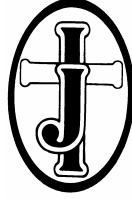


INFANT JESUS SCHOOL



March 9, 2010

Important Dates:

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17th** – Meena's Kitchen
FUNdraiser event (pg. 4)

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Save the Dates:

Wed. Apr. 21st – “Opera at the
Café” 1:30-2:30 pm

Wed. Apr. 21st – IJS Barnes &
Noble Book Fair (more info to
follow)

Tues. May 18th – 6th Grade
Project Safeguard (pg. 4)



Dear Parents,

March has certainly brought us some beautiful weather! We are all looking forward to the arrival of spring. We hope you were able to enjoy some special time with your children over the winter recess. We're happy to have them back in school, with their tremendous spirit and enthusiasm! Our thoughts were with those of you who were without power due to the powerful rain/wind storm that came through our area during vacation. We hope that everyone has recovered.

Now it's time for you to grab your calendar, sit down, relax, and read about our wonderful news and events.

IJS GIRLS' & BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAMS

Mrs. Cusack would like to congratulate and thank the IJS Girls' and Boys' Basketball Teams for their great efforts

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against the St. Christopher Basketball Teams on Monday, February 15th. Our boys' team won their game with great team play and aggressiveness. Our girls' team battled hard but lost to a very strong St. Chris team.

Thanks also go out to the staff, parents, and students who came out to support our team. It was great to hear the awesome cheering section for Infant Jesus School!

We are very proud of the efforts of our players and grateful to all of the adults who worked with them!

WE ARE IJ!!!

HAITI OUTREACH UPDATE

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our students and parents for your generous support of our 5th and 6th grade outreach projects to raise money for the people of Haiti. The 5th grade students sold cookie grams for their “Hearts for Haiti” project and the 6th grade students sold St. Therese Sacrifice Beads.

Through their efforts, they were able to raise **\$1053.60!** A check has been sent to the Sisters of the Holy Cross in Haiti to help our brothers and

sisters in need. *This is a wonderful example of our students practicing spiritual and corporal works of mercy!*

We will still accept donations for this worthy cause. You may send in cash or checks made payable to Sisters of the Holy Cross/Haiti. Thank you!

SPELLING BEE NEWS

Congratulations to **Timothy Martin (5B)** who represented Infant Jesus School at the Greater Nashua Spelling Bee on Sunday, March 7, 2010 at the Nashua Elks Club. Tim competed against 22 other students in grades 4 – 8. Anji Radakrishnan, an 8th grader from Nashua Catholic and an IJS alumnus, took 1st place.

While Tim did not win, he did a wonderful job and represented our school well.

You did an awesome job Tim! We're so proud of you.

AMERICAN HISTORY ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

Kristin Chan (5B) and Katie Mahoney (6N) were city winners in the **American History Essay Contest** sponsored by the Matthew Thornton Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Both students will be recognized, along with other essay winners, at a special awards ceremony by the Matthew Thornton Chapter on Saturday, March 20th.

Their essays were also forwarded to the state essay judges and **Katie Mahoney was chosen as the sixth grade state winner!** She has been invited to be an honored guest at the Daughters of the American Revolution luncheon on Saturday, April 24th in Portsmouth.

Congratulations on a job well done! **We're very proud of both Kristin and Katie!**

MATH-A-THON UPDATE

I am grateful to **Mrs. Tselios and the students of 6A** for organizing and coordinating the Saint Jude Math-A-Thon this year. The students who participate in the program learn to do more than just math problems; they also learn the importance of helping children who are less fortunate than themselves. Through the Math-A-Thon, they are able to provide a future for St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Over 50% of our students participated in this worthwhile program and through their efforts, raised approximately **\$5,000** for St. Jude Hospital. Over the years, our school has raised over \$100,000 for this life saving organization.

Congratulations to everyone! Prizes will be awarded to the students in May. Additional information will follow at a later date.

FUEL UP TO PLAY60 UPDATE FROM

MRS. CUSACK

We currently have 210 of our students enrolled in the program, thanks largely to Mrs. Litch. 125 of these students are actively participating and tracking their healthy eating and exercising activities online.

As of March 5th we were ranked 185th in the nation and **4th in the State of NH!** We are battling closely with Sunset Heights in Nashua to hold onto the 4th place spot. This is an awesome accomplishment for our school community as we focus on what we are eating, how much activity we're getting during our day, and letting the nation know about it.

If your child has not been participating, please encourage and assist them with the competition. **Every point counts!** Go to FuelUpToPlay60.com and help us drive our point total up. Your child has a login name and password. Mrs. Litch has the information if your child has forgotten it. You may track up to the past 7 days. **The competition ends March 15th so let's finish strong!** So many of our children are eating healthy and exercising at least 60 minutes a day and the nation knows it!

