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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Restaurant Night Thursday at Potbelly's 4:00-8:00 PM  
No School Friday, Teacher Institute  
Light of the World This Weekend  
No School Monday - Columbus Day  
K-3 Parent Meeting re: Sacraments, Tues. evening (choose either Tues or Thurs.)  
Pizza Day Wednesday  
K-3 Parent Meeting re: Sacraments, Thurs. evening (choose either Tues or Thurs.)  
Market Day Saturday the 15th  
All school mass on Tuesday, 10/18  
Board of Specified Jurisdiction meeting Tuesday, 10/18

**JOG-A-THON UPDATE**

Our students did a great job on the annual jog-a-thon AND so did their parents! We had many applications for matching gifts from corporations. Thanks to all the parents who provided the opportunity for matching gifts. We will publish a grand total as soon as everything has been counted. We would like to thank Mrs. Cepon, Mrs. Johnson, and their hard working committee for all they did to make our jog-a-thon a great success. We had many parents helping on that day and we are grateful for ALL of you. We will publish the winning teams and final totals in a future bulletin. It was truly a "very fun" day. Everyone had a wonderful day, the rain held off and as always we are so grateful for all the volunteers who help make this day so wonderful.

**HALLOWEEN PARTIES**

Our Halloween parties (Grades K-5) will be celebrated on Monday, October 31, from 1:00-2:00 PM (room parents should come no earlier than 12:45 PM). Snacks will be provided. A room mother's meeting was held earlier. Mrs. Furrer provided guidelines and changes to room parties. Please be sure to refer to the handouts distributed at that meeting. We ask two things of parents on party days: only the parents who are assigned to the party attend and that toddlers do not attend. Please respect the wishes of the teachers in this matter.

**PICTURE RETAKES**

School pictures are going home this week with the students. We have scheduled picture retakes for Monday, October 24, 2011. This day was scheduled for students who entered school after the initial picture date and students who were absent on picture day. If your child's eyes were closed or if there was a defect in the processing, you received a note in the picture packet envelope regarding a retake. Remember: school uniforms only if your child will be having their picture taken, no scout uniforms. Please return your pictures with the form inside filled out and give to the photographer on the day of picture retakes. This school picture day will include our preschool program.

**PICTURE I.D.'S**

Every year the students receive picture ID name tags. We are happy to cover the cost of the initial ID, but we do ask students to pay for replacements. The cost of additional ID card is \$5.00. We will help our students to be good stewards of their ID card to avoid additional costs. We appreciate your understanding.

**SPANISH CLASSES GR. 4-8**

Spanish classes have begun for students in grades 4-8. Mrs. Darida, employed by Discovery Language Programs is our teacher this year. Each student has received a workbook from his/her Spanish teacher. Discovery has CD's that correspond to each workbook and are an excellent tool for home reinforcement. All students in grades 4-8 need to purchase a CD by returning the attached form to your child's Spanish teacher along with your payment. CD's will be shipped directly to school and distributed to students. The order form is attached to this bulletin.

### **AUCTION**

Shake Rattle & Roll your way right to the St. Patrick's Auction. Tickets are on sale now for the 18th annual auction. Please join us for an evening of delicious food, exciting bidding, and fabulous fellowship. The auction will take place in the Boehm Center on Saturday, November 5, 2011 at 5:30 pm. Admission tickets are \$30 per person. Silent and live auctions take place throughout the evening, as well as raffles. Enter to win a live auction item of your choice or a shopping spree at Abt Electronics. Auction items include restaurant gift certificates, salon services, personal training/gym memberships, autographed sports memorabilia, museum tickets, auto care certificates, a TV, art work and much, much more! Please join us for an exciting evening! Tickets can be purchased at mass this weekend, at the rectory or through backpack mail.

Also, if you would like to make a donation, please contact Dorie Roth @ 847-370-1762 or JoAnn Stubenvoll @ 847-244-7382.

### **RAINBOWS**

Rainbows offers a weekly support group for our children, grades K- 8th, who have experienced a significant change in their lives due to a death in the family, a divorce, separation or children living with a single-parent or a step family.

Everyone knows that a child does not come to school and leave his/her feelings outside the classroom door. Quite the opposite: all emotions-good and bad-come with the child. When something significant happens in the family, the entire family is affected. Consequently, even though the loss of a spouse through death or divorce appears to be only a grown up problem, it has a profound effect on the children it touches.

We have some sensitive, caring, trained adults who have said "yes" to helping these children put those feelings into words, work through the grief, build a stronger sense of self-esteem, and begin to accept what has taken place in their family. RAINBOWS offers these children the chance to receive the support from other children of the same age who are in similar situations. The children have the chance to realize they are not the only children going through a difficult time.

