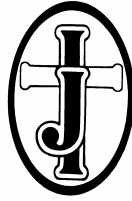


INFANT JESUS SCHOOL



May 11, 2010

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Dear Parents,

It's finally spring time in New England! We hope you were able to spend some time enjoying your children during the spring recess. We were blessed with some wonderful weather!

The end of the school year is fast approaching! We're in the home stretch and busy preparing for our final events of the year!

IJS SPRING PLAY

We'd like to congratulate the IJS Drama Club, on their entertaining performances in the production of **Humpty Dumpty is Missing** on April 16th/17th. All of the students did a fantastic job!

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Special thanks go out to our IJS teachers and volunteers who graciously gave of their time and talents to help make this production such a huge success!

And also, thank you to all of the parents, family, and friends who supported the students by delivering them to all of the early morning practices.

It was wonderful to see so many of you in attendance at all of the performances. We also had a few new and prospective families attend the Saturday performance and one family even dropped off an application!

2010 ARBOR DAY AND CLEAN WATER WEEK CONTESTS

This spring in art, the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students were practicing their skills at poster design. The 5th graders participated in the National Arbor Day Foundation's annual "Trees are Terrific" contest. They produced images depicting the vital role that plants, including trees, have in sustaining life on this planet. Specifically, they depicted the connection between trees and

human energy needs. With this in mind, students illustrated trees' contributions in terms of food energy (i.e. calories from fruits, nuts and important oils); heat and electrical energy from burning wood; and energy conservation from insulating hedge rows / windbreaks and from cooling shade trees. The three posters chosen (from a very competitive field) were those by **Tristen Koerber (5A) (1st place)**, **Sindhu Donepudi (5A) (2nd place)** and **Keanna Smigliani (5B) (3rd place)**. We just learned that Tristen's poster was a runner-up at the state-level contest!

3rd and 4th graders created posters for the New Hampshire Clean Water Week contest sponsored by the NH Water Pollution Control Association. Their theme was "Water: What would you do without it?" The winners at the 3rd grade level were **Lucina Yi (3A) (1st place)**, **Jonathan Menard (3A) (2nd place)**, and **Erica Brennan (3C) (3rd place)**. The winners at the 4th grade level were **Matthew Hauntsman (4L) (1st place)**, **Isabel Roy (4L) (2nd place)** and **Angela Toth (4T) (3rd place)**.

Congratulations to all of our winners and thank you to all of our students for participating in these wonderful contests! We encourage you to view a sampling of these fine posters in the halls outside the 5th grade classrooms and the art room.

TEACHERS WHO INSPIRE: OLIVE GARDEN ESSAY WRITING CONTEST

Reading, writing and arithmetic – no matter the subject, teachers often leave their mark on students, inspiring them to strive for success and reach their goals. With this in mind, one of our IJS 6th grade students, **Katie Mahoney (6N)**, entered the Olive Garden Restaurant's 14th annual Pasta Tales essay writing contest. This year's topic was "Teachers Who Inspire". Students were asked to describe a teacher who has been an inspiration to them and who has had an impact on their lives.

This contest gave young writers in the 1st through 12th grades in the U.S. and Canada the opportunity to share their stories in essays of 50 to 250 words. Submissions were judged based on creativity, adherence to theme, organization, grammar, punctuation, and spelling by the Quill and Scroll Society of the College of Journalism and Communications at the University of Iowa, with finalists selected by Olive Garden.

Katie decided to write about our Reading Enrichment teacher, Elaine Hebert, and her very creative essay was the national winner for the 6th grade!

As a national winner, Katie received a \$500 savings bond and an Olive Garden gift card! Her essay, along with the winning essays in each of the

other grade categories will be considered for the grand prize, a \$2,500 savings bond and a three-day trip to New York City. The grand prize winner will be announced in July.

Congratulations Katie! We are so proud of you!

