

## **MAY 2010 NEWSLETTER**

### **FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**



As the 2009 -2010 school year comes to a close, I would like to offer my greatest thanks to each of you for all you have done for St. John School, this year and every year. Thank you for your ever-present encouragement and support. I consider it a privilege to have been part of such a wonderful school community!

May you and your families have a sensational summer, filled with good health and relaxing activities. Although I am leaving St John School in my official role as principal, St John will always be a part of me and will always have a special spot in my heart. The students of St. John, young and old, will always be in my thoughts and prayers.

Finally, remember that change is an important part of life. We must also continually look to the future and realize that the world is changing and becoming more complex, and as a result, requires new ideas and new approaches to education. I am confident that the future for St. John School will be a bright one.

### **IMPORTANT DATES/FACTS**



- May 10 – May Crowning @ 1 p.m. in church. Any fresh-cut flowers sent to school on this day would be greatly appreciated and will be used for May altars in classrooms and our indoor statue of Mary. If possible, please send flowers in a disposable container.
- May 10 – Spring Recital @ 7 p.m. for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in school chorus or instrumental lessons. Dress code is nice slacks/trousers/skirts and shirts. No jeans. Fancy dresses/suits are not required but certainly allowed.
- May 21 – “Morning @ Kindergarten” for next year’s Kindergarten class. 4 year-old Pre-K students attending St. John Kindergarten will be in AM class this day. 4 year-old Pre-K students attending another Kindergarten will be in PM class this day.
- May 26 – 4-Year-Old Pre-K Graduation @ 7 p.m. in School Auditorium
- June 1 – Field Day @ Walker Township Park
- June 1 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Mass of Blessing @ 7 p.m. in the Church
- June 4 – Snow Make-up Day for February 26 - Last Day with Mass @ 9 a.m. and early dismissal @ 11 a.m. Students MUST wear school uniforms.
- June 6 – School Picnic @ DelGrosso Park – Pavilion #1 – Wristbands sold from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



- Uniform reminders: Uniform shorts are the only type of shorts that may be worn, even on Dress Down or Jeans Day. They must be no shorter than one inch above the knee. Jean shorts are not permitted to be worn on any day of school.
- Our students raised **\$2,535.17** for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in the recent **St. Jude Math-A-Thon**. We are proud of our students' efforts to help other children by combining education with community service. Thanks to all who contributed to make this a great success!
- Thank you to **Pizza Mia** for their generous support of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Gettysburg by providing them the opportunity to offer pizza vouchers and gift cards as a fundraiser. Also, thank you to all of the families that purchased items during this fundraiser. Your support was greatly appreciated.
- The **Red Horse Tavern in Pleasant Gap hosted a Saint John Day** as a fundraiser for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. \$800 was raised for use towards their field trip to Gettysburg. St. John School and our 5<sup>th</sup> grade thank those that came out on April 13 for your participation with this event. Thank you to the Sherman family for offering to assist our 5<sup>th</sup> grade in this fundraising effort.
- Thank you...thank you...thank you to **Sue Cavanaugh**. She has generously donated her time and materials to photograph and provide lovely First Communion pictures to our students and the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Religious Education students for the last three years.
- Thank you to **Brian & Sharon Yangula** for organizing, ordering, and packaging the seedlings that were sent home earlier this month, courtesy of the Pennsylvania Game Commission, in celebration of Earth Day. Thank you to all volunteers who helped them with this project.
- **School Calendar Lottery Tickets** will be available for **\$20** each during the month of May. Each ticket gives you **30 chances to win during the month of June**. Numbers are based on the evening PA Lottery drawing. Prizes range from \$100 to \$1,000. Please return all sold and unsold tickets to the office by May 27.
- We recently earned **\$196.94** from **Giant A+ Program** for the period March 1 – 13. The program has now ended for this school year, bringing Giant's total donation for the year to **\$2,255.94**. Thank you to those who registered their Giant Bonuscards so that we were able to earn cash for our school.
- **"EXTRA CREDIT EARNINGS"** - The UPS Store at the Colonnade in State College will return 3% of all purchases made by St. John School friends to our Home & School Association. Just mention St. John School when mailing or purchasing supplies. Thank you for your support of our school.
- **Tuition Reminders** – Families must be current with all tuition payments by the last day of school to receive the end-of-year report card. In addition, for students transferring from or not returning to St. John School, permanent records will not be forwarded to the new school until all tuition is paid in full. Thank you for your commitment to St. John School.

## **SCRIP SHOPPING CARD PROGRAM**

**St. John School would like to say THANK YOU to all the families that support the SCRIP Shopping Card Program.** We extend a special thanks to the Catholic Daughters for selling and purchasing the shopping cards at their meetings and other events. The students and administrators of the school are truly grateful for your part in the continued success of St. John School. Because of the dedication and support of school and parish families, last year's profit from the Shopping Card Program was \$14,353.50. Just think how much higher the profit would be if more families participated in this VERY important school fundraiser!

We need your support now more than ever. Not only are our profits down this year due to our biggest seller, Weis Market, decreasing its contribution percentage, but sales in general are down. Many families have just not developed the habit of using our gift cards for grocery shopping. Our sales have decreased 23% from last school year. So we REALLY need your support and participation because St. John School relies on SCRIP profit during the payment of summer bills. If you do not purchase gift cards from Weis, Giant, Bonfatto's, Wok, or Brother's, PLEASE consider trying these cards for local grocery and restaurant purchases.

We truly appreciate your continued support of St. John School and ask you to support the SCRIP Shopping Card Program as well. Please call the school (355-7859) with any questions.