



CATHOLIC EAST ELEMENTARY TIDBITS

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JANUARY 5, 2012

MRS. KRAIG'S NEWS

Dear Catholic East Families,

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Catholic East, I want to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very happy and healthy 2012! It was exciting to return to school and hear our scholars talk about what happened during Christmas vacation and all the good times spent with family and friends.

The end of the second quarter will soon be upon us. I urge you to monitor your children's progress over the next two weeks and make sure that they are current in their work and studying hard for assessments that their teachers will be giving to ascertain their progress for the quarter. Use Standards Score online at every opportunity to keep track of their progress.

This Saturday, Catholic East will be the feature story on Living Our Faith, channel 12 TV, at noon. We are excited to see all our faculty, staff and scholars at work! Jeff Jackson, the commentator from channel 12 who worked on the feature, called to tell me that it was "great stuff!"

Also, I was asked by the Archdiocese to record radio commercials that will be aired during Catholic Schools Week. These commercials talk about "building a culture of excellence" at Catholic East! I'll let you know soon on what stations/times these commercials will be playing.

Catholic East is beginning the process of visioning, strategic planning and board reorganization. Stay tuned for more information. The goal is to ensure that Catholic East remains strong in the future because it has adequately planned for its future.

Speaking of Catholic Schools Week, in next Wednesday's envelope, you will receive the schedule of events for that important week of recognition of and recruitment to our school. Keep **Tuesday, January 31 open during the lunch hour** to be able to attend our Special Person Luncheon with your scholars! More details forthcoming shortly!

The New Year is a time for new beginnings. Keep Madi (Mrs. McGillis' daughter) and Lucia (LuLu-K4) in your prayers as they make their way back to healing and good health. God bless you all!

Gail J. Kraig
Principal

CATHOLIC EAST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

We, the community of Catholic East Elementary School serving the sponsoring parishes of the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, (Old) St. Mary, Our Lady of Divine Providence, Sts. Peter and Paul, and Three Holy Women, and belonging to the larger Church of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, are dedicated to fostering a Christ-centered, diversified school where a peaceful atmosphere of loving, sharing and caring is lived. Through the development of programs that nurture the whole child, we strive to bring our students to their fullest potential, academically, spiritually, morally, socially and physically.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY CATHOLIC EAST SCHOLARS

Acacia Abreu—January 11

Mary Jo Falk—January 11

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

IMPORTANT MEETING REMINDER TONIGHT!!

Please consider joining the **Planning Team for the Celebrating Catholic East Elementary Gala** which will be held on Wednesday, May 2, 2012 at Renaissance Place. We held our very successful inaugural event last year and are looking for help as we plan for another fabulous event. Gala team members will solicit auction items, identify table captains, collect restaurant gift certificates and much, much more. It really is a lot of fun! **This event will help us build community and raise donations for CEE. Our first team meeting will be tonight, January 5 at 7 pm at Catholic East Elementary at the Holy Rosary Campus.** Please contact Jenny Mendenhall if you would like to join us at 414-324-1546 or mmendenhall@wi.rr.com.



Football Mania Winners!

Week 9 winner: Linda Lewis \$10
Week 10 Winner: Sam Zagorski \$10
Congratulations to both!

“Living Our Faith with Archbishop Listecki” Returns Jan. 7

The January 7th episode of “Living Our Faith with Archbishop Listecki” will look at trends in Catholic education in southeastern Wisconsin, including a focus on regionalization and collaboration to ensure sustainability and accessibility. Our feature showcases Catholic East Elementary, Milwaukee, which is the first Catholic school to receive an award from “Schools That Can,” a non-profit organization committed to growing seats of quality education for low-income students around the United States.

Also tune in to learn more about a pastoral letter on immigration issued by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, as well as Archbishop Listecki’s thoughts on the 39th anniversary of Roe V. Wade.

