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BJ's Corner

"The people who get on in this world are the people who get up and look for circumstances they want and, if they can't find them, make them."

One of our own is departing to pursue her dream! Nurse Lori will be attending UNM this fall to begin classes toward her goal of becoming a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner. Lori has nursed thousands of Cardinals big and small. Her spunk, joy and enthusiasm will be missed. Congratulations on acceptance to the program! Nurse Lori will be missed! Where has the year gone? With only 18 school days left, our days are packed with learning opportunities. It is imperative that students continue to complete

homework and get to bed at their normal time. Check the flyer for updates to stay informed. Thanks for your continued support of Catholic education. Have a Sunny week. B.J.

Calendar Update:
May 6 - 1st Communion 9:00 St. Anne Church
May 9 - Move-Up Day
****Calendar Change:**
May 10th - Early Dismissal 12:30
May 10th - Special Preview of Art and Spaghetti Dinner 6:00-8:00pm

NJHS News:
Congratulations to our four new NJHS members who were 'tapped' into NJHS and will be inducted into our organization on Wednesday May 3rd. The following people will be inducted:

Aasha Marler, Kevin Chavez-Zimmerly, Elizabeth Allen, and Lauren Paiz.

Also congratulations to our 8th grade NJHS members who will be graduating soon. This year NJHS completed many service projects such as raising money for the Hurricane Katrina victims and raising money to help pay for the PNM bills for the school. Good Job!

Registration News

St. Charles enrollment is low in our Kindergarten and 1st grade rooms, and full in 3rd grade for next year. Therefore, I have instituted a program that will provide \$100.00 credit towards next year's tuition if you encourage enrollment at St. Charles and the family registers. Spread the word,

this could be advantageous to us all.

Faith Challenge Bowl

GOOD LUCK to our Faith Challenge Bowl Team. This group knows an incredible amount of information about our faith. For example, they know the Popes of the 20th century, the Precepts of the church, and all the Divine Praises. They will be competing at St. Pius on Friday, May 5th. After some real tough competition, the following students were selected:
Justin Starr
Katrina Estrada
Katrina Llamas
Bethany Castillo
Ariel Tobyas
Victoria Pacheco
Kirsten Johnson (team captain)
We are so proud of you!!!

Spring Music Fest

The 2005 Spring Music Fest took place on Thursday and Friday afternoons, April 21st and 22nd, with the whole school participating at one of the concert dates. The program included songs and recorder pieces as well as a number that featured the resonator bells acquired with monies from the PNM Foundation grant received last spring. A special feature was the musical "The Granny Awards" presented by each of the 8th grades, which also included three members from the Vintage Players, a senior readers' theatre group.

Volunteers for Art Show

The art show is fast approaching. We need some parent helpers to work with the art teacher framing the artwork and typing labels. We will be framing the work the week of May 1-5 during the following times M, T, W, TH, F 1pm-3pm and Thursday 10am-12pm. Over 350 labels need to be typed so this is a

job requiring someone with fast fingers, a good computer and time! Also, Mrs. Gallegos is looking for judges with some art background. Judging will take place May 10th from 3pm-5pm. If you can judge or know someone who could, please call Mrs. Gallegos ASAP at 243-5788. We are going to have a good show this year but with your help it will be GREAT!!

Cub Scout News

Attn: Kindergarten Parents of Boys returning to St. Charles next year. We would love to have your son join our Cub Scout Troop. If you are interested, please call Chuck Crawley at 839-9359 for information.

Kudos...

Carolyn Peck for her performance with the Albuquerque Youth Symphony.

Our students, who make their First Communion on Saturday, May 6th.

Brittini Romero, this year's Valedictorian and Laura Sarmiento - Salutatorian

Go Cardinals!!!

From the Pastor's Perspective

Continued Easter Blessings! I hope that you are enjoying the liturgical season of Easter. This is an important time for us to reflect, over 50 days, on the meaning of the risen Lord in our lives and how we are faithfully living out our baptismal covenant. May the Lord continue to send his Spirit to give us strength and courage to serve the Lord. Recently we had several teenagers become Catholic.

These students choose to become part of our Catholic Church. Many are learning how the church brings in new members. For those who are 7 years old or older, through adulthood, there is a special process to becoming Catholic. It is called the "catechumenate" and celebrated with special rites over a yearlong process. These rites are called the Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults, or RCIA. You may have a son or daughter who is not baptized, or some how missed the sacrament of Penance or First Communion when they were 7 or 8. We have a special process for children in this situation. Each Wednesday night, the children's catechumenate, or RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children) meets to talk about the faith and learn about the Catholic Church, its mission, its sacraments and more.

Let us know now if you would like to be part of these sessions, beginning next fall, Wednesday nights, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Please see me or Miriam Benedict, the coordinator, for details.

Also, I hope that you have placed on your calendar the Parish Picnic, Sunday, June 4, from 1 - 5 p.m. Please know there are still plenty of raffle tickets available in the Front Office of the church. Sell! Sell! Sell! - So that you may win win win!!! Thank you for support our parish.

Lastly, please do not forget the obligation to attend Sunday Mass! We miss you when you are gone! Help your children learn how important it is to worship God and that we worship and praise God first on Sunday, no matter what comes up in our lives. It is part of our faithfulness and stewardship to God to give back to God for the many blessings we have received. Make sure you carve out that hour for God each Sunday! Let us continue to pray for each other!

In Christ our Eucharist,
Reverend John Thomas
Lane, SSS
Pastor

P.S. Please keep our 1st
Communion students in mind
and in your prayers this
week. Saturday is a special
day for them!