

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome back to school! As we enter this New Year, please accept our warmest wishes for a safe, healthy and productive year. We have a few announcements and reminders, as follows:

Assistance for Southeast Asia

Donations will be accepted this week from our parish and school community. Monies collected will be sent to *Catholic Relief Services*. Please make checks out to this organization, place in an envelope and bring to the school office. Please, be as generous as you can. Our prayers and thoughts go out to the victims and their families. May the world continue to unite and support relief efforts on behalf of those suffering as a result of the earthquake and tsunami.

Parent Group Notes

We are grateful to everyone who contributed to the December 19th bake sale. The Athletic Program will benefit from the \$120.00 raised.

Early Dismissal and Holiday Reminders

We will have two 12:35 p.m. dismissal days this month: Monday, January 10th and Monday, January 24th. These are professional development days for our faculty. Also, Monday, January 17th is a school holiday as we honor the memory of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Parish Blood Drive, Sunday, January 16th

Earn service hours in a special way ... by donating your blood. Blood is needed and required to meet the health needs of our community hospitals. Many of our community members have had the need for this service as a result of an operation, or some other type of serious accident. Please consider making a donation by calling Jill Alcantar, our Parish Blood Drive Coordinator at (415) 586-8911 or (415) 648-7538 (Rectory).

Rainy Day Reminders

As we move into the rainy season, please be extra careful as you drop off and pick up your children. Occasionally we have cars parked in the white zone, making it a challenge to maneuver around traffic. Also, please be sure to use the crosswalks. Above all, be patient and take your time. Safety first! Since our climate has been so cold lately, we would like to recommend your child wear his/her long pants (not shorts) to school. Lastly, if your child is sick, please do not send him/her to school. This is the time your child should be home getting rest and recovering.

Candy Sales

Candy sales will begin January 12th, with 50% of profits going toward your financial contribution agreement. Please complete and return the enclosed order form, which enable us to send candy

home with your child next Wednesday. Remember, you can only take one (1) case at a time, unless you prepay for the extra cases.

Family Directory Update (see enclosed Flyer)

Sibling Registration

Current Families: If you are considering enrollment of a sibling for the 2005-2006 school year, please notify the office as soon as possible as this information will assist in the scheduling process. Priority enrollment is given to School families, Littlest Angel Preschool families, and Parish families.

Second Grade Parents

The meeting/potluck scheduled for Saturday, January 22nd, has been postponed. The rescheduled date is yet to be determined. We will, however, have a mandatory meeting for parents only on February 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the Music Room. The topic for this meeting is the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Cookie Dough

We have the following Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough available for purchase on a first-come, first served basis: 2 turtle cookie dough tubs (\$14.00/each) and 2 peanut butter cookie dough tubs (\$13.00/each). Please contact the office.

This is the shortest newsletter this year ... well, we're only five days into it! Wishing you and your family God's good blessings as we move into the second half of our school year, and settle into our work and school routines. I am very grateful for all you do on behalf of our school and parish community.

Sincerely,

Bruce Colville, Principal