

February 3, 2012

Dear Families:

We had lots of fun during Catholic Schools Week. The highlight of the week was the liturgy. Mrs. Louise Kachel was given the Spes Messis In Semine Award for giving so generously of her time, talent, and treasure. Thank you for bringing the children to the mass and to the open house.

I'd like to thank our librarian, Mrs. Wright, and all those who helped her with the book fair. The teachers are most grateful for the beautiful books donated to their classrooms. We appreciate your generosity.

During the week, the science projects were judged. After tallying the score sheets, the five highest scoring students will represent our school at the state science fair: 1st Place: Joseph Palazzo, 2nd Place: Gianna Pagliaro, and 3rd Place: Ana Palmisciano. Honorable Mention: Rahi Koul and Kevin Henkel. I wish them the best of luck. Also, I'd like to thank our science teacher, Ms. Wright, for coordinating the fair and for helping the students with their projects and research papers.

I am pleased to name the February Students of the Month. The students are Arlisenny Rodriguez-Gr. K, Adrian Vasquez-Gr. 1, Arianna Benoit-Gr. 2, Dewa Brian Putra-Gr. 3, Dulce-Maria FloresTorrey-Gr.4, Emily Duran-Gr.5, Alexis Youn-Gr. 6, Elissa Tortolani-Gr.7, and Joseph Gallo-Gr. 8.

We recently held our school spelling bee. Elissa Tortolani in grade 7 and Alisha Rolon in grade 5 represented our school in the diocesan regional spelling bee. Elissa stayed in the competition through the sixth round. Congratulations to both girls.

Rachel Giampietro's name was not listed on the Honor Roll list last month. Rachel earned third honors in grade 7. Good work, Rachel.

I'd like to thank all those who participated in our Meadow Farms fundraiser. We raised \$5,028. Our top three sellers were Arielle Emile, Lavell Isom, and Dante Mederios. Our top selling class was grade 3. The winners of the participation drawing were Alyssa Alarcon and Evelyn Cardoza. The fundraiser wrapped up with the long awaited Pig Race. Grade 3 won the Pig Race and grade 8 won the pig costume contest.

We collected \$265.50 for the Children's Holiday Hope Fund. The amount was matched to us by Mr. Feinstein. We collected a good many box tops and received a check for \$1,342.50. Please keep them coming. Thank you, Mrs. Iamarone, for coordinating this project.

Congratulations to our math teacher, Mrs. Wiant, and to one of her 7th grade stock market teams. The team placed 2nd out of all the middle school teams in Rhode Island. The team consisted of Meleny Caines, Megan Lussier, and Kelvin Torres.

Many thanks to our middle school teacher, Mrs. DiBiasio. She wrote a grant and received \$600.00 from Target to cover the cost of buses for a middle school field trip.

During the month of February, our theme is “Sowing Seeds of Love”. Let us all make an effort to love one another and treat others with respect at all times. Thanks to social networking, bullying goes on 24 hours a day. Please take the time to teach your child that every person is a gift from God and deserves to be treated with love and kindness.

Ash Wednesday is **February 22nd**. It falls during the February vacation. Please make sure the children have thought about their Lenten sacrifices. All students who have made their First Penance can receive ashes on Ash Wednesday. Rice Bowls will be sent home **February 10th**. Please encourage the children to save money in their Rice Bowls for the poor.

The FACTS applications are due **February 17th**. Be sure to enclose copies of your income tax returns, W2 forms, and a check for \$25.00. A FACTS form must be filed in order to be eligible for any financial assistance. Let me know if you need any assistance with the process.

Please remember to return your registration form for the 2012-2013 school year. Registration has already begun for outside families. I would not want to see any of our students lose a place for next year. We can't hold a space for any student without the registration paper and deposit.

Please remember to check the February calendar for special events such as snack sales, dress down days, field trips, etc. The school year is flying by and things get very hectic.

School is closed the week of **February 20th** for winter vacation. School reopens on **February 27th**.

Thank you for supporting all of our activities throughout Catholic Schools Week. God has blessed us with a wonderful pastor, faculty, staff, and loving students and families. May God bless you always.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Spencer

Looking Ahead:

March 2nd – Spring Ten Week Club tickets go home

March 10th – St. Patrick's Day Parade

March 23rd – Report Cards distributed

April 12th – No School – Professional Day

April 16th-20th – No School- Spring Vacation

April 27th – Family Fling

May 22nd – Multicultural, MARSS, and Art Fairs

