

# ST. MARY OF MT. CARMEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Conferences...

Thank you, parents, for the wonderful conference turnout on Tuesday. We look forward to meeting with the rest of our families tomorrow during Thursday conferences.

Thank you to our fifth and sixth graders on their incredible behavior at Lake Carlos Environment Camp. Mrs. Twardowski said that our students were true Christians who included everyone and had a wonderful time learning together. Thank you, also, to Mrs. Twardowski and Mr. Buntjer for chaperoning this event.

We will be welcoming two new students next Monday, Lydia (grade 2) and Elliot (kindergarten) to our school. Please make these students and their family feel a part of our school family.

There will be a fundraising meeting tonight, March 10, 2010, at 7:15 P.M. in the school. All committee chairs are encouraged to attend.

No school on Friday, March 12, 2010, due to a teacher workshop. St. Mary of Mt. Carmel teachers will be inservicing on the new Star Reading and Star Math programs. We have been using Star Reading with our students, but our program is very dated, so an updated program – along with the math program – will be very exciting! These two programs were purchased through a grant from our local public school, and we thank them for including us in their grant writing. Without this grant, the cost to our school would have been \$3,497.00.

Reminder: Students pray the Stations of the Cross every Monday morning at 8:30 P.M. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Congratulations to Hanna Loxtercamp, one of our former students and a St. Mary of Mt. Carmel parishioner, on receiving the LPGE Seventh Grade High Achievement Award for the 2009-2010 school year.

## Emergency Phone Numbers

- When in sorrow, call John 14
- When men fail you, call Psalm 27
- If you want to be fruitful, call John 15
- When you have sinned, call Psalm 51
- When you worry, call Matthew 6:19-34
- When you are in danger, call Psalm 91
- When God seems far away, call Psalm 139
- When your faith needs stirring, call Hebrews 11
- When you are lonely and fearful, call Psalm 23
- When you grow bitter and critical, call 1 Corinthians 13
- For Paul's secret to happiness, call Col. 3:12-17
- When your prayers grow narrow or selfish, call Psalm 67
- When you leave home for labor or travel, call Psalm 121
- When you want courage for a task, call Joshua 1
- When your pocketbook is empty, call Psalm 37

## Upcoming Events

- ❖ Wednesday, March 10, 2010 – Fundraising meeting at 7:15 P.M. in the school.
- ❖ Friday, March 12 – No School – Teacher in-service
- ❖ Saturday, March 27, 2010 – Father Richard's birthday.
- ❖ Wednesday, March 31, 2010 – Early out at 1:00 P.M. No childcare. Teacher workshop from 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.
- ❖ Thursday, April 1 – Monday, April 5, 2010 – NO SCHOOL – Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Monday break.
- ❖ Wednesday, April 7, 2010 – No children's mass.
- ❖ Thursday, April 8, 2010 – Children's mass at 8:30 A.M.
- ❖ Tuesday and Thursday, April 13 and 15, 2010 – MCA II testing in math for grades 3-6.
- ❖ Friday, April 16, 2010 – Season of Silver Auction/Dinner.
- ❖ Saturday, April 17, 2010 – First Communion retreat day for second graders.
- ❖ Tuesday and Thursday, April 20 and 22, 2010 – MCA II testing in reading for grades 3-6.
- ❖ Sunday, May 2, 2010 – First Communion at the 10:30 A.M. mass.
- ❖ Wednesday, May 19, 2010 – Grandparents' Day.

### Prekindergarten

See weekly newsletter.

### Kindergarten

See weekly newsletter.

### First Grade

God is love, even when we are lost, but when we ask him for forgiveness, we are found. This is our Lenten focus for this week. The 1st graders really showed their love by ministering at Mass today! Thanks for all your patience in practicing the readings! Reading: Dolch words, days of the week, months of the year and important holidays. Math: Measuring with Inchy! Math Magician – Wow...are we passing levels!! Keep it up! Remember, no school on Friday! Have an enjoyable, long weekend!

### Second Grade

This week in second grade, we will be studying the story of the Good Son in religion. In math, we will be measuring our arm spans and standing jumps. In reading, we started a new story, "The Great Ball Game." We will also be studying long "o" words. We started Unit 2 in social studies and will be looking at our address and where we are in the town, county, state and country. On Monday, we walked up to the nursing home with the 4th graders and visited the residents. Next Monday we will be welcoming a new student to our class. We can't wait to meet Lydia! I look forward to talking to you all at conferences this week.

### Third Grade

Abigail Hebert's sharing and kind ways towards others shows that she is truly a disciple of God! We will be finishing up our unit on 'incredible stories' in reading and will be taking our unit test next week. We will also be testing on people of the south in our social studies unit later this week. As a Lenten challenge, we continue to work as a class on the areas of keeping our desk area and cubbies clean, and also neatness on our daily school work. Please encourage this at home, too!

### Fourth Grade

We enjoyed our bubble gum contest with our pen pals at the nursing home on Monday. This week we are writing a description of an everyday item. This writing project is called, "What's In My Bag!" In science, we are learning about weather and thermometers. We are getting ready to do group weather projects. Parents will receive more information about this at conferences. The students are doing an awesome job of earning AR points for the next AR store shopping event in April.

### Fifth Grade

We had a wonderful time at Lake Carlos Environmental Camp. The students showed great behavior and they were full of knowledge. Good job on our unit math test. Next unit will focus on plotting points on coordinate grids. In social we are finishing up our unit 3 with a test on Thursday - please review. We are also finishing up unit 3 in our religion class. Unit 4 is all about God's endless love. We hope you all enjoy the long week-end.

### Sixth Grade

The sixth graders had a memorable Lake Carlos experience. Jadon: "Lake Carlos was very fun because we got to go X-country skiing. The weather was just right." Nicholas: "The games (like the Hula Hoop Circle and The Can) were fun because you had to learn to work together." Madelyn: "What made Lake Carlos so awesome and fun were the night games like Alpha Wolf and Night Stalker; it was cool because you go out in the woods at night! But don't worry--there are no wolves or bears in their woods!" Maggie: "I loved the live animals in the nature room, especially the chinchilla and rabbit! They were so cute!" Samantha: "Lake Carlos was so fun because the tubing hill was HUGE, and the games we played like the stations and night games were really cool and fun, too. We also got to make Dream Catchers. Then we read a story about where they came from and what they symbolize." The students say a big "THANK YOU" to all who made this trip possible! The sixth graders will be ministering at mass next week.