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GRANDPARENTS' DAYS

Wed, January 28th – Students Last Names A-L
Thurs, January 29th – Students Last Names M-Z
The day will begin with 8:30 Mass followed by a reception and, if you wish, a visit to the classrooms. The Co-Op will host the reception for Grandparent's Days. Please make plans with the grandparents accordingly. We look forward to a memorable event.

TUITION ASSISTANCE

We have a limited amount of funds available for the 2004-05 school year. More information about how to apply will be posted in the bulletin next week.

INCOMING PRE-KINDERGARTEN OR NEW KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

If you have a child entering Pre-K or K next year please send a note to the office this week. Registration forms will be sent home with your older child.

PRO-LIFE MASS

The Archdiocesan sponsored Right to Life Mass will be held this Saturday, January 24th at the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Angela. The Most Rev. Roger Morin will be the celebrant. Immediately following the Mass, there will be a peaceful march to the abortion mill on Ridgelake Avenue.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ARTS/MUSIC FESTIVAL

Art display will be at Lakeside Shopping Center beginning at 5:00 p.m. next week, January 26th until 5:00 p.m. January 31st.

CO-OP NEWS

Reminder – Our Co-Op meeting will be held on Monday, January 26th at 7:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there.

The prize booth for the Cookie Dough sales will be at the school on Thursday, February 5th. The children that participated in the fund-raiser will be allowed to come to the prize room with the class during the school day and pick out their prizes. Thanks again to everyone that participated.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Our Open House was a great success! The turnout was excellent and the prospective parents were most impressed. One of the most rewarding things about an evening like this is to see how well our community pulls together. Faculty, staff, parents and students all worked very hard to help us to share the good news of St. Angela. The atmosphere of the evening was very positive. I think that one of the reasons for the atmosphere was that you really could sense the "atmosphere of community" in our school. Also, thanks to those who helped to advertise the Open House. When prospective parents signed in, they were asked how they heard about the Open House. The vast majority said through a friend with the signs being a close second.

Another exciting part of our Open House was the announcement of the opening of a 3-year-old Pre-Kindergarten program beginning next year (2004-05)! A committee of parents and staff had been doing a feasibility study with a goal of making a decision by Open House. This program will be a 5-day a week program with the same flexible option of either half-day or full-day. A study of the location is now underway as we plan the appropriate renovations to provide a quality program similar to our 4-year-old program. The plans include all the components of the state requirements for 3 year olds including adjacent restroom facilities, a fenced play yard and a certified teacher. We are very excited about the new addition to our program and we are looking forward to this opportunity for growth. A flier will be sent home to parents of children up to 1st grade today. Siblings will be allowed to register with continuing students beginning on January 27th. I will keep you informed of our progress. If you did not receive a flier and need one, simply request a flier through the office. Information will also be on the website.

2004-05 registration packets for continuing students will be distributed on Tuesday, January 27th. More information on our school budgeting process will be presented at the Coop Meeting on Monday, January 26th. I hope to see you there!

FAIR NEWS

The first fair meeting will be on Thursday, January 29th at 6:30 in the annex conference room. All past and present fair committee members are requested to attend. Anyone interested in the fair committee are invited to attend.

FAIR THEME CONTEST

Contest ends this Friday, January 23rd. Be sure to include your name, grade, and class on the back of all entries. The class that has the winning theme will receive a Cookie Cake for their homeroom.

ATTENTION SCOUT LEADERS

Please send in troop pictures by February 2nd to be sure that all are included in the yearbook. Thank you.

ATTENTION GRADES K-6

Your child will be coming home with a Six Hour Reading Club Keeping Track list and Parent letter. Please note due date of February 16, 2004 to be returned to Mrs. Gandolini. If your child completes 6 hours of reading fun, he/she will receive a free Six Flag one day pass.

READER'S DIGEST WORD POWER CHALLENGE

Back in October, Miss Rovira tested students in grades 4-8 for this competition. The highest scoring student from each grade was to take a written test that was mailed in and graded by officials in charge of this contest. The following are the students who took the written test: 4th grade – John Michael Domingo; 5th grade – Emily Classen; 6th grade – Justin Parker; 7th grade – Katie Wrubleski; 8th grade – Veronica Campi. We were recently informed that out of the thousands of students who participated in this contest that only 100 of the top scorers in each state will be eligible to compete in their state level championship in February. We are happy to announce that the following students have qualified to advance to the next level of competition: Emily Classen, Justin Parker, Katie Wrubleski, and Veronica Campi. Please wish these students luck at the State Championship on February 27th.

JR BETA CLUB

Junior Beta went to the District Competition at Buras Middle School on Saturday, January 17th. Although no one placed, the group had an entertaining and informative day. Many ideas were hatched for next year's competition.

QUIZ BOWL

The Quiz Bowl is busy practicing every Monday for competitions at school and Brother Martin in March. The team members are as follows: Leo Aaron, Ben Alday, Veronica Campi, Tommy Falcon, Eric Lorio, Steven Lowe, Alex Raymond, Dianna Re, Chris Rowan, and Jesse Vance. Best of luck to the team!

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC BEE

The winner of the school level competition of the National Geographic Bee was again this year Paul Wedig. The contest was held on January 14th with 11 fifth and sixth grade students participating. Paul has taken a test that may qualify him to compete on the state level in Baton Rouge as he did last year. For the second year, Mitchell Messina was the first runner-up. Congratulations to all who participated.

MANY THANKS

Many thanks to Copeland's Cheesecake Bistro for the "You're a Star – Good Behavior" certificates. The students with all "A's" in conduct will get a free kid's meal.

CHESS CLUB

Reminder - Chess Club begins next Monday, January 26th for the new semester. You may get a registration form in the office or you may download one from our website: www.stangelaschool.org Meetings are on Mondays from 3:30-4:30 in Mrs. O'Sullivan's room until the library renovations are completed. Cost - \$65.00 – 13 lessons (January 26 – April 26). Turn in the form and registration fee to the office.

SPORTS NEWS

Girls Basketball

Wed. 1/21 vs. St. Louis Sr 5:00 @ SAM

Thurs. 1/22 vs. St. Matthew Jr/Sr 4:00/5:00 @ SAM

Mon. 1/26 vs. St. Clement Jr. 4:00 @ St. Clement

Cheerleading

Please check the sports calendar on website for daily updates on playoff schedule @ www.stangelaschool.org

Jan. 20 – Super Penguins @ St. Louis – 3:45-5:45

Jan 21 – Perky Icebreakers @ St. Angela – 4:45-5:45

Jan 22 – Super Penguins @ St. Angela – 3:45-5:45

Jan 26 – Perky Icebreakers @ St. Clement – 3:45-4:45

CHOIR NEWS

Practice this Wednesday, January 21st, January 28th, and February 4th. Sing for Confirmation Mass on Wednesday, February 11th at 7:00 p.m.

BAND NEWS

- The deadline to register for "Solo and Ensemble Festival" has been extended to January 22nd. Please bring registration checks to the office or to Mr. Smith.
- Free tutoring for "Solo and Ensemble" participants – contact Mr. Smith to schedule an afternoon appointment on January 24th or 31st.
- Saturday morning supplemental classes, at St. Christopher: January 24th – Beginner class, 10:30-11:30; Advanced Jazz Band, 11:30-12:30.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

If at first you don't succeed, you're in good company.

KID'S THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Be somebody you would be proud to know.

WAYS TO PRAISE KIDS

You're sharp.

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