



**ST. ANGELA MERICI SCHOOL**  
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### **RELIGION FAMILY LIFE PROGRAM**

Parents interested in previewing the 5<sup>th</sup> grade sexuality video may contact Mr. Craven at 837-9347.

### **CO-OP NEWS**

- Co-Op meeting next Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.
- Please see the newsletter going home today.

### **SAM'S SPRING SOIREE**

Don't forget to make your plans for the Soiree on May 15<sup>th</sup>. If you need a form you can request one from the school office, the rectory or on the website. It promises to be a great time and an opportunity to win \$10,000!

### **SUMMER VACATION PACKETS – K-5<sup>TH</sup>**

All orders are due tomorrow. Please send in the packet or payment to your homeroom teacher.

### **SPRING PICTURE RETURNS**

Please send in your picture payment or packet as soon as possible. They were due in last Friday.

### **FAIR NEWS**

- Please see Fair Focus going home today.
- Confetti Egg Contest ends tomorrow, Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:20 a.m. Please send in your cleaned eggshells and cartons by tomorrow.

### **INTRAMURAL VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE** **4<sup>TH</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADES**

This is a developmental and competing fun league. Rules will be modified to fit level of play. The dates for this league are Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>; Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>; Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>; Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>; and Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. The time is after school until 4:30 p.m. All boys and girls in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible to participate. Coach Manny Randazzo will be coordinating this league.

### **PRINCIPAL'S CORNER**

We had such an eventful week last week; I don't know where to begin!

Our Field Day held on Tuesday was a huge success! The children had a great day with lots of varied activities for the students. It was especially wonderful to have the whole school out there on the same day. Not to mention that it was the best weather day of the past few weeks! Special thanks to the many people who helped to make it such a success, including Mrs. Pendzimaz, Mr. James and the faculty brainstorming committee, as well as the many parent volunteers. Our parent volunteers were very brave to attend a volunteer meeting, not knowing for sure what I had in mind. I am thankful that you were willing to do "whatever it takes" and you did! Parent volunteer committee included: Cristen Bruiglio, Toye Charbonnet, Rhen deLanzac, Mary Beth Gerosa, John Hennessey, Claire Hirschey, Cathy Laguaitte, Kathy Sovine, Stacy Waldvogel, Lisa Rau, Stacy Rau, Alicia Dugas, Joey Davenport, Kelli Kelly, Pam Marquis, Mary Delesdernier, Dana Boudreaux, Barry Fitterer, Ashley Holmes, Paulette Matta, Lynne Romeu, Lynn Strander, Jean Thomas, and Debra Fontenot. Special thanks to Lisa and Stacy Rau for their extraordinary work on the T-shirts. The T-shirts are such a nice way to show our class spirit. Field day was another perfect example of how much we can achieve when we all work together for our children.

Our drama production of "The Pied Piper" was a great success. I know that many of you were able to come. Our director Ms. Joan Madere and her cast and crew worked very hard to provide a very entertaining event. Most importantly our play production provides an opportunity for our students to explore their interests in this field including acting, singing and behind the scenes stage work. We are very proud of them.

This week we are pleased to conduct "Merici's Math Mayhem" on Thursday night at 6:00 p.m. in the gym. This is a fun-filled active night for students in grades 1-5 and their parents. Some of the favorite activities will be returned from last year, but there will be lots of new activities as well. We hope to see you there! Please be aware that this evening is designed for parent and child to work together. Children may not be dropped off without having an adult to work together with them. Last year's Family Math Night was very successful and we look forward to another great evening.

Thanks for your support of Teacher Appreciation Week so far. All of the flowers in the classrooms are beautiful. You are reminded of the letter that your child received from me last week. Here are a few hints from the letter (the letter is also on the website):

- Tuesday: *Make a note- I appreciate my teacher*
- Wednesday: *Coop – Cinco de Mayo Fiesta*
- Thursday: *Our teachers supply us with a quality, Catholic education.*
- Friday: *My personal thanks to my teacher.*

### EXAM SCHEDULE – 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ONLY

Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> Religion and Math  
Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> English  
Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup> Reading and Social Studies  
There will be no Science Exam. The Spanish Exam will be given the week before regular exams.

### ST. JEROME READING AND MATH CLINIC

The annual St. Jerome Parish Summer Reading and Math Clinic will be in session from June 8<sup>th</sup> to July 9<sup>th</sup>. The clinic features certified teachers, pre-testing for placement and a guaranteed five to one student-teacher ratios. Interested parents may call Dr. Gerard Toups, administrator of the clinic, at 443-3174 for further information.

### SEASONS GRIEF CENTER – DAY CAMP

Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 – 3:30. The day camp is designed to help children express their feelings about their loss through enjoyable activities and sharing with others who have also experienced a loss. Pre-registration is required. Call Prissy Gaston at 834-5957 for more information.

### SPARKLE PROGRAM

Any students who have been tested for gifted through the La Bulletin 1508 and qualified may call Mrs. Gandolini for the UNO SPARKLE program registration form.

### CHOIR NEWS

Practice on Wednesday, 3:30-4:30.

### BAND NEWS

Band and Precorder Spring Concert Tonight- May 3, at 7:00 pm in the gym.

Congratulations to the following band members for earning a "Superior" rating at the Archdiocesan Band Festival on April 29: **Benjamin A., Savannah B., Savannah B., Veronica C., Emily C., Erin C., Paul C., John G., Tommy F., Candace H., Linsey H., Anais L., Steven L., Nicole M., Ian R., Paul W..**

### SPORTS NEWS

#### Girls Cabbageball

The Conference Playoffs will be today and tomorrow at 5:00 at St. Benilde. Good luck girls!

#### Cheerleading

Practice on Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-4:30.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO

**John H.** for his participation in the New Orleans Regional, Louisiana Special Olympics Swim Meet held at UNO on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. He won two silver medals (50 meter freestyle and 50 meter backstroke) and 1 bronze (200 mete freestyle relay). John qualified for the State Championship Meet in June for those events. Congratulations, John!

### CUB SCOUT NEWS

- Parents' meeting this Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 p.m. in the annex. Please have at least one parent from each den attend. We can answer any questions about the Blue and Gold Banquet.
- Scout Mass is this Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 a.m. Mass. This is our last scout mass for the school year. Scouts will have a special treat for their mothers.
- Blue and Gold Banquet is coming soon!! It's on Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Details to follow.
- Advancements due soon – keep up the good work scouts and parents!
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### KC COUNCIL – CAMP ABBEY FOR SUMMER

KC Council has six boy applications for Camp Abbey during the month of June. You may pick which week to attend. Applicants will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. Please contact Ray Sallinger, 835-6620.

### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

A mother is someone you never outgrow your need for.

### KID'S THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

A little kiss makes a big difference.

### WAYS TO PRAISE KIDS

You're very talented.