If you and your child agree that this program is right for them or have further questions, please contact Monica Gabler - email [monicagabler@comcast.net](mailto:monicagabler@comcast.net) or by phone at 847-265-8861. If you e-mail me, please include your child's name, age, grade, teacher and a phone number where you can be reached along with your name. Please contact me as soon as possible so I can begin ordering the supplies necessary. There is also a registration letter attached to this bulletin that you may fill out and send in to the school office. Please label the envelop "Rainbows". If you need us, Rainbows is here for you!

### **GENERAL MILLS BOX TOPS**

Please continue to save your Box Tops and send them in to school. We collect the Box Tops for Education throughout the year. Last school year we received approximately \$1,700.00 from the Box Tops fundraiser! Let's see if we can collect even more this year! Thanks for all your help.

### **LIGHT OF THE WORLD RETREAT**

Prayerfully consider attending the Light of the World Parish Retreat here at St. Patrick's parish October 7-10. Treat yourself. Feed your soul. Experience the renewal of the Holy Spirit. For more information and /or register, go to: [www.stpatrickwadsworth.org/lotw](http://www.stpatrickwadsworth.org/lotw) or call Bernie Oberdick @ 847-244-4161 Ext 21

### **VOLLEY FOR THE CURE**

St. Patrick School's 6th, 7th & 8th grade girls' volleyball teams are playing a Volley for the Cure match on Wed 10/12/11 at St. Joe's of Round Lake. It's all for fun & to raise money for breast cancer research & care. There will be a 50/50 Raffle, a Bake Sale, Volley for the Cure T-shirts for sale, plus a small admission fee. For fans, there will be a contest for who's wearing the most pink! In between games, there will be breast cancer facts announced, as well as info cards at the admissions table. Concessions will be sold. 100% of the profit goes to the charity. Game times are 6pm, 7pm & 8pm. Please come cheer on your team & help raise money for the cure of breast cancer!"

### **GURNEE YOUTH BASEBALL**

Spring 2012 registration starts this weekend for all age groups. Please visit web site for all forms and more details, [www.gurneeyouthbaseball.org](http://www.gurneeyouthbaseball.org) . On line registration starts October 8, 2011. On site Registration will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2010 9:00-12:00 @ American Legion Building 749 Milwaukee Ave. Gurnee Illinois, and next Saturday October 22, 2010 9:00-12:00 @ Gurnee American Legion Building. Gurnee Youth Baseball.....It's for the Kids!!! Please see attached below.

### **CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL - Technology Triathlon**

Our 7th & 8th grade students have been invited to attend Carmel Catholic's Technology Triathlon on Saturday, October 29, 2011. Test your keyboarding, web surfing and Microsoft applications skills. Competition details: the competition will begin at 8:00 AM and it will take approximately 2 hours to complete. There will be several timed typing tests, one web quest activity and a final activity to test Microsoft application skills (MSWord, MS Excel and MS Power Point). All of the activities will be conducted in a spirit of fun and camaraderie. This event is sponsored by Carmel Catholic High School's National Business Honor Society. Please register for this event online at [www.carmelhs.org](http://www.carmelhs.org) in the upcoming events section of the Admissions pages.

### **MRS. B.'S BLACKBOARD**

Thomas More and Francis of Assisi are two of my favorite saints, perhaps because they went to God by such wildly different routes. Thomas was England's highest jurist, the king's own counselor. He found himself in mortal peril when Henry VIII forced him to choose between his church and his king. In Robert Bolt's play, A Man for All Seasons, both the wisdom and faith of Thomas More is dramatized. His comment on God's creation is captured in his words to his daughter, Meg: "God made the angels to show his splendor - as he made animals for innocence and plants for their simplicity. But man he made to serve him wittily, in the tangle of his mind!"

Francis of Assisi shared similar insights on God's creation, specifically his animals. We celebrated his feast day last Tuesday with the blessing of the animals. Francis is said to be the saint who most resembled Jesus. He took literally the Lord's call to imitate him. Jesus was an itinerant teacher with nowhere to lay his head. Francis left home and family, owning nothing, but the old brown robe on his back. Barefoot, without food or money, his only possession - a love of God so great that he spoke of it to anyone who would listen, even the birds in the trees. Just as Jesus had done, Francis immersed himself in God's creation. Jesus had an awareness of all God's creatures, each of them with something to say about his Father's kingdom: mustard seeds, vineyards, rare pearls and foxes and birds. All spoke of God's love for Francis and all his children. That love was an intense reality in the life of Francis. Each morning he praised the God who called him from sleep to a new day he would share with "brother sun and sister moon", the wind and stars. Those allusions are from Francis' Canticle to the Sun". This hymn to creation was the first poem in the Italian language and the reason Francis is heralded as the first "ecologist". Nature was not to be plundered or exploited, but treated with reverence and respect.

Francis and Thomas could not have been more different. Yet each in his own way has to say to us about God his creatures and his kingdom.

Mrs. B. -----

**Attachments**

[GURNEE YOUTH BASEBALL 2012.pdf](#)

[RAINBOWS REG..doc](#)

[SPANISH CD ORDER FORM.pdf](#)