Watch “Living Our Faith with Archbishop Listecki,” presented by Catholic Financial Life, on Saturday, January 7, 2012 at noon, on WISN TV 12. Can’t watch it? DVR it, or view it the following week at www.livingourfaith.net

IMPORTANT DATES

Month of January—Pennies for Patients

Citizenship Theme—Teamwork

January 6—Spirit Day

January 7—CCE featured on LOF

January 12—Mass Grades 3 –8 SSPP Campus

Holy Rosary Campus Prayer Service

January 16—No school - Teacher Development Day

January 19—Mass Grades 3—8 SSPP Campus

January 26—2nd Quarter Report Cards Sent Home—Thursday Envelope

January 29—Catholic Schools Week Begins /Mass & Open House

February 8—2:00PM Dismissal: Requested Conferences: 5:00—8:00PM

February 22—All School Mass Holy Rosary Campus—Citizenship Awards Presented

February 24—No School—Faculty Spiritual Retreat Day



Don't forget to order Market Day in January! Start the new year off right with excellent restaurant quality foods! Place your order online anytime at www.marketday.com, and take advantage of all the great clearance items and web only specials. Paper orders are due in the school office by Tuesday, January 17, and our pick up will be on Saturday, January 21st between 8:15-9:15 a.m. at Holy Rosary Hall. Cash, checks and Quest cards are accepted at pick up, but credit cards are only accepted when you place your order online. Please call Kathleen at 414-202-4952 with any questions. Thank you!



PENNIES FOR PATIENTS

Catholic East Elementary will be participating in Pennies for Patients. It is a fundraiser to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. We will be collecting throughout the month of January with a strong emphasis on Catholic Schools Week. Our scholars in grades 3-8 will be tracking their individual classroom collected amounts and our scholars at our Holy Rosary Campus will conduct a communal collection. The deposit jar is on the front desk.

Since 1994, millions of dollars have been raised in pennies and spare change by more than 10 million elementary, middle and high school students throughout the country.

As you know Catholic East has been personally touched by this disease and we have been praying for Lucia our K4 student.

Students throughout the country are collecting pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters during the Pennies for Patient Campaign. The classroom collecting the most change will receive a pizza party.

Check your pockets, purses, cars and even those couches for spare change. Everyone is a Winner!!!!



Please continue to keep Lucia Sammarco, K4, in your prayers as she fights a courageous battle against Leukemia.

A Prayer to St. Peregrine for Sick Relatives and Friends

O great St. Peregrine, you have been called "The Mighty", "The Wonder Worker" because of the numerous miracles which you obtained from God for those who have turned to you in their need. For so many years, you bore in your own flesh this cancerous disease that destroys the very fiber of our being.

You turned to God when the power of human beings could do no more, and you were favored with the vision of Jesus coming down from His cross to heal your affliction. I now ask God to heal Lucia whom I entrust to you.

Aided by your powerful intercession, I shall sing with Mary a hymn of gratitude to God for His great goodness and mercy. Amen.

Super Scholar



Our January Citizenship Theme is Teamwork. Each classroom teacher will be presenting the award to a student in their class who demonstrates Teamwork at the all School Mass on February 22, 2012.



Snow Days, Heat Index Days and Early Closure

Please remember to send hats, gloves, snow pants, and boots when the temperature is cold and the snow begins to fly. Our students do go outside for lunch recess and our younger students go outside for morning recess.

In the event that schools are closed for the day due to weather conditions, every effort will be made to contact parents/guardians personally. This is one reason why it is important to inform the school immediately of any changes in phone numbers, emergency contacts, etc. Parents/guardians are encouraged to listen to local radio and television stations for weather related announcement or check online for postings. Closing school due to severe weather conditions is coordinated with the MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM.

Catholic East Elementary School will follow the directives on closing of the Milwaukee Public School District (the stations/web pages will indicate "Milwaukee Public and Private Schools") for school closings due to extreme weather conditions. However, Catholic East will also be published online, as well. Stay tuned to the following radio /TV stations or go online for school closing updates:

WTMJ Channel 4 television; www.wtmj4.com
WISN Channel 12 television; www.wisn.com
FOX Channel 6 television; www.fox6now.com
WTMJ Radio 620 on the am dial