BARNES & NOBLE BOOK FAIR UPDATE

Our Barnes & Noble Book Fair, held on Wednesday, April 21, 2010, was a huge success. Supporters were able to use a special voucher supporting Infant Jesus School throughout the day.

Thank you to our Principal, Mrs. LaFleur, who did an outstanding job reading Zoomer, *The Curious Garden*, and *Reach for the Stars* to an enthusiastic audience. Special thanks also to Mrs. Yetto, our Music teacher, and members of our wonderful IJS chorus who entertained us with some great musical numbers.

This year, the book fair was open to purchases made on-line, by telephone, and at all Barnes & Noble book stores throughout the country. Due to your overwhelming generosity, the value of both the proceeds and donated books exceeded \$1000.00!

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for participating in this wonderful event. Thank you also to all of the parents and children who purchased books from our on-line Wish List. I

do have a few books that were donated without a book plate indicating who made the donation. Please let me know if you donated any of the following: *Junie B. Jones is a Beauty Shop Guy*, *The Man Who Walked Between the Towers*, *Sylvester and the Magic Pebble*, *Time of Wonder*, *Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears*, *Golem*, or *Grandfather's Journey* (Caldecott hardcover).

We are truly blessed to have such generous families here at Infant Jesus School. Your donations will be wonderful additions to our new Media Center.

Mrs. Dumont, Librarian

IJS AT GREENBRIAR TERRACE

On Monday, May 10th, the entire school visited Greenbriar Terrace to help celebrate National Nursing Home Week. The students did a wonderful job dressing in their "mismatched/crazy clothes". The clown performances were terrific and our students, as well as the Greenbriar residents, enjoyed every minute!

Since this was the culminating activity for the year, each of our classes will create a thank you card in appreciation of everything that Greenbriar has done for our students throughout the year.

This proved to be a special partnership once again and the

program continues to provide our students with the wonderful opportunity to live out and embrace the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.

TUITION RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

We are preparing for our final fundraiser of the year, and it will be the **Tuition Raffle**. This raffle affords the winning student **\$2000** off the tuition for the 2010-2011 school year.

You will find an information flyer and a half sheet of 5 tickets enclosed in today's shuttle.

Please return the tickets and cash/checks (made payable to Infant Jesus School) to the school office with your child by **Friday, June 4th**.

Thank you for your continued support of our school!

CLASS LISTS

It is customary for us to include a class list in our summer mailing identifying your child's classroom placement. For the safety and privacy of our families, we will only be able to do this if you sign and return the enclosed **IJS 2010-2011 Release Form** that is included in today's shuttle envelope.

We must receive this form by **Tuesday, May 18th**. Thank you in advance for your help.

2010-2011 SCHOOL CALENDAR

We've finished our work on the school calendar for next year and it's included in today's shuttle!

FINANCE OFFICE REMINDER

All outstanding financial obligations must be completely satisfied by June 1, 2010. Report cards and/or diplomas may be held until all outstanding tuition and Before/After School Program payments are made. Please contact Karla Black with any questions or concerns at 889-1191 or black@ijschool.org.

WARM WEATHER UNIFORMS

On **Monday, May 3rd** students began wearing their warm weather uniforms. **Please remember: No shorts, other than uniform shorts, will be allowed.**

PE shorts are to be worn on **PE days** only. Thank you for your cooperation!

We'd also like to remind you that **socks** should be **white, navy blue or black** and **must cover the entire ankle**. Logos or designs are not allowed.

ASCENSION LITURGY

On **Thursday, May 13th** we will celebrate the Ascension of

the Lord. The liturgy will be at **9:30 a.m.** at Infant Jesus Church. Fr. Pierre Baker, our pastor, will be our celebrant. **Both 3rd grade classes** will help prepare this liturgy for us. **Please join us.**

MAY CROWNING/FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION

We will celebrate the May Crowning and the First Communion liturgy on **Monday, May 17th at 9:30 am.** The students will process into the church carrying flowers to offer to Our Lady. The school will provide the flowers. The crowning of Mary will take place right after Mass.

