



Cathedral Grade School

News from the Principal 2/4/10

Catholic Schools Week a Big Success!

We have all been enjoying a truly fun week, with activities and fellowship to enhance our Catholic spirit of joy and love. BINGO, with the bigger kids as "buddies" helping the younger ones cover their cards, brought excitement and winning. The Lip-Sync program again showcased the creativity and talent of our students. Congrats to the "Beatles" for their first place finish.

On Wednesday, we all "got up and moved" as we played songs over the PA system about once an hour. Students could be seen dancing in circles, in lines and into the halls. We did the "Chicken Dance", the "Hokey Pokey", "YMCA", and a variety of other spirited numbers. Everyone really had a great time with this!

Today we appreciate the teachers and staff with a luncheon and will have the "Mad Science" program this afternoon. The luncheon is provided by the Student Council and the classrooms are covered by parent volunteers so that the staff can enjoy their time together. Tomorrow, we will have First Friday devotions after our all-school Mass and the week will end with popcorn and movies in the classrooms.

Open House a Great Start

Thanks to the committee of parents, Nancy Harmon, Kim Scott, Julia Piper-Jung and Barb Eilerman who helped plan the events for our Open House last Sunday. Informational packets were ready for the new families who came and the welcoming parents, (too many to name without forgetting someone!) who showed each family around, made the whole day so very nice. It was good to see so many parents and parishioners coming to see how lovely our facilities are and what new technologies we are offering.

As always, it took a wonderful combination of parents, teachers, staff and parishioners to make this event such a big success. We are following up with the new families and hope that they will commit to our school. If you know of an interested family, PLEASE have them give us a call and we will be delighted to give them personal tours, share our observations/ information and invite them to come for a visit. We are constantly recruiting and could really use everyone's help with this.

New Technology Link

Mrs. Van Loo has taken a lot of video this week during BINGO, Lip Sync and our "Get Up and Move" days and has posted that on our web site. When you open the home page, proceed to ANNOUNCEMENTS. Then down the left side of the page (under the teachers) will be a TECHNOLOGY link that will take you where you can link to a great variety of videos for this week's events. Thanks, Ms. Linda, for allowing parents to share with these funny moments.

Tech Night for Upper Grades

Speaking of technology, we have scheduled the Parent Tech for students in the upper grades (gr. 5-8) for Tuesday, Feb. 23rd 6:30-7:30. We will be asking the students to come with their parents to show some of the activities they are doing on the computers with many programs. I'm sure you will be impressed the high level of opportunities they are offered.



We also invite parents of the lower grade students to come that night if they wish, so that they can see the more extensive level of our offerings.

Pre-Registration Forms

Even though the parish finance council has not determined the tuition rate for next year, we are asking families to help us gather probable enrollment numbers for next school year. If all families would kindly complete a RED paper in the school office, declaring that your family will be returning to Cathedral. These preliminary numbers do help us with some of the staffing needs for the next year, so your assistance is most appreciated. If coming to the office is a problem, please call the office and we will send one home for you.

Thanks to Wednesday Crew



We all truly appreciate the extra help that our Wednesday Crew gives us every week. We thank them most especially for last week's efforts, when some of them were here almost every day, painting door frames to get rid of the mauve color for our new color scheme. This made our facility look so much sharper and we appreciate all of their help.

Thanks again for all you do to keep our school so great!!