

PRINCIPAL'S NOTES



February 19, 2010

Dear Parents—

I am about to make up for the fact that I haven't been able to write a principals' message for the past two weeks, but I have several items that need to be brought to your attention.

First, I want to thank *everyone* who contributed to a successful Canfield Classic. Thank you, Mr. Lingel, for taking on the Athletic Director job. It's been tough on you, but the countless hours devoted to this one event, and your dedication to make it a success, really showed! Thank you Mrs. Keefe and Mrs. Anton for the numerous hours you have put into the Wildcat Café, but especially this past weekend. Thank you coaches: Mrs. Lamberty, Mr. Sienkiewicz, Mr. O'Connell, Mrs. Gyllstrom, and Mr. Talley. The hours of practice and your patience and dedication show in the way our students perform. We're very proud of our second place finish. Thank you Mrs. Talley for posting Tournament pictures in the display case. Thank you parents for your support of our basketball program, but especially the way you volunteered your time to help run our tournament. Thank you to all who donated. Thank you St. Paul staff for giving of your time to help too.

Next week we begin standardized testing. It is **very important** that students be in attendance, that they arrive on time, that they are well rested, and that they start each day with a healthy breakfast. We want the results of the tests to be a true reflection of each child's abilities. **Volunteers are needed to read the tests to those students who need such help. If you are available, please contact me or Mr. Rogers.**

Finally, I have a favor to ask. As you all know, the State of Illinois' finances are a mess, and this has impacted you and St. Paul. News out of Springfield is that the state will not be reimbursing you for your transportation costs again this year. Governor Quinn has also stated that there will not be money for the Illinois Textbook Loan program. We did not purchase new textbooks for the 2009-2010 school year, but we *need* to replace our social studies textbooks. For example, Mrs. Gyllstrom teaches world geography which includes Africa. Some of those countries have changed names *twice* since the acquisition of our current textbooks. One student textbook to replace what's currently being used is **\$74**. Attached to News & Notes is a copy of a letter to Governor Quinn urging him to restore Textbook Loan funds to help schools offset the cost of ordering new textbooks. I am asking you to write to the Governor, using either the attached letter or one of your own. If we flood the Governor's mailbox with letters, hopefully he'll get the message. Thank you! Mrs. Townsend

UPCOMING EVENTS

TONIGHT	-	Grades K-3 Community Night – 6:30-7:30 P.M.	
Sat. Feb. 20	-	Worship Service – 6:00 P.M.	
Sun. Feb. 21	-	Worship Services – 8:15 & 10:45 A.M.	Family Bible Hour – 9:30 A.M.
Mon. Feb. 22	-	Standardized Testing Begins	
Fri. Feb. 26	-	Mid-Term	
	-	Cub Scouts Blue & Gold Dinner – 6:00 P.M.	
Sat. Feb. 27	-	Worship Service – 6:00 P.M.	
Sun. Feb. 28	-	Worship Services – 8:15 & 10:45 A.M.	Family Bible Hour – 9:30 A.M.

CHAPEL INFORMATION

Next week's chapel service will be led by Pastor Rockemann of the Lutheran Home on the topic "When I am Frightened or Discouraged". Our Junior Choir will sing.

CHOIR NOTES



. . . Junior Choir sings at the 10:45 service Sunday, February 28th.

COMMUNITY NIGHT

Community Night is **TONIGHT** – 6:30-7:30 P.M.! Students in Kindergarten through Third Grade will present and display information about our community's vehicles, businesses, and occupations. Local business partners will be on hand to share facts and answer questions. This is a terrific outreach opportunity for our school. We hope to see you there!

ATTACHED . . . Letter to Governor Quinn regarding Textbook Loan Funds
. . . Market Day Order Form for March

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

Lutheran Schools Week begins Sunday, March 7th. A number of special activities are scheduled during that week. *Please check next week's News & Notes for details on all the events we have planned.*

CANFIELD CLASSIC A GREAT SUCCESS!



In addition to Mrs. Townsend's thank yous above, Mr. Lingel would like to individually thank the following volunteers who helped make our Tournament a success this past weekend!

Doreen, Bess & Lawson Abramovitz
Sue & Erika Anderson
Mike, Sheri, Olivia & Peter Anton
Lee & Sue Baker
Jeff & Mariah Boberg
Mark Cavaletti
Tammy Dabe
Rachel Frank
Steve & Eric Gore

Bruce Holmberg
Noel Kadamandla
Gale Keefe
Antonette & Stephanie Lamberty
Pam & Sean Loughlin
Rick, Wendy & Richard Marrero
Mary & Brandon McCallister
Rick, Jen & Trip Nowak
John O'Connell

Stephen Rogers
Karen Rubel
Nick Salomonson
Julianna Shults
Wes, Cathy, Joe & Adam Sienkiewicz
Judy Skolozynski
Carla Stone
Gregg, Mary Ann, Laura & Amy Talley
Monica Toledo

Mike & Jen Graf
Betty Gyllstrom

Barb Palmer
Danielle Pearson

Deb Townsend
Bramwell Turner

Interested in a T-Shirt from the Tournament? We have some left that we're selling for \$5 each. The sizes available are Youth Medium, Youth Large and Adult Small. See Mr. Lingel if you would like one.

BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB forms and money should be turned in to Mrs. Graf by next Friday, February 26th. This program gives children the opportunity to celebrate their birthdays with a special remembrance of a new book for our library.

MANNA ORDERS are due today. Online orders are due Sunday (2/21). If you forgot to place an order or need help placing one online, please call Julie Johnson (773-282-8641) or Debbie Durovic (773-859-1253). Gift cards will be delivered Tuesday (2/23). Order dates and a link to the Manna Website are on St. Paul's website (stpaulcanfield.org/schoolhomepage/fundraising/schoolfundraising page). To check the list of vendors go to mannagroup.net and click on Vendor List on the left side of the page. Thanks for your support of the 7th and 8th Grade Spring Trip!

