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BJ's Corner

"Those who have the most to do, and are willing to work, will find the most time."

This is a short week for our students, but we have many things to accomplish.

A reminder to all families that successful completion of all **HOMEWORK** is essential to your child's future. (See page 19 & 20 in the handbook).

September 7th - Thursday is our first K-1 parent forum for parents/guardians. No children please! - 7:00 p.m. in the gym.

Friday is a professional day for staff and faculty. No school. Thank you to everyone for your support in our drop off zone and to the many who have given honest reasons as to why you are pulling

your student out of school for the day. Excellent role models!

Have a good week!
B.J.

Calendar Update:

Sept. 7th - Parent Forum
7:00 p.m. K-1 Gym

Sept. 8th - Professional
Day/No School

Sept. 13th - Picture Day
(In uniforms) Order forms
attached.

Sept. 15th - 4th Annual
Family Fun Golf Event
No School

Time is Running Out!

Sign up for our 4th Annual
Golf Family Fun Event
September 15th. Check
the web for registration
forms. Everyone must sign
up by September 7th.
Pick up forms in the
office.

Kudos...

To Ray Barreras, for tremendous effort in his reading skills. Way to go Ray!!

Picture Day

Picture day will be on Wednesday, September 13, 2006. All pictures will be on a pre-paid basis. Order forms are attached to this flyer.

Music Reminders

Choir and Band will begin this week.

Band - Tues. & Friday
Choir - Monday & Wed.
3:15 -4:00 in the Music room. Please pick up your child at the music room.

Science News

In Science News this week, we cardinals are starting off to a great start. Thank you to those who have already sent in science supplies. The

items were distributed among classrooms and used for labs. For those who have not contributed items yet, please drop off supplies soon. The list of items can be picked up in the main office-if you have lost it. Thank you!!!

In addition, we are still collecting money for the **Science Lab-a-Thon**. (Please see attached form. **Go out and get donations from friends and families**). Remember there are prizes for individual students and for homerooms. For more information ask the homeroom teacher or contact Aline Saiz at 792-8982.

Cub Scout Pack 135

We do have a few forms in the office for anyone interested in joining our troop. The applications must

be turned in to a Den leader. Do not take them directly to the Boy Scout office.

Pack Leaders contact information:

Cub Master:

Chuck Crawley 839-9359

Den Leaders:

Jacob Savedra 833-7008

Alex Lopez 720-6534

Box Tops for Education

This program will continue this year with Mrs. Karen Ortiz as the person in charge. Don't forget to cut off those box tops and bring them in. The box tops are on several kinds of cereal and many other products. Look for a small square that says box tops with a pencil that says education. We will send out a list of products soon.

Girl Scouts

Attention 4th, 5th and 6th grade girls and their parents!

The Junior Girls Scout Troop is looking for a volunteer for Leader or Co-Leader position. If a

volunteer cannot be found, the troop is in jeopardy of dissolution. If interested, please call Frances Smith at 268-0739.

Pius Test

Eighth grade parents, There are two tests given at Pius this year.

The first is December 9th for students who are applying for merit scholarships in English, Science and Math. The second is January 20, 2007. I will teach the H.S. entrance exam class starting in November, but I'm only gearing it toward the January 20th test. Please call St. Pius at 831-8400 for further information. B.J.

Talent Needed

The Albuquerque Boys Choir is holding auditions for boys between the ages of 6-17. Rehearsals are Tuesday

evening at First Presbyterian Church. Call 299-7700 or 307-2012 for information.

From the Pastor's Perspective:

It's great to be back with you after my two-week vacation. I was blessed to have the opportunity to return to the parish that I was first stationed as a priest. It was very enjoyable to be back with friends - and see the infants that I baptized now teenagers. (I felt old!) After a few days in Salt Lake City, I went north to spend time around Calgary and Banff National Park. It was gorgeous! I was amazed by the different cultures and peoples who live in and around Calgary - it was like the United Nations. It was an enjoyable experience. I worshiped in the cathedral parish of Calgary which is very diverse. However, I sure did miss home and all of you!

The Lord's Day vs. Sunday:
A few have asked me about the

change on the cover of the parish bulletin. They noticed that it says, "The Lord's Day" and not "Sunday" Eucharist. As they knew - there's always a method to my madness! Theologians and liturgists are trying to recapture the meaning of the "Lord's Day." This all started with Pope John Paul II writing an encyclical in 1998 on the Lord's Day. (The document in Latin is titled, *Dies Domini*.) John Paul was very concerned that in our culture and in most of the cultures of the world the meaning and care for the Lord's Day was being lost. I can remember back to my childhood when stores were not open on Sunday - when there were "Blue Laws" that forbid any economic activity. In our country, we are also faced with the sports and other leisure activities scheduled for Sunday. In our language, coming from the Anglo-Saxon roots, the "Lord" was taken out from the day. Think of Spanish or French or Italian languages and you hear and read that "Lord" is part of the "First Day" of the week. John Paul called us to return to the theological and social