The children who have made their First Communion are asked to wear their "First Communion clothing" to school that day for the liturgy. They will change into their school uniforms after the celebration.

We are pleased to have Fr. Pierre Baker, pastor of Blessed John XXIII Parish, as our main celebrant.

After the liturgy, all parents of the students who have made their First Communion are invited to join us immediately following the liturgy for refreshments in the school cafeteria.

LAST REMINDER: 6th GRADE PROJECT SAFEGUARD

The 6th grade 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 was sent home with the 6th grade students on Wednesday, April 7th. **The selection sheets were due back by Friday, April 16th.** Please call the school office if you have any questions. Thank you!

LIBRARY BOOKS

Mrs. Dumont has asked that **all overdue library books** be returned to the library by **Friday, May 28th.** Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

MEMORIAL DAY

There will be **no school on Monday, May 31st** in observance of this holiday.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Infant Jesus School will be marching in the Memorial Day parade once again this year!

All students are invited to participate. Any parents/guardians who have completed the Protecting God's Children program are also welcome to march with us.

The parade is scheduled for **Monday, May 31st.** We will be **gathering behind Holman Stadium between 9:45 and 10:15 a.m. for the line up.**

If you'd like to help represent our great school by marching in the parade, **you will need to complete a permission slip and return it to the school by Tuesday, May 18th.** You may request a permission slip from your child's teacher or it is also available to download from the home page of the IJS web site.

We'll end at the corner of Lake and Main Streets in the Poor Pierre's parking lot and take a group photo.

MATH-A-THON ASSEMBLY

Our Math-A-Thon assembly will be held on **Thursday, June 3rd at 1:30 p.m.** in the school cafeteria. This is when we take the opportunity to thank all of the students who participated in the Math-A-Thon program in January. Parents are welcome to attend.

KINDERGARTEN OLYMPIC DAY

On Monday, June 7th (rain date Tuesday, June 8th) our kindergarten class will have their Olympic day here at IJS. This will be an **early release day** for our kindergarten students **with dismissal at 12:15.**

Please refer to the Kindergarten Olympic Day information sheets enclosed in today's shuttle for further information.

All kindergarten students will be served a pizza lunch with a drink and dessert compliments of the Parent Group.

The Before School program will be available for our kindergarten students only!

OLYMPIC DAY GRADES 1-6

Olympic Day for **grades 1-6** has been scheduled for **Monday, June 7th** (rain date Tuesday, June 8th) from **8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Rivier College.**

This will be an early release day for our students!

Bus students will be dropped off and picked up directly at Rivier College. All other students will need to be dropped off and picked up **directly at Rivier College.**

Please do not drop off your children before 8:30 a.m. There will not be supervision before that time!

The students will be served a pizza lunch and dessert compliments of the Parent Group.

We are requesting that tank tops not be worn by the boys or the girls for Olympic Day activities to help minimize sun exposure!

Please be sure to read all of the enclosed Olympic Day information in today's shuttle and keep it for future reference. Thank you for your cooperation.

Reminder: There is NO Before School program for students in grades 1-6 on Olympic Day – Monday, June 7th.

The Before School program will be available for kindergarten students only!

The After School program will be available for those students who need to use it.

There is a sign up form for registered After School students available from Mrs. Roberts.

If you need to use the After School Program on Olympic Day and do not regularly use the program or if you will not see Mrs. Roberts, please request a form from the school office.

The rain date for Olympic Day is Tuesday, June 8th. If the weather is questionable:

- 1) Listen for a cancellation announcement on **WZID 97.5 FM** or **WMLL 96.5 FM** beginning at **7:00 am.**
- 2) Check the IJS web site at: **www.ijschool.org**.

If Olympic Day is postponed until Tuesday, we will have a normal full day of school on Monday and Tuesday's hot

lunch will be served on Monday.

