



**ST. ANGELA MERICI SCHOOL**  
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**February 9, 2004**

**2004-05 REGISTRATION PACKETS**

2004-05 registration packets were due in the office today. Please send your packet to the office by tomorrow if you have not already done so.

**TUITION ASSISTANCE**

Any current school families who are in financial need are invited to apply for tuition assistance for the 2004-05 school year. Applications along with a cover letter explaining the process can be requested through Mrs. Hamilton in the school office. All applications are due back to the school office by February 19<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions about this process, please call Mrs. Remont or Mrs. Hamilton.

**CLASS GROUP PICTURES**

Class group pictures will be taken on Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. All students should be in full uniform – no passes may be used. Order forms have been sent home today. Please send in your order by this Friday.

**PARADES – GATES LOCKED**

Please note that the gates will be locked beginning at 5:00 p.m. on the evenings of all parades. Parents using after school care are asked to be prompt in picking up their children so that the final gate (Melody Dr.) can be locked by 5:45 p.m.

**OUR MARDI GRAS PARADE – FRIDAY,  
FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup> – 2:30 P.M.**

Students in grades Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> will participate. The parade will be held in the school yard. All are invited. In the event of inclement weather, the parade will be cancelled.

**PRINCIPAL'S CORNER**

Please pray for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who will be making their Confirmation on Wednesday night. You are invited to join us in this celebration at 7:00 p.m.

I hope that you have been talking to your children about our Accelerated Reader program. This is a research-based program that basically has proven that the more a student reads, the better the reading skills will become. Students were given a reading zone through a computer generated diagnostic test. With this in mind, students are accumulating points for enrichment reading in their reading zone. More information is available on our website [www.stangelaschool.org](http://www.stangelaschool.org) including the list of quizzes that are available. The list is expanded regularly so you may want to refer back to it from time to time. Next week I will publish some "FAQ's" (Frequently Asked Questions) about Accelerated Reader in my corner and on the website. I hope that this will help to clarify more information about the program and incentives. In the meantime, encourage your children to keep reading!!

**CO-OP NEWS**

- 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents are needed to volunteer their time for the Confirmation reception being held in the gym on Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. Please call the 6<sup>th</sup> grade room mothers. Thanks!
- Co-Op Volleyball will meet tomorrow, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. All are invited.
- Please see the attached flyer sent home today regarding the SAM fun run that is scheduled for Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. More information and registration forms will be distributed in the next few weeks. Please mark your calendars to join us for this fun event! (T-shirt designs and sponsors needed!!!)

**VALENTINE CANDY GRAM**

Junior Beta Club will be having a fundraiser with a Valentine Candy Gram. You can send a friend, at school, a Valentine lollipop for only \$.50. Bring your money to order your candy gram(s) on Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. Lollipops will be delivered on Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **FAIR NEWS**

- The theme for next year's fair will be **SAM Goes to the Movies**. The T-shirt design contest will be extended through this week. Please have your drawing in by Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Put your name and grade on the back of your design.
- This Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> is dress down day for any student that brings in \$1.00 for the fair. Please refer to the handbook for dress down days. Due to a field trip on Thursday for the 1<sup>st</sup> graders, they may turn in their money and dress down on Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB**

The Environmental Club will resume meetings tomorrow, February 10<sup>th</sup> in the Science Lab. The meeting will be from 3:30 – 4:15.

## **YOUNG SCIENTISTS CLUB**

The Young Scientists – Einstein and Newton groups meet in the Science lab on Thursday, February 12 from 3:20-4:20. Schweitzer group meets on Thursday, February 19 and Socrates group meets on Thursday, February 26.

## **CHOIR NEWS**

No practice this Wednesday. This Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> we will sing for Confirmation Mass at 7:00 p.m. Arrive at 6:30 p.m. (Dress appropriately, please. No jeans, shorts or tee shirts.) Pick up time will be approximately 8:30 p.m. at the gray door.

## **BAND NEWS**

Saturday Practice Schedule – February 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Christopher – Supplemental Beginner Band class, 10:00-11:00; “Festival” Band woodwinds, 11:00-12:30; “Festival” Band brass, 12:30-2:00; “Festival” Band drums, 2:30-3:00. Questions? call- 393-0286. Please note the date for the Spring Band Concert has been changed to Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The concert will be held at St. Angela.

## **SPORTS NEWS**

### **Girls Basketball**

The Jr. team will be entering the Conference Playoffs this week. Their game is Thurs. 2/12 @ 5:00 @ SAM. Good luck girls.

### **Cheerleading**

All Cheerleaders:

Feb. 10 – Practice @ SAM – 3:30 – 5:00

Feb. 12 – Girls Basketball Playoff Game – 4:45-5:45

## **FOR PARENTS – JOY OF READING**

Louisa Moats and Susan Hall, authors of “Straight Talk About Reading” and “Parenting a Struggling Reader” discuss ways to help children build a sound foundation for reading Thursday at St. Martin's Episcopal School. For more information call 736-9960.

## **OFFICE DEPOT BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM**

Please mention our school ID number (70042292) when purchasing items at Office Depot. St. Angela will get 5% of qualifying purchases throughout 2004.

## **THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

The way I see it if you want the rainbow you've got to put up with the rain.

## **KID'S THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

Be the first one to make footprints in wet, rainy mud.

## **WAYS TO PRAISE KIDS**

You're so special.