2009-10 YEARBOOK

Just a reminder that forms, *together with payment*, should be turned in to the school office by MONDAY, MARCH 1ST. (If you do not have a form, extras are available in the office.) Your support of our yearbook by placing an ad or becoming a patron or sponsor helps us hold down the cost to our students. If you are placing an ad, it should be in "copy ready" form when you turn it in (full page no larger than 7x9, 1/2 page no larger than 7x4, and 1/4 page no larger than 3 x 4). *If you plan to place an ad but can't meet the deadline, please turn in your form and payment to Mrs. White and let her know when your ad will be ready.*

YEARBOOK SNAPSHOTS NEEDED!!



PARENTS – PLEASE DON'T FORGET! **WE NEED PICTURES** from any and all sporting events, PTL nights, science olympics, band, etc. for our 2009-10 Yearbook. If you have taken, or will be taking, pictures at any of these events, please turn them in to either Mrs. Wo or Mrs. White in the office. PLEASE NOTE: We now have the equipment to print from memory cards. Your help is needed for our yearbook to be a success!

ST. PAUL MARKETING ACTION TEAM

The St. Paul Marketing Action Team wants you to know what we've been doing and how you can help! The first Open House of the year on January 31 was a resounding success thanks in large part to parents and friends of St. Paul spreading the word and posters, postcard mailings and press releases that were authored and distributed by members of our team. In the interest of spreading the word about Community Night on February 19th, our next Open House on March 7th, WILDKATS Summer Camp and all the other great initiatives from St. Paul Lutheran Church and School, we would love to have your help! Please email Carla Stone at Carla.Stone@Illinois.gov or call Craig Bechtel at 224-567-8450 if you can assist now or think you could help spread the word in the future! The easiest way to spread the word is to display your pride in St. Paul-- make a donation for a yard sign, purchase a bumper sticker or window cling, and put up our posters and flyers in your places of work and around the neighborhood! Please email or call with any questions or ideas you have. We need more students at St. Paul and the more help we have the easier it will be for all of us-- Thanks and God Bless!

ORIOLE PARK LIBRARY NEWS

On Tuesday, February 23rd, from 11 A.M. – 12 P.M., the library will host a story time for kids ages 3-9 and their parents. The Junior League of Chicago will present "The Mad Hatters" with singing, skits and poems. Children can make their own hat to take home! Register at the Circulation Desk or call 312-744-1965.

LUTHER NORTH DRAMA DEPARTMENT invites you to "A Night of One Acts" (In the Round) by Jonathan Rand. Performances are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, 2/26-27, @ 7 P.M. and Sunday, 2/28, @ 3:00 P.M. Tickets are \$8.00 Adults/\$5 Students.

For more info call 773-286-3600 or check LHNDrama@luthernorth.org.

CALLING ALL MUNCHKINS!

The Walther Lutheran High School Drama Department is in the beginning stages of their production of "The Wizard of Oz". The show will run April 30th to May 2nd. Walther is inviting students from Lutheran grade schools to open auditions for the munchkin (and monkey) roles! All children in Grades 3-8 are welcome to audition. Children must be 5'2" or smaller. Auditions will be held tonight from 5:30-7:00 P.M. and tomorrow from 9:00-11:30 A.M. If your child is interested in participating in this exciting performance, please contact Miss Malory Voss by email: malory_voss@walther.com or by phone: (708) 344-0404 for more information and audition materials.

BATTLE OF THE PRAISE BANDS

On Sunday, February 28th, the "St. Paul Praise Band" will be participating in a "Battle of the Bands" competition at Walther Lutheran High School. The event begins at 4:00 P.M. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Purchase your tickets from Jennifer or Mariah Boberg or order your ticket by calling Belinda at 708-594-7924 or by email to battleofthebandtickets@yahoo.com. Ticket pre-order deadline is Sunday, February 21st. (If paying by check, checks should be made out to Grace Lutheran School.) Want to support our band but can't attend the event? Buy a vote for only \$1! Jennifer and Mariah Boberg are serving as our band's vote takers. For every \$1 you give, our group will receive one vote. \$1=1 Vote, \$5=5 votes, and so on. See Jennifer or Mariah to place your vote. VOTE EARLY! VOTE OFTEN!

INTERESTED IN SCRAPBOOKING? SCRAPHAPPY, the Scrapbooking Retreat Company meets at Acacia Park Church, 4307 N. Oriole, Norridge. The retreats are held from 1:00 P.M. until 12:00 A.M. on Saturdays. The cost is \$45 per person. For information contact them @ info@wescraphappy.com or call 708-453-0947. You can check also check them out on the web @ www.wescraphappy.com.

THE FAMILY OF LINDA GONZALEZ wishes to express their sincere appreciation to everyone for their prayers, words of support, and the wonderful meals provided for them. As most of you know, Linda has spent many months in the hospital following surgeries. She is again at Holy Family undergoing continued treatment following a recent procedure. Linda's children are Matthew (PreK), Alexandria (3rd) and Jessenia (5th). Please continue to pray that God will grant her healing so she will be able to return home soon.

PRAYER LIST

Please include the following in your prayers this week: the aunt of Eric (5th) and Emily (8th) Johnson who had a medical procedure on Wednesday; the mother of Matthew (PK-3), Alexandria (3rd) and Jessenia (5th) Gonzalez who is recovering from surgery; and all those affected by the earthquakes in Haiti and the extreme winter weather conditions across the country. *We pray that God will watch over them and grant them His blessings of healing, strength, comfort and peace.*