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BJ's Corner

Families, Report Cards are coming March 2nd. Be on the lookout.

We have had positive responses to our last two forums. Most parents want to continue this for next year.

The forum for Grades 5th- 7th will be held this Thursday in the gym at 7:00p.m. Please arrange your schedules to be there. We have many important topics and it helps to get input from other parents. B.J.

Calendar Update

March 1st - Parent Forum
5th-7th (Mandatory)

7:00 p.m. in gym.

March 5th-8th ITBS Testing for
3rd through 8th Grade (Mandatory)

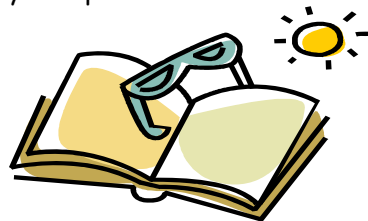
Book Fair is Coming!!

See attached flier to
volunteer.

Summer Program!!

Due to popular demand based on feedback from all of you, St. Charles has decided to provide a Summer Program starting this summer.

Summer Program Packets and enrollment forms are now available. Pick them up in the front office and from your After Care Personnel. Please make sure you pick up an enrollment form for each child. Deadline for enrollment is April 2nd. Register early to ensure your spot.



ITBS Testing

ITBS tests for 3rd thru 8th grade will be given the Week of March 5th-8th.

It is imperative that each child in these grades takes and completes the exam during the week. Please **DO NOT** take your child out of school early, for an appointment. I would appreciate your full cooperation with this requirement. Please make sure your child gets 10 hours of sleep and a healthy breakfast.

Financial Aid

The Grant and Aid application for the Maloof and Archbishop scholarships are available in the Finance Office. The application is through F.A.C.T.S. Business Solution and requires a \$20.00 fee with each application. You can apply online at:
www.factstuitionaid.com.

The deadline is April 15, 2007. See attached flier for the information needed to complete your application. It is based on income and need.

Annual Food Drive for the Storehouse

The greatest
joy...GIVING

As of 2/23/07, we have collected 1,511 items for the Storehouse. Our school goal is 10,000. Last year we collected over 15,000 items. During this Lenten season, please be generous to those who are less fortunate. Our food drive ends soon!!

**We will be collecting
food items until March
20th.**

Lost and Found

Lost and Found can be found in the cafeteria on the table - please take a look for any lost items as we will be giving it away on Friday morning, March 2, 2007.

When People Hear Your Name - What Will They Think?

Randy and his friend David were playing in their neighbor's yard. The neighbor family was not home, and the two boys were having fun playing with some of the children's toys. As they pushed each other in the swing, it broke and fell to the ground. Randy and David did not know what to do, so they ran away. They hoped that no one saw them there.

Randy felt bad that he and David had broken the swing. He thought about it often during the rest of the day but could not decide what to do. The next morning when he woke up, Randy remembered he should always try to choose the right. Then Randy thought about the neighbor's swing.

He dressed quickly and went to the neighbor's house. He stood outside for a while because he was a little afraid to knock on their door. Finally, he knocked.

When the mother came to the door, he told her what had happened. While he told the story of the broken swing, she listened. When he finished, she put her hand gently on his shoulder and asked him his name. He told her that his name was Randy. She looked him in the eyes and said, "Randy, whenever I see you or think of your name, I'll think of someone who is honest."

Let us always do and say those things that will elicit a positive response when someone hears our name.

Girls Softball

We are in need of Girl's Softball coaches for both fast and slow pitch. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Rohde in 7B 243-5788.

From the Pastor's Perspective:

Happy Lent! Many would not put those words together - but as someone said to me today, you are really making us think about Lent! During this season of grace, we renew ourselves and prepare ourselves to renew our baptismal promise at Easter. There are three ways we traditionally do this, through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

As I was trying to prepare for our monthly prayer, I was trying to reflect and find a prayer on the life of Saint Joseph, who we celebrate March 19, the saint of the month of March. He is the quiet saint! We have no words that he said, yet we believe he was a strong force in the life of Christ. He was dedicated as a parent and as a father. I know that it is helpful to have more prayers, as parents, and to focus on prayer in raising our children. Saint Joseph is a great patron saint to pray with for guidance as a parent, especially with the way our children move! As you try to deepen your prayer life, pray the prayer below. Know you are always welcome to join us for prayer at the church, each weekday at 8 a.m. It is a 15-minute service - and I promise you it will

deepen your life with the Lord. Also, take time to pray with your children. They will learn more about God through your actions and discipline than you can image. There is also Evening Prayer at 5 p.m.

Pray for our 2nd graders who will be celebrating their sacrament of reconciliation for the first time next Monday. Also notice the other highlights and events for the coming weeks:

- *Prayer in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament:* One of the hallmarks of our parish and the Blessed Sacrament Shrine is parishioners and other people regularly coming to offer an hour of prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed in the monstrance. Would you kindly, for Lent, make a commitment to participate in this prayer? Sign-up in the Shrine Chapel.
- *Communal Penance Services for Lent:*

Friday, March 2: Risen Savior, 7 p.m.
Monday, March 12: Prince of Peace, 7 p.m.
Monday, March 19: Saint Charles, 7 p.m. (during Mission)
Friday, March 23: Aquinas Newman Center, 7 p.m.
Monday, March 26: Saint Bernadette, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, March 27: Annunciation, 7 p.m.