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BJ's Corner

"We are constantly becoming what we are going to be."

Johnson

I've been in every classroom since we started last Thursday. Teachers are working diligently and deliberately, planning and teaching a vast number of skills.

Our Kinder children ate their first lunch at the Cardinal Café on Monday. Parents, great job packing those lunches.

Everyone is enjoying our new "Wiggle" bar and a special thank you, to our boy scouts for picking up the trash last Saturday morning.

Our mid-school is off to a great start... I asked each student to find out from families their reasons why they are going to a Catholic School! I will tell you the results next week.

K-1 parents mark your calendars - September 7th 7:00 pm our 1st Parent Forum. (Adults only)

Thank you everyone for a calm start in a new school year.

Have a happy week.

B.J.

Calendar Update:

August 25th- Picnic in the backyard 6:00-8:00

Sept. 4th - Labor Day/No School

Sept. 7th - Parent Forum 7:00pm K-1 gym

Sept. 8th - Professional Day/No School

Kudos...

St. Charles students for returning with a happy, positive attitude.

Car Pool

Anyone interested between the Corrales, Alameda corridor and St. Charles call Debra Norman 792-4645.

Golf Tournament

Sign up for our 4th Annual Golf Tournament on September 15th. Check the web for registration forms.

Science News

I hope that everyone has started a great week here at St. Charles. My name is Aline Saiz and I would like to tell you about the new and exciting science program that St. Charles adopted this year. It started with the amazing science textbooks that we received. They correspond directly to the New Mexico Standards and benchmarks for every major unit (Life, Physical, Earth, Space and Technology). The most beneficial and fun sections of these books is the classroom labs, demonstrations and art activities that the students will conduct. Each chapter contains three major labs. These labs incorporate five

areas of curriculum; Reading, Writing, Art, Math and Science. In order for students to fully benefit from these activities, we need assistance from parents. There are two ways parents can help:

- (1) Donate items for the labs, (Elementary science wish list is attached).
- (2) Volunteer time (prep, assist with lab, or clean-up) in the classroom, please ask your child's teacher for the schedule.

The most effective way we all can contribute is to participate in the First Annual Science LAB-ATHON. All money goes directly to purchasing science equipment that we need to actually order. If you need a donation form, please pick one up in the main office.

Thank you,
Aline Saiz

Picture Day

Picture day will be on Wednesday, September 13, 2006. All pictures will be on a pre-paid basis. (See attached brochure). More information and order forms will be sent later.

From the Pastor's Perspective:

Welcome back parents, grandparents and students! May God bless you as we begin another academic year. We have much to look forward to this year! We have a new motto (SHARE) and scheduling system that goes with this motto each day. In doing this, we are insuring that students receive all their classes and instruction, especially the important electives that we have for our students. We are blessed to have such opportunities!

For those who may not know, our students come to church one day a week for prayer. It may be Morning Prayer, it may be Mass (Eucharist) or it may be a Penance Service, but our students are in church each week to give praise and thanks to God and to pray for the needs of the school, community and world. I invite you to attend each of these services and make time to be present

with your child for prayer. What a great way to model your faith and pass it on to your child! All Masses and Morning Prayers are at 8:10 a.m. If we are confessing sins, it's at 8:30 a.m.! (There are two penance services each year - one during Advent and one during Lent.)

We also have Morning Prayer in the Shrine Chapel, Monday through Friday at 8 a.m. This service or liturgy of the church lasts about 20 minutes. We sing a hymn or two, pray the psalms of the day, have a reading from the bible and add our prayers and petitions to the Lord. Join us for a moment of solace, worship and prayer each day after you drop your student off for school. Back by popular demand - the prayer of the month! Each month, our students will learn a prayer in the classroom and ask you to pray this prayer with your child before they go to sleep. The way we learn to pray is by doing this! I hope you will enjoy these special Catholic prayers that are part of our tradition. See this month's below! I also want to invite those children and adults who are not Catholic

to think about joining the Catholic faith. On Tuesday nights, adults meet in the Parish Center at 7 p.m. to learn about many topics about the Catholic Church. On Wednesday nights, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Committee Room of the church, children age 7 - 18 come together to study and learn about the Catholic faith. There are two ways that the church baptizes. For those who are infants (born to six), one is baptized and waits to receive Confirmation and Holy Communion later in life (in this archdiocese after 10th grade, and at Saint Charles, 2nd grade). From the age of 7 and older, the Catholic church mandates that one receive instruction in the faith (going through a process called the Catechumenate) and participate in special rituals or stages during the year (the RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - or RCIC - Children). It is a process that culminates with the Easter Vigil in April where one receives the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and communion all at one liturgy. Instruction for

children begins September 6 and goes until the end of May with the celebration of Pentecost. If you are interested or your student is wanting to become Catholic, please see me or call me immediately so we may begin this process for this year. Let us continue to pray for each other!

In Christ our Eucharist,
Reverend John Thomas Lane,
SSS

AUGUST PRAYER: Aaron's Blessing

from Sacred Scripture, the Book of Numbers 6:22-27
The Lord bless you and keep you!
The Lord let his face shine upon you and be gracious to you!
The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!