



Cathedral Grade School

News from the Principal 10/27/09

Academics Galore!!

We are very excited to announce that our Math Team will enter its first competition this Saturday at Belleville West. Traditionally, our teams and individual students have done very well and I just know that this year will be no exception! Special thanks to their coach, Mrs. Hobbs, for preparing them so well. Good Luck on Saturday.

Also, we have about 20 students who are participating in our new Reading Club, sponsored by Mrs. Casson. These students read books and have discussions about books they are reading. It's very exciting to see all of these students staying after school to READ and LEARN.

Volleyball Winners

We already have two very large trophies won by the girls on both the 5th and 6th grade volleyball teams. WOW! What a way to start the season. Please check the sports schedule on the website for all the games coming up and try to join us for one. They're quite exciting.

Parent/ Teacher Conferences

We have already received over half of the return requests for appointments for conferences. I encourage everyone to send in your preferences for hour blocks as soon as possible so that I can complete the master schedule. I am working hard to give everyone their first choice but it is getting more difficult with the later appointments. We may need to go a little later.

Parents Club Meeting

The next meeting of the Parents Club will be next Wednesday, Nov. 4th. I was a bit surprised to see a much smaller group for the second meeting after the great turnout for the first. I have heard rumors that there are some who are "boycotting" because we are no longer giving out the uniform passes. I just cannot believe that is true. Honestly, all I have seen since I have come in July is an amazing level of cooperation, hard work and support for all things to do with

school. I would be disappointed if one small thing like a uniform pass really would limit anyone's loyalty or participation.

Next week we will continue to have a brief technology demonstration during the meeting and I've been told that there is a lot of input needed for the big auction next spring. I hope we will have a big crowd to share an evening of fun. I hope to be sharing some great news about efforts to work with the YMCA.

Another HUGE Event

We have plans for another super school event on Thursday, Nov. 5th. That is the day that the world-renowned author, Jeff Kinney, is planning to visit our school as a result of the contest won last year by Thomas Fields in 8th grade. We do not have a time for this visit and I would feel more comfortable with another confirmation call, but we are saying our prayers and crossing our fingers that he can make this visit really happen. Mr. Kinney's publicist suggested that we have students bring copies of his books "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" and Mr. Kinney will sign them. I hope to get some extra copies signed so that we can have them for the AUCTION.

Hopefully, we will have specific info very soon. Look on the announcements page for more about this.

Candy Money Still Out

Please try to get all of your products delivered so that we can get all of the money deposited very soon. Grade 6 will enjoy an ice cream party with ice cream along with the students who sold LOTS of candy bars, who will enjoy pizza on Thursday at 2:00. Thanks to Mrs. Pederson and Mrs. Bertlesman for coordinating this sale.