

ST. MARY OF MT. CARMEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Father Richard's Birthday – March 27

Father Richard's birthday is this Saturday, March 27. Students are encouraged to create cards for him, thanking him for supporting our school and coming to the classrooms to teach each week. Any message they would like to add would be wonderful.

I will be in Staples at the Sacred Heart Area School this Wednesday and Thursday as part of an accreditation team at their school. This will be a wonderful opportunity for me to see the inner workings of their school and bring back new ideas for us. I am especially excited to study their Catholic Identity so I can learn more about my Catholic faith and pass this on to our students.

Next week begins Holy Week, and school will be dismissed at 1:00 P.M. on Wednesday. There will be no child care that day. There will be no school on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Monday. Enjoy your Easter break.

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

SUMMER SESSIONS

Father Richard and I are working on a plan to offer summer sessions. Our preliminary plans include three weeks of remedial help and three weeks of enrichment. In order to make this the best possible experience for staff and students, we are asking for your input. Please complete the survey that is attached to this newsletter by this Friday, March 26, 2010.

This is a very exciting venture, and we look forward to input from all of our families and parishioners.

PLEASE TURN IN BIG TICKETS AND DINNER TICKETS AS SOON AS YOU SELL THEM. WE WOULD LOVE TO SELL 280 DINNER TICKETS AND 225 BIG TICKETS, AND TO DO THIS, WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP. OUR BIG TICKET SALES RECORD IS 189 – TWO YEARS AGO – LET'S BREAK THE RECORD!!! LET'S SELL ALL OF OUR TICKETS!!

ASK YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!! IF YOU NEED MORE TICKETS, PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL.

I will be having our next coffee and chat session on Friday, March 26, 2010, after the 8:30 A.M. mass. We hope to gather many wonderful ideas for the 2010-2011 school year. We will be looking at logos and promotional attire and additional ways to market our school. Reminder: Parent recommendations are always the best form of advertisement! All parents and parishioners are invited to attend. I'm thinking of giving these sessions a unique name: "COFFEE – Calling on Faith for Everything Eternal" or "COFFEE – Calling on Faith for Everlasting Existence." Thoughts... We really want our souls to experience everlasting life with God, and we want our school to always exist.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ Wednesday, March 24, 2010 – Lenten Penance Service at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Parish at 6:30 P.M.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Saturday and Sunday, May 8 and 9 – Signing of Hail Mary by second graders.
- ❖ Wednesday, May 19, 2010 – Grandparents' Day.

Prekindergarten

See weekly newsletter.

Kindergarten

See weekly newsletter.

First Grade

Our Lenten Journey takes us two words: Hurt/
FORGIVE! This is why we are studying the Eucharist!
Reading: Digraphs sh, th, wh, tch - Compare &
Contrast - Antonyms - Exclamations! - Writing
complete sentences and Reading Writing
Workshop/Personal Narrative. Math: Measuring - Time
to Quarter Hour - Patterning - Base Ten Blocks -
Geoboards - Math Magician. We will try to catch-up on
all the little spring cleaning items we have missed so
far this quarter. Happy spring!

Second Grade

As we near the end of Lent, we are talking a lot about
the loving sacrifice that Jesus made for us and what we
can sacrifice for others. We are continuing to study the
Stations of the Cross and writing in our Lenten
journals. In math we are creating fractions and
discovering equivalent fractions. In reading we are
finishing up Theme 3 - Amazing Animals. This week
we are reviewing the skills we have learned and
preparing for a test. In social studies we are learning
about different kinds of landforms and the weather that
spring can bring. Have a great week!

Third Grade

Clayton Koroll is 'Disciple of the Week' this week, and he
shows it by getting his work finished on time and helping
out in the classroom when asked. Thank you, Clayton! We
are journaling on what occupation we would like to be in
when we grow up. Our writing lesson focus is, "staying on
topic." We are practicing our test-taking skills for the
upcoming state tests. We will begin working on a class
project for the silent auction. Bible verse this week: The
Lord is my light and my salvation- whom shall I fear? The
Lord protects me from all danger; I will never be afraid.
Psalm 27:1

Fourth Grade

The class is practicing for the special Stations of the Cross.
They will be presented on Wednesday, March 31, at 11:00.
We hope that many of you will be able to join us for our Mass
at 8:30 or the Stations. We continue our review in reading and
math in preparation for the state tests in April. The class has
completed the book Stone Fox. They each created a map for
the race as well as an additional chapter to the book. The
class is working very hard during these last few days of the
quarter to make their AR goals, and finish social and science
projects. Keep up the good work! Mrs. Sandberg has a full
bonus card
and students will decide how we want to use it.

Fifth Grade

This week in the fifth grade room, we are finishing up our
math unit with a quiz on Friday; watch for the review to come
home. In science we continue to learn about all different
properties of matter. We have done some fun activities to
understand these concepts. On Wednesday, October 31 at
11:00 A.M., we will be acting out the Stations of the Cross;
please come and join us. The fifth graders did a beautiful job
proclaiming the Word today at mass. They were blessed by
the Holy Spirit. Remember to watch for the extra-credit math
packet over Easter Break. Hope to see you at the Stations of
the Cross.

Sixth Grade

This is Guitar Week in music classes. In
language arts, we have moved on to a unit on
sentences. We will start with the basics: subject
and predicate; then we'll move on to different
types of clauses and to prepositional phrases.
The sixth graders are also working with Author's
Purpose (what are three purposes?), Symbolism
and Foreshadowing, and
Point of View.