

# JANUARY NEWSLETTER

## Welcome to 2012!

The Christmas season has come and gone. The weather has been warm and we are back in school! Things are a buzz! We are getting ready for the Mardi Gras Silent Auction and Dinner!

### Calendar reminders for January/February:

January 13<sup>th</sup> - NO SCHOOL (MLK Day)

January 16<sup>th</sup> - NO SCHOOL (MLK Day)

January 19<sup>th</sup> - Silpada Jewelry Party benefitting the Silent Auction, 7-9pm (see attached flier)

January 21<sup>st</sup> - Mary's Knights Rummage Sale

January 29<sup>th</sup> - Church Business Expo

January 29<sup>th</sup> - OLPH Open House at 9:30am

January 30<sup>th</sup> - February 3<sup>rd</sup> - Catholic Schools Week (See below for more information)

February 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> - CDA Education Weekend

February 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> - CDA Commitment Weekend

**February 13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> - SILENT AUCTION SETUP WEEK**

**February 17<sup>th</sup> - MARDI GRAS SILENT AUCTION AND DINNER (Adult Only Event)**

February 20<sup>th</sup> - NO SCHOOL (President's Day)

February 22<sup>nd</sup> - ASH Wednesday (Ashes will be given out to the students/staff during school)

### Note from the Office:

We would like to thank all of you for the wonderful gifts you bestowed upon us this past Christmas season. We really appreciate all of your generosity. We have enjoyed having your children apart of our school community and look forward to a great rest of the year!

### Lunch Bunch Update:

Lunch Bunch has been going well! All the children have enjoyed the parents in the classroom during lunch. If you would like to come in during a month that you may not be assigned, please just come on in! We can never have too many helpers! Grandmas, Grandpas, Uncles, and Aunts are always welcome to come with you on your days!

This is the part of the newsletter where we usually put in what's going on in the classroom. This month we need your help on another event. If you have any questions regarding your child's class, please let Lacea know and we will schedule a meeting with you and your child's teacher. Thank you!

## Silent Auction 2012

### Mardi Gras Dinner

Our **BIGGEST** fundraiser of the year is upon us and you're probably wondering how you can help! You received a folder from us right after Thanksgiving. In that folder we gave you some letters to hand out to your favorite vendors with donation forms. It also had an informative letter that explained more about this evening. The event is so important because it goes directly to helping tuition costs. Although a small tuition increase is planned however if the auction is not successful and we do not meet our fundraiser needs then a significant increase in tuition will need to occur. We all benefit from this night. Here are some answers to your questions!

#### 1) How can I help?

- a) By bringing in new donated items such as gift certificates, services, and physical items (i.e. - basket of items that were donated from your favorite salon, jewelry, kid books, etc). If you know of a great company but are uncomfortable with asking for a donation, please bring the contact information to Lacea or Heather and we will contact them for you! Without donated items we do not have a silent auction! This is the most important part of the evening. If you need more donation request letters or donation item forms, please come to the school office! We have stacks ready for you! Our goal is for each family to bring in at least two (2) donations separate from the class baskets.
- b) Help by donating items for your child's classroom basket and project! Each class will be doing a project and a basket that are "themed". Your room parents will be contacting you next week with the "theme" and how you can contribute! These are fun. The project is done within the classroom and each child will put their "mark" on the item. Last year we had an ABC scrapbook which had pictures of the students doing activities throughout the entire school year. One year we had each child make a thumb print that we turned into a bug or caterpillar on a platter that we had made. Each child's name was next to their bug! They are fun and cute items and a way for each student to "donate" something personally to their school silent auction.
- c) Following up with vendors that we have mailed letters to see if they can assist us and if we need to pick up anything they may have ready.
- d) By picking up items that have been donated to us. We have wonderful companies that have items ready to go and we just need to go pick them up!
- e) We need help making and wrapping the baskets of the donated items!
- f) Selling dinner tickets after mass on the following Sundays: January 15<sup>th</sup>, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, January 29<sup>th</sup> and February 5<sup>th</sup>! We will be out there after the 8:30am and 10:15am masses. The sign up sheet is at the school.

- g) Helping the week of the auction! We have to set up the Social Hall, wrap silverware, setup the auction tables, decorate the hall in the Mardi Gras theme. We transform the Social Hall into a beautiful space that highlights Mardi Gras!
- h) Sponsorships - to run the auction it takes funds. If you or business you know is unable to donate a physical item then they can donate funds in the form of a sponsorship. The funds will go towards the running of the event.
- i) Purchase a table or tickets for family/friends/business partners to attend this event with you! Tickets are \$30/person and include dinner, dessert, and non-alcoholic beverages. Wine and beer may be purchased at the bar.

## 2) How can I help even when I can't be at school?

- a) We have many things that can be done from home. Such as calling donors to follow up, wrapping silverware into napkins, sorting through beads, etc. We will find a way for you to help!
- b) We need donations picked up all over the valley.

## 3) What will be happening on February 17<sup>th</sup>?

The Silent Auction will be from 6-10pm on Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. This is an adult-only event. You have already pre-paid for 2 dinner tickets! You will be getting a form in the next week confirming your attendance. All pre-paid school family tickets include dinner, dessert, and one (1) alcoholic beverage per person. Additional alcoholic drinks may be purchased at the bar.

This is a great night to get together with other school families as well as parishioners and community members. We have people who make it a point to attend every year because of the wonderful atmosphere and fellowship. We know we are making such a big deal out of this but without the success of this auction we are not able to make sure we have the best tools, curriculum and staff to make your child's educational start a success. Last year we raised \$20,000. We are hoping to make more this year! Please help us accomplish this! We can't do it on our own. We appreciate all you do for your children and we thank you for letting us into your families.

If you have ANY further questions, please feel free to contact James and Kimberly Armstrong (Silent Auction Parent Chairs) at [kkasd@cox.net](mailto:kkasd@cox.net) or Heather and Lacea in the school office or at [lhosmer@blessedsacramentscotts.org](mailto:lhosmer@blessedsacramentscotts.org).