

November 4, 2011

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Auction Saturday!
Vision & Hearing Screening Monday and Tuesday
Gurnee AM/PM Special Bus Thursday
No School Friday, Veteran's Day
End of 1st Trimester Friday
Market Day Saturday

PRAYER POSITION - OUR FATHER

As you know we are preparing for the new Roman missal which will be implemented on the first Sunday of Advent (11/27). Fr. Fred and the teachers have been meeting to make the transition easier for the children when we come together for Mass on Tuesdays. One of the items for discussion has been praying the Our Father and the prayer position. We have agreed to have the children extend their hands in petition to the Father. This will take the place of holding hands during the prayer. Many churches are making this change in the interest of wellness and good health. The children did a fine job last Tuesday in making this change.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Our parent/teacher conferences will be held on Tuesday, November 22, between 1:00 PM and 8:00 PM for K-3 and between 8:00 AM-8:00 PM for Grades 4-8. Just a few notes about our November conference day:

1. The report card is being sent home Friday, November 18. This enables the parents to review the report card before attending the conference.
2. The conferences are ten minutes in length. IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT YOU ARE PROMPT FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT. Please remember that there will be other parents waiting to see the teacher after your conference. A bell will sound every ten minutes to remind you of the time limit. If you (or the teacher) need more time for your child, another conference may be scheduled at a later date (before or after school).
3. If you have not scheduled your conference(s), please call our school office next week. Schedules will be posted by the classroom door and outside the office if you forget your scheduled time.
4. If your student is doing fine and you do not feel the need to meet with the teacher, it is not necessary to schedule a conference.

Our children benefit from a strong partnership between parent and teacher. We look forward to meeting with all of you on the 22nd.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

Every year at Thanksgiving time, St. Patrick School has a food drive for the Little Sisters of the Poor. Two of the Sisters usually join us for our Thanksgiving Prayer Service and receive the donations of food from the children. We are asking the children to bring in donations for Thanksgiving Prayer Service which will be held on Monday, November 21 at 9:00 AM. If you are able to provide any of the following items, it would be greatly appreciated by the Sisters. We are asking the different grade levels to bring in certain items if you are able.

Kindergarten:	Kleenex	Fifth Grade:	Canned Soups
First Grade:	Shampoo	Sixth Grade:	Canned Fruit
Second Grade:	Toothpaste	Seventh Grade:	Cereals
Third Grade:	Mouthwash (plastic)	Eighth Grade:	Puddings/Jello
Fourth Grade:	Body Lotion (plastic)		

SCRIP NEWS

- Don't forget your Christmas list when ordering Scrip. Start your Christmas shopping early with gift cards or Scrip Bucks. December 9th will be the last school day and Sunday 12/19 is the last weekend to purchase gift cards before the holidays. Scrip bucks may be purchased through the 16th. Have fun shopping!
- We have added two new retailers to scrip for this weekend's sales: Buffalo Wild Wings-\$25.00 cards at 8% and Taco Bell-\$10.00 cards at 5%
- Also we will no longer be selling Game Stop (We have one \$25.00 card left!)

YEARBOOK NEWS

WE NEED YOUR PICTURES! Please send in the following pictures, last year communion, Track & Field, this years Camp Duncan, Jog A Thon, Volleyball Pictures, and 8th Graders Baby Pictures, pictures due by the end of November. Send pictures to monicagabler@comcast.net

8TH GRADE FAMILIES. Please look for a baby picture for submission to the yearbook!!! Please send photos to Monica Gabler c/o Megan-8J. We would like to have these photos by the end of November. Photos will be scanned and returned.

STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

Natalie Schlueter(7O) and Isabella Jansen (3M) will be performing in CYT's Fiddler On The Roof the weekends of November 4-6 and Nov. 11-13 in Zion. For ticket information and purchase please go to www.cytchicago.org. The Family Day show on Sat. November 5th @2pm has discount tickets.

YOPLAIT YOGURT PINK LIDS

Cindy Jennings is collecting the pink lids on Yoplait Yogurt for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Cure campaign. Yoplait is donating 10cents per lid to the cause. Please send your clean pink lids c/o 8J by Friday, Dec. 16th. Thank you for your help in saving lives.

ST. PATRICK ATHLETIC SALE ITEMS

We recently came across some items that are new, but are no longer used in St. Pat's athletics that we are making available for purchase:

Coaches polo shirts (white) with Hornet logo - \$7

Sport bags (black) with Hornet logo - \$5

8th grade warm up shirts (green and white) with Hornet logo - \$10

Youth t-shirts (green) with various numbers and Hornet logo - \$3

Show your St. Pats Hornet spirit on your car - we have clings available for inside and outside of the window for \$5 at home games or through back pack mail.

If you are interested in purchasing any of these items, please indicate the item, the size, inside or outside cling, and send a check payable to St. Pats Booster Club, attention AD.

MRS. B'S BLACKBOARD

St. Patrick School is certainly a busy place at this time of year. We are looking forward to both parent/teacher conferences and our annual auction at the end of the week. These come on the heels of Halloween, a very successful Jog-A-Thon and our ongoing Scrip program. Many things happen here thanks to the hard work of many hard-working volunteers. Thank you to all of you who make it happen.

I encourage all of you to attend our annual auction on November 5th. There are many wonderful items to bid on in both the silent and live auctions, including many pieces prepared by our students. There are a great many people who work on the auction, including a committee who oversee the student projects. The students take great pride in their work and hope their projects will be a big hit at the auction. We will provide an update after the auction. We thank all of our auction committees. You work so hard to make this event a success - and we are so grateful for all you do! See all of you on Saturday night!

-- Mrs. B.