize the reading practice and achievement quickly and efficiently.

The AR Wall of Fame is a way to honor those students who excel in the use of the AR program. In order to earn the honor of being on the Wall of Fame, a student must gain points beyond the personal AR goal. These extra points are dependent on the student's grade level. For example, a fourth grade student must achieve 4 extra points, while a sixth grade student would need to achieve 6 extra points.

To increase the effectiveness of the program, another facet will be added to the Wall of Fame requirements beginning the third quarter. Along with earning points, each student will be required to achieve an average of 80% or higher on Reading Practice Quizzes. Meeting this goal has a significant impact on reading growth.

The ultimate aim of the program is to have students read on their level, improve their reading skills, and work to successfully gain the honor of being a Wall of Fame member.

Thank you so much for your support of this program!

Teachers of St. Joseph School, Crescent Springs

Accelerated Reader

1. All students will take the STAR Reader test at the beginning of the year in the Computer class.
2. STAR Reader scores are used to set individual AR goals.
3. Reading teachers use these goals as a source for a reading grade. The percentage of the goal the student achieves can be used as a grade.
4. The individual goals + the grade level will be used to determine those who qualify for the Wall of Fame along with the average of the percent of correct items. The students must achieve an average of 80% on the quizzes taken during a quarter.
5. Awards for those that achieve the Wall of Fame will be given at the end of each quarter. This will consist of
 - Name listed on the Wall of Fame
 - Certificate and bookmark given at the end of the quarter Awards ceremony
6. Teachers will encourage the students to read books in their reading range. Points measure practice which helps to keep track of quantity, but not quality. The percentage of the number items correct will encourage the students to read more carefully and improve comprehension skills
7. To achieve the most growth, students should read at least 20 minutes daily and average 80% and higher on the quizzes.
8. Various student reports are available to the teacher on the Accelerated Reader program.
9. Parents can keep track of their children's progress on the AR parent site.

2010 Boys' Volleyball

Sign-ups for boys' volleyball for the 2010 season are under way!

Any 3rd grade through 8th grade student interested in playing this season, needs to sign up ASAP. Please fill out the below form and return to the school office no later than January 13, 2010.

Team Division

Team divisions will depend on the amount of interest per grade level.

Sign-ups and Payment

A packet will be sent to all interested students and will need to be turned in prior to being placed on a team.

Please fill out the form below and return to the school office to Kelly Novak's attention.

STUDENT'S NAME _____ Homeroom _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S NAME(S) _____ PHONE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____



A Question & Answer Session

Do you have the right question?

Fr. Ronald Ketteler
February 7, 2010
After 9:30 a.m. Mass
Faith Community Center



Fr. Ronald Ketteler is a Theology Professor and Chair of the Theology Department of Thomas More College where he has been on the faculty since 1982 and a priest in residence at St. Joseph Parish. Fr. Ketteler was an English instructor at Covington Latin School and a Professor of Philosophy at Pius X Seminary. He served as Chaplain at the University of Kentucky (1965-1970) and was founding Chaplain at Eastern Kentucky University (1970-1982). Currently, he chairs the Pro-Life Committee of the Catholic Conference of Kentucky and is a representative on the Health Care and Ecumenical Committees. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Kentucky Council of Churches. He serves on the Ethics Committee of St. Elizabeth Hospital and Carmel Manor. Fr. Ketteler has lectured and written extensively on bioethical and social justice issues. He is Director of Ecumenism for the Diocese, and Episcopal Liaison to The Messenger.