

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

From the Principal's Desk

January 4, 2012

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year! May "2012" be a year filled with many blessings for you and your family.

It's difficult to believe that we are winding down the first semester of another school year. Our students and staff have settled into their post holiday routine and seem eager for new adventures. As always your continued support and cooperation are appreciated. Catholic education will only survive if school and home work together to continue the mission.

Best Wishes for "warm, sunny" days ahead! As always our St. Bonaventure School families are in my thoughts and prayers.

God Bless You,


Jacqueline B. Easley

For Your Consideration:

January All School Mass: The mass is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18 at 8:45 a.m. Our third graders are preparing the mass and looking forward to a reception with their "special persons" in Newmeyer Hall following the mass. We look forward to having you worship with us. I would like to THANK Mrs. Lisa Urich (Social Coordinator) and our room parents/volunteers for their time and talents hosting and coordinating these monthly events. Our guests have commented about the wonderful "welcome" that they always receive. This is only one thing that makes our school "special."

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: As a reminder classes for students are cancelled on Monday, January 16 in observance of this national holiday. Teachers will be discussing Dr. King's accomplishments with their students in their Social Studies classes. Take time as a family to speak to your children about Dr. King's life and work. Unfortunately, many people have no knowledge of the values and virtues that Martin Luther King, Jr. lived and symbolized.

Ski Trip: Our first ski trip of the season for students in grades **6, 7, and 8** exclusively is scheduled for Thursday, January 12. A packet of information was given to interested students on January 3 and information can also be found on our web. Students who plan on attending this event are reminded that they must report for school "on time" the next day. (Being tardy could jeopardize their attendance for the next trip.) A "special" THANK YOU to Mr. and Mrs. Craig Clontz for their willingness to once again coordinate these trips. Parents are encouraged to chaperone. This "after" school activity provides an enjoyable evening for all who participate.

Report Period: Our report period ends for this term on January 20. Report cards are scheduled to be sent home on Monday, January 30. Continue to monitor your child's progress in school by checking "Grade Book" frequently. You are encouraged to contact your child's teacher/teachers with your concerns or questions. Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for February 7. (4:30 to 8:00 p.m.) Teachers will be setting up schedules in the near future.

Drop Off and Pick Up: Thank you for following the directives to keep the school campus a safe place for our students. Unfortunately, we have noticed a potential problem with "drop off" at the front door of the school. Parents, please, see that you child is "ready" to exit your car when you stop at the front steps. Children who delay by putting on coats, fetching backpacks, etc, hold up the cars behind them and constitute traffic tie up on nearby McElheny Road. Parents should **not** exit their cars at this drop off to help students. The safer drop off (for parents who want to exit their vehicles) is in the church parking lot on Meadow Road. Unauthorized vehicles may not pull into the area around the school for morning drop off. This is a safety issue. I am asking for your cooperation in this matter. We want to continue to make it a "safe" place around our building for all of our students. Cars pulling in and out of the area around the building, cutting through the lot, or going around cars that are stopped to let out students increase the potential for accidents. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Fundraising: I would like to take this opportunity to THANK all of our families for your continued support of our school through fundraising. Fundraising is a very important part of any catholic school. As you know tuition fees do not cover all of our expenses. Mrs. Ellen Kline (Fundraising Coordinator) and her committee of parent volunteers do a wonderful job with our fundraising efforts. The committee considers/adopts new fundraisers, examines old ones and tries to keep fundraising at a minimum. Raising tuition costs to meet our fundraising budget is not an option. Keeping a catholic education affordable for all those families who want this type of education for their children is our goal. With this in mind; fundraising continues to be an important "obligation" for catholic school parents. As we continue with this school year, I am asking that you consider taking another look at supporting our fundraisers at a level that is comfortable for your family. Thank you for all that you continue to do!



THANK YOU!

On behalf of our faculty and staff, I would like to extend a "special" THANK YOU to all of our school families for your thoughtfulness and generosity this holiday season. We sincerely appreciated all that you did for us at this time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you for a New Year filled with peace, love, happiness and many blessings. God Bless You!