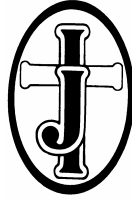


INFANT JESUS SCHOOL



January 12, 2010

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Shuttle sent home



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! It's difficult to believe that the beautiful feast of Christmas is already behind us. We hope that you were able to enjoy some special time with family and friends. May the peace, joy and love of Jesus remain with you throughout the New Year.

I'd like to thank you for all the many wonderful greetings and gifts that I received for Christmas. I deeply appreciated your thoughtfulness and generosity!

The month of December was a busy one for all of us at school. Seven families involved with the Pastoral Care Center had a special Christmas thanks to your generosity. After our Advent Prayer Service, our staff and students gathered in the school cafeteria to present the gifts to the Nashua Pastoral Care Center, represented by

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Mrs. Maryse Wirbal. In total, each grade raised more than \$150 to spend on gifts for the children in each family! This was a wonderful way for our children to reach out to the less fortunate.

Many of you joined us for various activities during the month of December. I thank all of you who volunteered at the children's Christmas Gift Room sponsored by the Parent Group. The students had a great time getting their Christmas shopping done right here at school!

SINCERE GRATITUDE

Mrs. Southern, Mrs. Dupont, and Mrs. Avery would like to thank each and every family for their special gifts and Christmas wishes. We are so grateful for your overwhelming generosity and thoughtfulness and wish you all good health and blessings in the New Year!

SPECIAL THANKS

Mrs. Roberts and the entire After School staff would like to thank all the children and parents for their generosity and thoughtfulness this Christmas.

They would like to send their heartfelt wishes for God's blessings and peace in this New Year!

HEARTFELT THANKS

Mrs. Cusack would like to thank all of the Infant Jesus families that were so thoughtful with the many Christmas greetings, cards, and gifts she received. Your generosity was overwhelming! A happy and healthy New Year to you all!

GEOGRAPHY BEE

During the first two weeks of December, grades 4, 5, and 6 participated in the preliminary competitions that lead up to the school "Bee". The first place winners from each classroom took part in the competition.

Our school level competition took place on Friday, December 18th. **Brianna Safarewitz (6A)** was our first place winner. **Cameron Smith (6N)** took second place and **Katie Pacheco (5A)** placed third. Congratulations to everyone who participated!

This school-level Bee was the first round in the 2010 annual National Geographic Bee sponsored by the National Geographic Society.

Brianna Safarewitz will now take a written qualifying test; up to 100 of the top scorers in each state will be eligible to compete in their state Geographic Bee in

April, 2010. Good luck Brianna!

2010-2011 REGISTRATION

Registration information for the 2010-2011 school year is included in today's shuttle envelope. Please be sure to carefully read all of the information and pay close attention to our deadlines. Thank you in advance for your help!

PARISH AFFILIATION CHANGES

If any family has changed their parish affiliation since last January, please notify the school office in writing by **Friday, January 15th**.

As we prepare for registration for **2010-2011**, the forms sent to the parishes, for those students sponsored last year, must be accurate.

BASKETBALL TEAM FOR 5th and 6th GRADERS

With the cooperation of Mr. Boissonneault at Nashua Catholic, Mrs. Cusack has organized a boys' and girls' basketball team in an effort to compete in the upcoming Catholic Schools Basketball Tournament (February 4th – 13th).

This team is for students who have basketball experience and have played on a team before.

We have limited practice time, thus the reason for experienced players. The tournament will take place in the late afternoon and early evening and is a "lose and go home" format. We will be competing against other Catholic Elementary schools from around the state. If you have not yet contacted Mrs. Cusack, and your child is interested, please do so as soon as possible at:
cusack@ijschool.org.

IJS COMPUTER CLUB

This is just a reminder that the IJS Computer Club will be meeting in Mrs. Litch's room after school on Tuesdays during the months of January and February. The Computer Club is open to all 5th and 6th graders and is responsible for the cleaning and maintenance of the PCs in the school, under Mrs. Litch's guidance.

It's not too late to join - see Mrs. Litch for a copy of the permission slip.

MATH-A-THON

It's Math-A-Thon time again! Each winter, the children of Infant Jesus School help the children of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital by taking part in this fundraising project. The Math-A-Thon is a unique program that encourages interest in Mathematics, while raising desperately needed funds to continue the life saving research, patient care, and educational programs of St.

Jude Children's Research Hospital.

By participating in the Math-A-Thon we can all be a part of a search for a cure and help St. Jude in its ongoing fight against childhood catastrophic diseases. Please join this year's Math-A-Thon and make a commitment to complete the project. Think of all the good that we can do if we all work together!

Mrs. Tselios, with the help of her sixth grade class, will be our Math-A-Thon coordinator this year.

Information explaining how to participate in this year's Math-A-Thon program will be sent home next week. We'll keep you posted.

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

There will be no school on **Monday, January 18th** in celebration of this holiday.

