



Cathedral Grade School

News from the Principal 3/3/10

Dinner Auction Excitement Building!

My husband and I are so excited about coming to the Dinner Auction on Sat. March 13th and we hope that you will all join us. The food sounds super and some of the auction items that we have seen are awesome. More and more of them are coming in each day. We are trying to get some unique school items for your bidding pleasure!

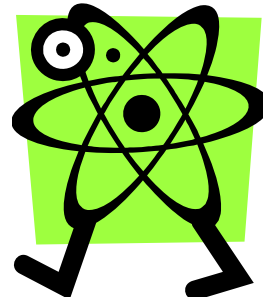
There are still some reservations available, and Sue Pederson would like to have the number of attendees by this Friday, March 5th. Tickets are even cheaper than last year. How many things do you find that have gone DOWN in price?!?!?

Science Fair Winners from Greater Belleville Fair

The 2010 Greater Belleville Science Fair was held this past weekend at SWIC, with 9 different schools and 171 student entries. Cathedral students did us all proud, with MORE "Best in Grade" than any other private or public school. Cathedral students also earned more FIRST PLACE trophies than any other school in the area.

Individual honors for students included the following:

- Best 8th Grade Physical -- Thomas Fields
- Best 7th Grade Biological -- Marie Harla
- Best 4th Grade Physical -- Christopher Fietsam



Other First Place Winners included the following:

- Kayla Buettner (Gr. 5)
- Nicole Scott (Gr. 5)
- Shannon Maitland (Gr. 6)
- Thomas Lugge (Gr. 8)
- Jessica Konradt (Gr. 8)

We are very proud of all our entries and thank the students and their parents for allowing us to enter such fine projects and bring such positive recognition to our school.

Please take some time to Pre-register for school next year. It will help us to plan!

District Solo and Ensemble Contest

Last Saturday, many of our students performed at the District Music Contest at St. Clare's in O'Fallon. Our thanks to Mrs. Freuler, Mr. Sebescak, and Mrs. Dolly Roth (our accompanist) for helping the students in their performances. The following students received **FIRST PLACE** medals:

Vocal Solos	Danielle Miller Kayla Buettner Meilin Fields (Perfect Score)
Vocal Ensembles	Francesca Spizzo and Emily Ortiz Shannon Maitland, Andrea Dauphin, Molly Reitano, Emily Stock
Piano Solos	Stephanie Stock Robbie Stock Joey Stock Jeanine Stock Emily Stock Meilin Fields
Flute Solos	Danielle Miller Marie Harla Meilin Fields
Baritone	Joey Stock
Clarinet	Jeanine Stock
Alto Sax	Nicholas Siegel
Trombone	Neil Wegrzyn

SECOND PLACE Medals were awarded to Molly Reitano (French horn) and to Emily Stock (Trombone).

Mad Science Classes begin this week after school for FOUR weeks. We are happy to have so many students (16) participating in this enrichment program

Next School-Wide Food Drive Project

Normally, we do a couple of food drives during the year - Advent, Lent, Thanksgiving, etc. This year we have been invited and are planning to be a part of the Belleville city schools (all surrounding districts as well) project known as "Drive Away Hunger". Apparently, this is the third year, although our school has not participated previously. The schools will collect non-perishable items at school and then school busses will come to gather these items and distribute to the four pantries, including ours at Cathedral. Last year

Del Tucker's - (our St. Vincent de Paul's) - was one of the four food pantries that received a share of the 20 busloads of food items collected. This will start March 23rd and go until April 16th, so it's not really completely in Lent. However, I believe that we need to be a part of this city-wide project, since our pantry reaps the rewards.



We will be sending home a letter containing a list of most needed food items (compiled by the various pantries) as a help with your shopping. Some of the local sponsors will be sending home shopping bags with the students that can be filled and brought back to school.

Students Enjoy Latin Feast

The annual tradition of a Latin Feast was enjoyed by the fifth grade students on Monday. This is an activity that Fr. Myler uses each year to reinforce the vocabulary the students are learning in his Latin classes. A delicious menu of food and drinks had to be named correctly before it could be enjoyed.

McCormick Center Gets Facelift

If you haven't been inside the McCormick Center lately, you'll be WOW-ed when you see all of the improvements that were done just lately! Our thanks go out to the members of the Athletic Association and the Parents Club for the painting, restroom improvements, and polishing to make everything look new and shining.

How wonderful to have such great supporters who take their time to make our facilities look so great! Thanks from all of us!

Dr. Kay Bennett