WE CAN!!!

DIOCESAN SPONSORSHIP

All families, who have been approved by their pastors for Diocesan Support, will receive a blue notification form in today's shuttle. If you have

any questions, please feel free to call the school office. Thank you.

LENTEN MASS & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the Lenten season our homerooms will take turns going to **Mass on Mondays at 9:30 am.**

March 15th – 1C, 4L, & 4T
March 22nd – 4L & 6N
March 29th – the entire school

The homerooms will also take turns going to **Stations of the Cross on Thursdays at 1:30 pm.**

March 11th – 2R, 4L, & 6N
March 18th – KA, 1C, 4L, & 4T
March 25th – 1A, 3A, & 3C
March 31st (Wed.) – the entire school

This proves to be a very powerful experience for our children. Please join us!

*** PLEASE READ***

CALENDAR CHANGE PROFESSIONAL DAY NO SCHOOL

Friday, March 12th is listed as an early release day on our 2009-2010 school calendar, however there has been a change and **there will not be school** on this day due to a faculty/staff retreat. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your understanding.

SPIRIT DAY

The wearing of the green day will be on **Wednesday, March 17th** in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. The students are asked to wear an article of green clothing. **The students do not have to wear their uniforms on this day.** Please be sure that the students' attire is appropriate for school. Thank you!

NASHUA CATHOLIC FASHION SHOW/SILENT AUCTION

Don't miss this sell-out event! The eighth annual Nashua Catholic Fashion Show/Silent Auction will be held on **Friday, March 19th from 7:00-10:00 pm.** This year's theme is "New York City, the Fashion Capital". This event will take place at the Nashua Catholic Junior High School gymnasium on 6 Bartlett Avenue. For tickets or further information, please call **Nashua Catholic at 882-7011**

MARCH OPEN HOUSE

Our January Open House was a great success! We have scheduled an additional Open House for prospective families on **Sunday, March 21st from 2:00 – 3:30 pm.** Some of our 6th grade students will be available to tour new families throughout the school. Parent volunteers and faculty/staff members will also be present to answer questions.

Please let your friends know!

You continue to be our best means of recruiting students!

GOOD FRIDAY

Just a reminder, there **will not** be school on **Friday, April 2nd** in observance of Good Friday. If at all possible, try and attend services with your children. Good Friday is the anniversary of the death of Jesus on the cross. Invite your children to do something on that day: extra quiet time, special prayer time, reading the psalms, or fasting from TV or computer.

STANDARDIZED TESTING

The Terra Nova California Achievement Testing will begin for students in **grades 2-6** on **Monday, April 5th and end on Friday, April 9th.** Please read the **information sheet** which is included in today's shuttle. ***We'd like to ask that you make every effort to have your children arrive to school on time.*** Thank you.

NSKS 17th ANNUAL RUN/WALK

Can you help? Once again, some of the teachers and staff of Infant Jesus School will be participating in the 17th Annual Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter's Run/Walk for Food & Shelter on **Sunday, April 11th.**

Each classroom will be asked to help sponsor one staff member for this event. All proceeds from this race will go towards

providing food and shelter for those in need in the Nashua community. All Infant Jesus families are welcome to join in. Mrs. Cusack would also be thrilled to see any of the Cross Country team members participating in this worthwhile event!

Additional information regarding a list of teachers/staff participants will be published at a later date. Stay tuned!

IJS RESTAURANT EVENT:
MEENA'S KITCHEN

Our next IJS Restaurant FUNdraising event will be held at **Meena's Kitchen (Authentic Indian Vegetarian Cuisine)** located at 113 West Pearl Street in Nashua on **Tuesday, April 13th through Saturday, April 17th.**

Meena's Kitchen will donate 15% percent of all IJS "eat in" or "take home" food sales to our school.

Please come out and support us! Be sure to use the coupons included in today's shuttle envelope.

SAVE THE DATE
SPRING PORTRAITS & 6th
GRADE GRADUATION
PHOTOS

Lifetouch Studio, our school photographer, is offering spring portraits once again this year. Lifetouch photographers will be at IJS on **Thursday, April 15th.**

Lifetouch will also be photographing the **6th grade**

students for graduation pictures on this same day.

Please mark your calendars. **Additional information will be sent home in the April shuttle.**

DRAMA CLUB
SPRING PLAY

Please join us in the school cafeteria for the IJS Drama Club presentation "**Humpty-Dumpty Is Missing!**"

Performances will be held on **Friday, April 16th at 7:30 pm and Saturday, April 17th at 1:00 pm.** Please mark your calendars and join us for a great performance!