CROSS COUNTRY TEAM NEWS

On **Thursday, January 21st** there will be a school wide assembly celebrating our Cross Country Team with a video of our season. It will be held at **1:45 pm** in the **cafeteria**. *Please join us if you CAN.*

On **Friday, January 29th**, all Cross Country Team members will receive an "extra" PE class from 1:45 - 2:35 pm as a reward

for their efforts throughout the season. Of course, these students must be up to date with their schoolwork as they will be missing regular classes. ***These Cross Country Team members should wear their gym uniforms on Friday, January 29th.***

FUEL UP TO PLAY 60 KICK-OFF

Mrs. Cusack has enrolled our school in the National Wellness Competition called "Fuel Up To Play 60". **This nationwide competition begins February 1st.**

The National Dairy Association has huddled up with the National Football League to help America's students eat right and stay active by inspiring children to "get up" and play for 60 minutes a day and to "fuel up" with the healthy food groups. This free program focuses on empowering children to make smart choices about their nutrition and physical activity.

Every student may participate and Mrs. Litch has graciously agreed to help the students register during computer class during Catholic Schools Week. Once they are registered as part of Infant Jesus School, the students may access the Fuel Up To Play 60 website at home and/or at school and track their own points.

Please read the information enclosed in this newsletter. **No personal information is disclosed online.** The students

must create their own login name and password, which Mrs. Litch will send home. **Parents** will need to enter an email address if the students want to earn prizes, however an email address is not necessary to register. **If you do not want your child to register, please send in a written note to Mrs. Litch before January 29th.** Of course, you may register your child yourself at anytime. If you still have questions after reading the attached information please contact Mrs. Cusack at: **cusack@ijschool.org** or call the school office and leave a message.

We will be "kicking off" the Fuel Up To Play 60 competition with a DVD showing of how the program works on Thursday, January 21st as part of the Cross Country assembly. Please join us if you CAN. Let's all start 2010 with a healthier and more active focus and serve notice that IJS is working on school-wide wellness.

***** 6th GRADE *** STEP-UP DAY**

Just a reminder: **Step-Up Day** for our sixth graders will be held at Nashua Catholic Junior High School on **Friday, January 22nd from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm.**

Nashua Catholic has informed us that they're still missing some applications and Step-Up Day registration forms. They have asked us to remind

you to fill out the application and Step-Up Day registration form and send it to them as soon as possible! The deadline for these forms is **Thursday, January 14^h**.

If you have any questions, please call Nashua Catholic at 882-7011.

MANCHESTER MONARCHS

Come join families from Infant Jesus, St. Christopher, and Nashua Catholic Regional Junior High School for a *Catholic Schools Night with the Manchester Monarchs!* This event is scheduled for **Saturday, January 23rd at 7:00 pm** at the Verizon Wireless Arena in Manchester.

Please see the enclosed flyer/ticket order form which is enclosed in today's shuttle. We hope to see many of you at the game!

***** ATTENTION *** STATE OF THE SCHOOL PRESENTATION**

January is Catholic Schools Month and also time for the annual State of the School meeting so please mark your calendars for **Tuesday, January 26th from 7:00 - 9:00 pm** in the school cafeteria. The presentation will include the status of the school, the cost of educating our students, current projects, and advisory board structure.

Everyone is encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic Schools Week is scheduled for January 31st – February 6th. The theme this year is: **“Catholic Schools – Dividends for Life”**. A flyer listing the activities scheduled for this special week is enclosed in today's shuttle.

Please be sure to read this flyer to see all the wonderful activities we have planned.

OPEN HOUSE

We have scheduled an Open House for prospective families on **Sunday, January 31st from 2:00 – 3:30 pm**. Some of our 6th grade students will be available to tour new families throughout the school and faculty/staff members will be present to answer questions.

Our Book Fair will also be open for both current and prospective families!

Please let your friends know. You continue to be our best means of recruiting students!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK BOOK FAIR

We'll be kicking off Catholic Schools Week with a Book Fair which will be held in the library

beginning on Sunday, January 31st and running through Friday, February 5th. The children will be going to the Book Fair per the schedule/info sheet that is included in today's shuttle.

The Book Fair will be open on Sunday, January 31st from 2:00 to 3:30 pm during our Open House. Both current and prospective families will be welcome to come and shop during this time!

The Book Fair will also be open **Monday through Friday before school from 8:20 am to 8:40 am and after school from 3:15 pm to 3:35 pm.**

Don't forget our One for Books program. If you are in need of another sheet, please call the school office.

IJS RESTAURANT EVENT: SHORTY'S

Our next IJS Restaurant FUNdraising event will be held at **Shorty's Mexican Roadhouse** off Exit 6 in Nashua on **Tuesday, February 2nd (all day long)**.

Don't feel like cooking? Why not take the family out to Shorty's and enjoy a great dinner without the clean-up!

Shorty's will donate a percentage of all IJS food sales to the Parent Group. This will help fund the many field trips and enrichment programs which the Parent

Group provides for the students.
Please come out and support us!

*****Please remember to place
your receipt in the special
basket at the hostess desk!*****

March's IJS restaurant event
will be held at **The Texas
Roadhouse on Monday,
March 8th**. Mark your
calendars and be sure to stop by
for some good food and fun
times!

