

Parents Club Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 2nd, 2009

Welcome, Opening Prayer & Pledge

Peggy Schifferdecker

Principal Update

Dr. Kay Bennett

We are very proud to announce that over the Thanksgiving holiday, the school was upgraded with all new sensors and pull stations for our fire alarm system. The sensors were malfunctioning and causing a lot of unexpected fire drills. This part of the fire system was quite antiquated. The funding for this major effort was possible through Annual Fund. We are grateful for all those who generously support this fund. Please remember to send in your contribution if you can, knowing that these funds are making a big difference in our school.

5th thru 8th grader's will be walking to the Lincoln Theater on Dec. 8th, after mass, to see "The Thirteenth Day" about Our Lady of Fatima. It will also be shown in the undercroft that afternoon and evening for everyone. Parents are encouraged to join the classes for this activity.

Our website announcements mention an opportunity for 10 schools in the country to win \$100,000. In order to "vote" for our school, go to one of the U.S. Cellular stores and get a card with a "voting code #". Then go to the website, put in that voting code # to vote for our school. They will announce the winning schools in February.

We had a wonderful Grandparents Day and we did do it a little differently this year. We've talked with the teachers about the pro's and con's and to see how we might improve it and try to make it special for everyone.

We are really proud of the students in the lower grades who have adopted five families to help for Christmas. If your child brought home a letter about an Advent Family, please try to send in needed items.

There is discussion with the school board about replacing textbooks, particularly the upper grade science books. We are looking into smaller, more efficient unit books and the Kindle System or Sony Reader System. No other school is doing this, we'd be the first. Linda Van Loo is looking into a grant.

Technology

Linda Van Loo

Thank you to all who showed up for the first Tech Night! The upper grades have not been scheduled, but we will have a date next month.

AR is up! We needed to be able to block the server from the outside so that students could not access the tests from home. Parents should have a log in.

We have a request for the 7th and 8th grader's working on a claymation project. We need 9 tripods. If you have one to lend, put your name on it so it will get back to you. We could also use a couple more digital cameras. Tripods or cameras can be sent to Linda. Also blank memory cards, if you have them.

Auction March 13th 2010

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The auction is scheduled for Saturday, March 13th. We are putting together a new section, "gently used" sports memorabilia. A sign-up sheet is being passed around, if you'd like to help out with the auction. We are excited to bring it back to the McCormick Center and Fr. Myler has graciously allowed it to take place during Lent.

Breakfast with Santa Dec. 12

Kerrie Harter

Breakfast with Santa will be Saturday, Dec. 12th, from 8:00 to 10:00am. It will be an Open House style, so come and go as you please. There will be a pancake and sausage breakfast served. The kids will also be making gingerbread houses. It is in the undercroft and it is \$10 per child. We need volunteers Friday after mass to help set up. Stephanie Skelley has offered to make personalized cookies again this year.

Mrs. Claus Dec. 14

Kim Luecking

Mrs. Claus will be in the cafeteria. Thank you for all the donations so far and we will take donations all the way up to the event. It will be a one day only event and run from 8:00am to 3:30pm. We will need volunteers to set up after 10:30 mass and there are sign up sheets being passed around. We are looking for bagged candy and things for men. We will be sending home a shopping list with each child. You can make checks payable to Parents Club. You can also send one check to cover all of your kids. Check the website to see when your child's class is scheduled. Mrs. Claus covers the cost of the movie at the Lincoln on the last day before Christmas break. This year ELC to 3rd grade will see The Princess & The Frog and 4th grade and up will see A Christmas Carol.

Family Fun Event

Julia Piper Jung

A family reading event is scheduled on Saturday, December 12th at Barnes & Noble in Fairview Heights. Beginning at 12:30 with Mrs. Scannell, kids can come out to hear their favorite teachers during a special Story Hour. Also reading are Mrs. Kuebel, Mrs. Meile, Miss Patty, Miss Gail and Miss Laura. Miss Ratkewicz has also graciously concented to lead and available 3rd or 4th grader's in reading T'was the Night Before Christmas. The 3rd and 4th grade are also participating in an art contest. The winner will receive a \$10 B&N gift card. Mrs. Casson's Book Club will also be meeting in the café at

10:30 and she will be judging the art contest. The 8th graders will be on hand from 9 to 5 to wrap your purchases.

Athletic Club Update

Nancy Harmon

Raffle tickets are still available for the big screen TV. Also, this weekend Cathedral is hosting the Annual Holiday Tournament for Boys Basketball. The Diocesan tourney is at Althoff for 6th and 8th grade Girls volleyball. There is a copy of the bracket in the office.

Attendance and 50/50

Jody Lauf

39 parents in attendance and 13 others for a total of 52, representing 65 students. The winning class is 4R and #19 Nancy Harmon. The 50/50 winner is Amy Gould. Also 6 door prize winners, Sr. Tess, Rita Schaefer, Sr. Tess again, Amy Gould, Jill Bastian and Bert Scannell.

Past presidents in attendance, Rita Schaefer, Tess Minor, Sandra McNease and Kim Luecking.

Meeting Close, Prayer & Holiday Cheer

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Thank you to teachers and staff, also past presidents and to Mike and Adele for the Holiday Cheer!