SPRING CONCERT GRADES K-6

The Spring Concert for **grades K-6, the Band and the Chorus** will be held on **Wednesday, June 9th at 7:00 pm in the church.** Please mark your calendars for this school wide event!

***** Participation for the students is mandatory. *****

We have established a fine music program for our children and the Spring Concert is the culmination of their success.

Attendance is **not** optional.

I realize that at times there is a conflict and children are scheduled to be at two different places, the same night, at the same time. If your child is committed elsewhere for that evening and is unable to participate please let me know in writing by **Friday, May 21st.** **However, I encourage you to make every effort to have your child(ren) participate in this concert!**

The students should report to their homerooms by **6:45 p.m.** Parents, relatives, and friends may head to the church.

***** All students performing in the Spring Concert should wear their uniforms. *****

The girls are asked to wear white blouses and white socks

with their plaid jumpers.
Make-up is not permitted.

The boys are to wear a white shirt with their uniform trousers.

Students are encouraged to wear dress shoes; however, please do not go out and purchase dress shoes just for this evening.

Band and chorus members are asked to follow the above dress code for this evening except that they are to wear their blue performance shirt instead of a white blouse or shirt.

Parents are invited to meet their children in their homerooms at the completion of the program.

IJS RESTAURANT EVENT: APPLEBEE'S

Come on down to Applebee's (off of Exit 8 in Nashua) on **Saturday, June 12th between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.** for a pancake breakfast FUNdraiser! This is our final restaurant event of this year.

In addition to being served by our teachers and staff, many great raffle/auction items will be available – including no uniform day coupons, front pew seating at the 6th grade graduation, gift certificates and more! **Tickets are \$5 per person.** Be sure to invite family and friends to this special event. **Please see the ticket order form included in today's shuttle.**

Please come out and support us at this last FUNdraiser of the year! It will be a great time!

We have received checks from **Texas Roadhouse** for **\$165.00** from our March Restaurant Event and from **Meena's Kitchen** for **\$50.00** from our April Restaurant Event. **Thank you to all the families and IJS faculty/staff members who attended these events.**

SCHOOL'S OUT COOK OUT

This is a new event sponsored by our Parent Group. So, mark your calendars for **Wednesday, June 16th from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.** for some great food and fun!

Additional information will be sent home later this month.

LAST DAY FOR HOT LUNCH

The **last day for hot lunch** will be **Friday, June 18th.**

Milk/juice will be available until **Tuesday, June 22nd.**

6th GRADE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL & GRADUATION

The last day of school for the 6th grade is **Friday, June 18th** and it will be a full day.

Graduation has been set for **Friday, June 18th at 6:30 pm**

at Blessed John XXIII Parish at Infant Jesus Church.

GRADES K-5 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Our last day of school for grades K-5 will be on **Tuesday, June 22nd.** This will be an **early release day at 12:30** for our students!

Please remember that the **Before School program will be available on this day!**

There will be **no After School program** on this day!

Report cards will be distributed to the children on this day.

BEFORE SCHOOL/AFTER SCHOOL LAST DAY

The **last day** for the **After School program** will be **Monday, June 21st.**

The **last day** for the **Before School program** will be on **Tuesday, June 22nd.**

Please have your Before/After School program account balance paid and up to date.

You may contact Mrs. Karla Black if you have any questions about your account. Thank you.

EDUCATIONAL OUTFITTERS INFO

Our uniform supplier, Education Outfitters will run

their 10% OFF SALE from June 15th to July 15th. During this time, all school uniform apparel will be discounted 10%. Other special offers might take place, such as shoe promotions and bundling. For more details, please become a FAN of Educational Outfitters on Facebook!

Also new this summer: **Gently Worn Plaids Program.** Beginning this summer, customers will have the opportunity to trade in their gently worn plaids for store credit to be applied toward purchases of new uniforms. As the trade-in inventory builds, customers will have the opportunity to shop for gently worn plaid girls-wear in their store. Note: this program will be tightly controlled by EO Staff for quality and trade-ins will be at their discretion. Please contact them to make an appointment for your trade-ins. They will have updates of this and other programs on their new Facebook fan page...become a fan today!