The doors will open one half hour before each performance, and tickets (\$3.00 per person) will be sold at that time as well as orders for videos (\$10.00), popcorn, water, and flowers.

6th GRADE
PROJECT SAFEGUARD
REMINDER

Just another reminder for 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.**

NASHUA CATHOLIC SUMMER
BASKETBALL CAMPS

Mrs. Cusack will be running the basketball camps at Nashua Catholic Junior High School once again this summer. Grades are as of the 2010-2011 school year. Please mark your calendars. Applications will be available shortly.

June 28th – July 2nd:
Coed: Grades 3 & 4

July 12th – July 16th:
Girls: Grades 5-8

July 19th – July 23rd:
Boys: Grades 5-8

ATTENTION HOCKEY FANS!!!

Put away those post-Olympic blues, put on your helmet, and get into the game!

Thanks to the generosity of one of our IJS families, we are fortunate to be able to offer you Lowell Devils Hockey Flex Ticket Vouchers at a discounted rate!

Regularly \$18.00, you can score these vouchers for \$10.00. The Flex Ticket Voucher allows you the freedom to choose a game that is convenient for you. With only 10 home games left in the regular season, log onto **lowelldevilshockey.com** to check their schedule.

The Flex Ticket Voucher may be redeemed for one ticket to any Lowell Devils 2009-10 regular season home game. The voucher may be redeemed in advance or prior to the game at

the Lowell Devils office, or the night of the game at the Tsongas Arena box office. Seats are based on availability.

There are over 50 vouchers available! **IJS will receive all of the profit from the sale of these vouchers.** Everyone is a winner! Go Devils!

LOOKING FOR SOME GIFT IDEAS?

PLEASE USE OUR IJS GIFT CARD PROGRAM

It's hard to believe that Easter is just around the corner! Mother's Day, Father's Day, and graduations will be here before we know it. Are you looking for some great gift ideas for these special occasions or perhaps for a birthday celebration? *How about buying some gift cards from our IJS Gift Card Program? A gift card would make a great addition to any Easter basket!*

There are plenty of wonderful places to buy from. Check out **iTunes, Barnes and Noble, Borders, Blockbuster, Best Buy, and Toys R Us.** How about **Sports Authority, Golfsmith, Home Depot or Lowes** for the men in your life?

Don't forget about all the great **restaurant gift cards** we have to offer. You can purchase gift cards for just about anything including **food, clothing, entertainment, gasoline, and even Disney!**

If you are in need of an enrollment form or an

additional order form, please contact the school office. **You can also find these forms on our school web site: www.ijschool.org.**

Our profit so far this year is now: **\$1082.67.** Thank you so much for your continued support!

*** PLEASE READ ***
A+ BONUSBUCKS PROGRAM

As mentioned in previous newsletters, IJS is registered for the Stop and Shop A+ BonusBucks Program. If you shop at this grocery store and have not registered your card yet, it's not too late! March is the final month to earn A+ BonusBucks. The program officially concludes on March 25, 2010. **So far, our YTD total is \$52.19.**

Enroll on-line at: **www.stopandshop.com/aplus** now and our school will receive credit for ALL of your purchases made on or before March 25th!

CARTRIDGE WORLD RECYCLING PROGRAM

Thank you so much to those families who have sent in their used printer cartridges for recycling. We have just received a check from Cartridge World for **\$67.65.** We appreciate your continued recycling efforts!

UPCOMING SHUTTLE DATES

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)

ATTENTION 6th GRADE PARENTS

The 1991 New Hampshire State Immunization Law requires that all students **entering seventh grade** receive a second dose of MMR. This is a STATE LAW and we must comply. Once your child has received the immunization please send the documentation to the office. Thank you for your cooperation.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF STUDENTS ENTERING 2nd, 6th, or 7th GRADE

Immunization rules for the State of New Hampshire require that students entering 2nd, 6th, or 7th grades will need to have either two valid doses of the varicella vaccine, have documentation of

immunity as outlined below, or a medical or religious exemption to varicella vaccine.

Proof is considered:

1. A copy of your child's immunization record from his/her health care provider showing the month, day and year of receiving the immunization. **-or-**
2. A medical history of having the disease as verified by your child's health care provider. **-or-**
3. A statement from you indicating the date that your child had the disease.

STUDENTS ENTERING
KINDERGARTEN AND/OR 1ST
GRADE

Students entering kindergarten and/or first grade will need to have either two doses of the varicella vaccine after 12 months of age; **-or-**

1. a physician's statement attesting to a history of clinical varicella (chicken pox) disease; **-or-**
2. a parent/guardian's statement attesting to a history of clinical varicella disease; **-or-**
3. documentation of immunity by confirming laboratory test results.

