



Message from Mrs. Bogataj

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school! I hope you had a wonderful vacation. It has been a busy start to 2009 but our students have been up for the challenge.

Mrs. Jeanne Pfeifer stopped by today to express her heartfelt appreciation to everyone who sent in blankets, jackets, and clothing for the needy in our area. Our items were delivered to local charitable sites including the Homeless Emergency Project in Clearwater. Some items were sent to Sacred Heart Catholic Church Mission in Gladwyn, Michigan. We are continuing the collection of gently used blankets, jackets and clothing through the month of January. The need is endless during this struggling economic time. One sweater can take the chill out of the air and warm the heart as well as the body. Thank you for your continued support.

Blessings on your upcoming week!

Kathy J. Bogataj

Campus Happenings

Midterm exams continue through **Tues. Jan. 13th for the 7th and 8th graders

****Wed. Jan. 14th**—End of the 2nd quarter

****Thurs. Jan. 15th**—Beginning of the 3rd quarter

****Dress down day Fri. Jan. 16th** to support our upcoming Catholic Schools Week activities—charge is **\$1.00**

****No School**—Martin Luther King Day—**Mon. Jan. 19th**

****Wed. Jan. 21st**—Report Card Day, Jump Rope for Heart Kickoff and Early dismissal

Group pictures were rescheduled for **Thurs. Jan. 22nd

****Fri. Jan. 23rd**—Inaugural Ball

This and That

**Don't forget to check out the Christmas program pictures at <http://ollchristmasprogram2008.shutterfly.com>. The password is FaithFamilyFoundation. The 255 pictures are fabulous!!

**As Father Gary announced at the Christmas program there will be no increase in tuition next year, this was a true blessing. You will receive a letter of intent today and we are requesting that you return it no later than Jan. 20th, so we can continue with our preparations for the 2009-2010 school year.

**Our School Improvement Plan (SIP) is complete. We have posted it to our website under—About Us. I hope you will take some time and look through it. We will have an accreditation team visiting sometime in March or April.

Profile

As I strolled the halls after break, I noticed bags of all shapes and sizes stacked on a table in front of the science room. I glanced inside and strange items were nestled together—these were the Middle School science experiments, which our students completed over the last two months. The benefits from this excellent assignment are to stimulate imagination, increase knowledge, teach the use of the processes of science, and practice organization skills. The students will be sharing their projects with the younger students during Catholic Schools Week. I can't wait to see one student walk across water mixed with corn starch.



Our 6th, 7th, and 8th graders participated in a media workshop with Dominick Green and John Garside. These gentlemen work for the BBC and were able to share some of their experiences along with interview techniques. The students enjoyed their time with them and will hopefully use their new found skills when they are part of the morning show.

The Middle School has certainly been busy this first week back in school!



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