



## *Cathedral Grade School*

*News from the Principal 3/30/10*

### Science Olympiad Stars

Congratulations to our three 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who won first place in the Althoff High School Science Olympiad. These star pupils include Rachel Stock, Lexi Decker and Thomas Fields. We are very proud of their efforts and the pride they bring to our school. Great job!

### Living Stations



We are grateful to our 7<sup>th</sup> grade class and Mr. Towle for depicting the Living Stations of the Cross for all of us last Friday. The students did an exceptional job and gave us the opportunity to contemplate on the sufferings of Jesus. We appreciate all their time and faith-filled preparations.

### Drive Away Hunger Campaign

I realize that the bags we sent home for collecting non-perishable items for the four food pantries perhaps came at a very busy time. Please try to fill and return those bags after Easter. If you need a copy of the most needed items, please contact the school office and we will see that you get a new list. Thanks for helping with this city-wide effort. We have until April 16<sup>th</sup> to gather our contributions.

### Book Fair Continues

The Buy-One-Get-One Book Fair continues until Wednesday. The books that are available are really nice and hopefully you may find some great gift items. All the students will receive a free book, thanks to the Parents Club.

### Warm Weather Finally Here

It seems that the warm weather may be here to stay and we can spend lots more time outside. Since we will be coming back after Easter already in the month of April, uniform shorts may be worn from now on.

### Parent Tech Night

We are grateful to those parents who were able to join us for the Tech Night for the parents of the upper grades. I'm sure you were impressed with the technology and

programs that are used daily by the staff. We had a small but very enthusiastic crowd. We even had some ELC parents and grandparents!!! Way to go!!



### Ever Been to a MOUSE RACE??

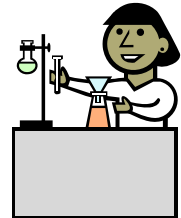
You can have that experience on Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> as we use this event to raise funds for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip fund. Please keep that date open and we will send more info out later when all the details are determined. If you would like to NAME A MOUSE—your name could be selected if you are one of the first 36 names that are submitted with a \$10 donation. (I've already submitted MY NAME!!)

### Registration for Next Year

Have you reserved a spot for next school year? We are starting registration for fall in April. If you know of any interested families, please encourage them to call for information or come for a visit. We have been showing our school off to lots of families and hopefully, we will bring them into our school family for next year.

### New Science Books

We are happy to announce that we have purchased new science textbooks for grades 5-8 for next school year. The "books" are actually much smaller "Unit Books" and each grade will cover three in a year's time. The books meet the state standards for science and will truly enhance our entire program. We are also told that students can access the complete textbook ONLINE -- from home—should they leave their book at school and have a question to look up. Quite a useful feature!



### Mark Your Calendars:

We have scheduled a few more events for the spring and hope you will find this list to be helpful:

April 1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Vacation
April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Early Dismissal - 1:45
	Parents Club 7:00
April 6 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup>	No use of Gym (Bleachers installed)
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	Fifth & Sixth Grade Field Trip to Fort de Chartres
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	World Fair @ St. Elizabeth Hosp. -- 10 am for Gr. 7-8
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	Confirmation
April 11 <sup>th</sup>	First Communion
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	All School Mass of Celebration Breakfast for 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>

April 13 <sup>th</sup>	ELC to Grade 4 to Althoff for "Once Upon a Mattress"
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	Althoff Jazz Band 10 am
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	MOUSE RACES
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Cahokia Mounds & Gateway Arch
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Band and Choral Concert-- 7:00
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Field Trip to the Magic House
	ELC, PK, & K Field Trip to the Zoo
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Catholic School Picnic @ Althoff
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Graduation 7:00
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of school (without any more snow days)

*Dr. Kay Bennett*



*May the Blessings of the Risen Lord  
Be With You and Your Families*