Documentation of these requirements must be received at the school by **August 1, 2010**. Failure to do so may result in exclusion from

attending school until the requirement is met.

Please feel free to contact our public health nurse, Christine Caron, at 589-4513 if you have any questions.

HOW TO MAKE A REPORT OF
SEXUAL ABUSE

Child sexual abuse is a crime in the State of New Hampshire and the Church. New Hampshire law requires that anyone who has reason to suspect that a child is being or has been abused or neglected must make a report to the **Division for Children, Youth & Families ("DCYF") of the State of New Hampshire**, 1-800-894-5533.

Any person who suspects or alleges child abuse on the part of a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer of a parish, school, or institution of the Diocese of Manchester is allowed to make a report **for Ministerial** 603-669-3100.

Church personnel, employees, and have additional requirements if the Church personnel abused a child.

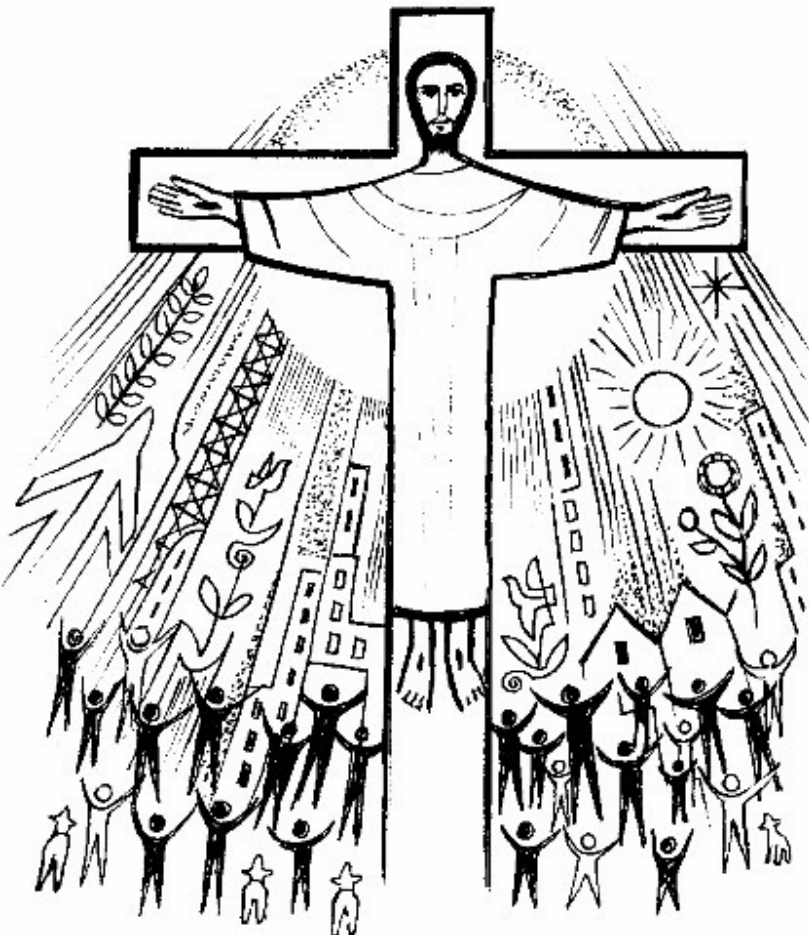
To learn more about reporting requirements, contact **Mrs. Mary Dalrymple** at **Environment Center** at our school or through our website under **Child Protection** at www.catholiccl.org

IN CLOSING...

As usual, we've provided you with a lot of information to read. Remember, you can always visit the IJS web site to find out what's new at our great school. Our teachers frequently update their web pages with what's been happening in their classrooms.

Be sure to take a look at our "Photo Gallery". You can find it under the "For Current Families" page. You just never know whose smiling face might be there to greet you!

We'd like to thank you once again for your cooperation with our registration process. Your time and help was extremely important and greatly appreciated. Also, if you know of anyone looking for quality education for their children, be sure to tell them about Infant Jesus School. *You continue to*



A Lenten Prayer:

*Loving God, you call us to be
servants to all your people.
Through our acts of faith may
we bring others to you.*

*Send your Spirit so that we
may have the gift of humility,
to extinguish selfish desires, to
see that all people are one
family, and to carry out your
message to feed the hungry
and comfort those who suffer.*

*We seek to do all things to
glorify you, Lord, and to grow
in union with you.*

Amen.

*500 Prayers for Catholic Schools &
Parish Youth Groups*

God Bless,
Mrs. LaFleur