WILDCAT BASKETBALL SCHOOL

The Athletic Department of Nashua Catholic Junior High School will be running their awesome basketball camp once again this summer. Students attending Infant Jesus School and St. Christopher School will be given first priority.

The week of **June 28th - July 2nd** will be for **boys and girls** who are entering **grades 3-4** as

of the **2010-2011 school year.** The week of **July 12th - July 16th** will be for **girls** who are entering **grades 5-8** as of the **2010-2011 school year.**

The week of **July 19th - July 23rd** will be for **boys** who are entering **grades 5-8** as of the **2010-2011 school year.**

Applications are now available in the IJS school office. For more information please call Nashua Catholic at 882-7011.

NASHUA CATHOLIC SUMMER STARS PROGRAMS

Summer will be here sooner than you think! Nashua Catholic is looking forward to their 7th annual Summer Stars Enrichment Program. This year they have four new and exciting courses! There are course offerings in academics, music, and art.

Check out the Nashua Catholic web site at:
www.ncrjhs.org/summer_programs.htm

Don't miss out on a great summer at Nashua Catholic!

6th ANNUAL NASHUA CATHOLIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

Mark your calendars! Come one come all to this fun Nashua Catholic event. It is scheduled for **Thursday, August 19th.** Please contact Mr. "B" at

rbsnlt@ncrjhs.org for more details.

NASHUA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT SUMMER CAMPS & CLINICS

We currently have several applications for 2010 Boys and Girls Summer Camps and Clinics sponsored by the Nashua Parks and Recreation Department. Some of the many offerings include: Volleyball, Baseball Clinics, Boys & Girls Lacrosse, Boys & Girls Basketball, Cheerleading, Field Hockey, Football, Track and Field, Tennis Lessons, Skateboarding Clinics, and Summer Theater Camps. Please call or send a note into the school office requesting applications. You can also visit the Parks and Recreation website at:
www.gonashua.com.

HANNAFORD HELPS SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Thank you to our parents who participated in this program in 2009. We have received a check for a total of **\$150.00!** We appreciate your support and we're looking forward to another successful program in the fall.

GIFT CARDS MAKE GREAT GIFTS!

It's difficult to believe that we're approaching the end of

our school year! Graduations and Father's Day are right around the corner! Are you looking for some great gift ideas for these special occasions or perhaps for a birthday/anniversary celebration? Or, you might want to plan ahead and stock up for the upcoming summer months. ***How about buying some gift cards from our IJS Gift Card Program?***

Our profit so far this year is: **\$1,160.87!**

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.**

Just a reminder: our gift card orders are placed on Thursdays and the gift cards are sent home the following Wednesday. So please plan ahead!

Thank you, thank you to all the families that regularly use this program! We appreciate your continued support!

CURRENT FUNDRAISERS

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

Tuition Raffle (until June 4th)

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)

UPCOMING SHUTTLE DATES

Tuesday, June 8th

IN CLOSING...

As the end of this school year draws near, we'd like to take a moment to thank you for the privilege of having your children here at Infant Jesus School. We've had an exciting year, full of learning and wonderful activities. We appreciate the time and support you give to our great school. You continue to help us make Infant Jesus School special!

We hope you can take some time outside with your children enjoying the return of green grass and the budding trees and flowers!

Here is a prayer to celebrate Mary, the Mother of God during this month of May.

Mary, Mother of hope, accompany us on our journey! Teach us to proclaim the living God.

Help us to bear witness to Jesus, the one Savior.

Make us kindly towards our neighbors, welcoming to the needy, concerned for justice,

and impassioned builders of a more just world.

Intercede for us as we carry out our work in history, certain that the Father's plan will be fulfilled.

Taken from the prayer of Pope John Paul II on June 28, 2003

God Bless,

Mrs. LaFleur