****YOUNG INVENTORS****

IJS students will participate in
the "Young Inventors" program
this year. Mark your calendars
for **Friday, March 5th**. Parents
will be welcome to view the
inventions on this day.

Information regarding all of the
details of this program will be
sent home later this month.

***** 6th GRADE ***
SAVE THE DATE:
PROJECT SAFEGUARD**

6th grade parents and students:
**the Project Safeguard
workshop will take place on
Tuesday, May 18th at Rivier
College.**

**At least one parent must
attend Project Safeguard with
their child.** An information
packet will be sent home at a
later date. **Please mark your
calendars for this important
workshop.**

***** PLEASE READ ***
WINTER CLOTHING
REMINDER**

Please be sure that the children
are dressed warmly for the cold
winter months. The students **do
go out for recess** so it is
important that they have a
warm coat, hat, mittens, etc.
We also strongly recommend
that you mark **all** of your
children's clothing with their
names.

Low shoe-boots may be worn
all day. If storm boots are
worn, your child must change
into shoes for the school day.
Thank you for your help in this
matter!

If you have any questions or
concerns please feel free to
contact the school.

**SCHOOL
CANCELLATION/ 90
MINUTE DELAY**

Please watch **WMUR-TV
News 9** starting at **6:00 am**.
The information will appear at
the bottom of the television
screen listed in alphabetical
order.

The information will also be
available on the **WMUR
website: www.wmur.com.**

Infant Jesus School will follow
the **NASHUA SCHOOL
DISTRICT** for delays and
cancellations. If Nashua is
delayed or cancelled, so is
Infant Jesus.

In the event of a 90-minute
delay, the **Half-Day
Kindergarten** session will
automatically be cancelled.

The Full Day Kindergarten
session normally starts at 8:30
am, so with a 90 minute delay,
they would start at **10:00 am**.

Grades 1-6 normally start
school at 9:00 am, so if we have
a 90-minute delay that means
those classes would begin at
10:30 am.

There is no one in the office to
answer the phone until **9:30 am**.
**Please watch WMUR-TV
News 9**, and help us reduce the
number of phone calls we
receive when there is a delayed
opening. **Please** do not call the
school, rectory, or convent.
Thank you.

If you prefer to listen to the
radio for information, **tune into
95.7 FM WZID starting at
6:00 am for delay and
cancellation information.**
Cancellations and delays will
also be posted on their websites
this year:

**www.wzid.com,
www.965themill.com or
www.wfea1370.com**

**RELIGIOUS
CALENDARS STILL
AVAILABLE!**

**We only have 10 calendars
left for sale.** If you know of
anyone that could use a
calendar please consider
surprising them with one of
these beautiful gifts.

Our profit for this fundraiser so far is: **\$1400.00**. Thank you for all your efforts!

GIFT CARDS!

We'd like to express our sincere appreciation to all of the families that have been regularly participating in this fundraising program. Many families used it to buy gift cards for Christmas. We've made a profit of **\$990.12** so far!

Now that Christmas is over, we'd just like to remind you that you can continue to use this program throughout the school year.

Valentine's Day is just around the corner! Why not surprise your special Valentines with some gift cards purchased through the IJS Gift Card Program. Restaurant, movie, or even iTunes gift cards are just a few ideas!

You can also put your regular household shopping dollars to work. ***Purchase gift cards for just about anything including food, clothing, entertainment, gasoline, and even dining out!***

If you are in need of an enrollment form, please contact the school office. Thank you so much for your continued support of this program!

UPCOMING SHUTTLE DATES

Tuesday, February 9th
Tuesday, March 9th

Tuesday, April 13th
Tuesday, May 11th
Tuesday, June 8th

CURRENT FUNDRAISERS

This is a list of the fundraisers which are currently underway at IJS.

Stop and Shop Bonus Bucks
(ends March 25th)

Hannaford Gift Card Program (all year)

IJS Gift Card Program (all year)

Target Take Charge of Education (all year)

Cartridge World ink cartridge recycling (all year)

Paper Recycling (all year)

IN CLOSING...

We appreciate you taking time out of your busy schedules to read all the important information contained in the monthly shuttles. It is a way to inform you of all the wonderful happenings at our great school!

Of course, visiting the IJS web site is also an excellent way to stay informed.

As we begin this New Year, we want to thank you for entrusting your children to us. We hope they are looking forward to all of the special activities that we have planned for this year's Catholic Schools Week. We enjoy celebrating the gift of Catholic Education with them!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



A prayer for Catholic Schools Week:

Bless us Jesus, as we prepare to celebrate Catholic Schools Week.

May it be a time of thanksgiving for the opportunity to study and practice our Catholic faith every day of the week.

Bless our students, our principal, our teachers, our pastor, our parents, and all who make it their life's work to give witness to you and your Holy Gospel.

Jesus, our Savior, with your help we want to change our world for the better. Help us to share with others the spirit of your peace as we make a difference.

Thank you for our faith, Jesus. Thank you for our school.

Amen.

God bless you in 2010,

Estelle S. LaFleur