

ALL SAINTS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday, October 1st, 2009 - #5

Just before the death of flowers, and before they are buried in snow, there comes a festival season when nature is all aglow.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thurs. 10/1 – Progress reports go home
Tues. 10/6 – Conference slips go home
Tues. 10/6 – Cookie dough sale begins
Tues. 10/6 – Kids' Care Retreat – Thielman
Fri. 10/9 – No School – Diocesan Inservice – Meeting Special Needs of Students

FUN RUN UPDATE

The 2009 Fun Run is over! Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make it a success! Pledges and laps are now being counted and winners will be announced shortly. The donated DVDs and CDs are being cleaned and will be sent by Mr. Staebell's seventh grade to Sacred Heart in the next week or so. A big thank you to our chairs, Johnna Nickoloff, Katie Harnetiaux and Ronni Collins for their work coordinating volunteers and planning the event. Thank you to our special guest Spike who helped make our event even more fun!

SYCAMORE NEWS

Each teacher has created a class page on the Sycamore site. In order to access the page, see your child's homework and see a class schedule or class lists, follow these simple instructions:

1. Click on 'My School'
2. Click on 'My Students'
3. Click on your child's code (in blue)
4. Click on Schedule tab
5. Click on school house
6. Click Front Desk
7. Click Directory

AUCTION NEWS

Our school auction is five weeks away! Be sure to mark your calendar for Friday, November 6th. Right now we are looking for family donations to help make our biggest fundraiser of the year a success. Donation forms are available at either building office. Need help in deciding what to give?

Contact our Family Procurement Chair Johnna Nickoloff at 456-6055.

CODE OF CONDUCT RENEWAL

All parents need to update their Code of Conduct yearly. This can be done online or by completing a hard copy of the test and returning it to school. A letter explaining the procedure was mailed in our August mailing. It included your ID# and password needed to access the renewal online. Please update your code ASAP in order to volunteer at school. You can stop by either building office if you don't have your ID# or are unsure of how to renew your status. Please remember that you cannot attend field trips or volunteer in the classroom until you have taken or renewed your Code of Conduct training.

FAMILY NIGHT AT HU HOT

Let Principal Kathy Hicks and other staff members cook up your favorite Mongolian meal at All Saints School's Family Feast Night on Thursday, October 8th at Hu Hot Mongolian Grill. You pick your ingredients and watch our 'celebrity' chefs turn them into masterpieces – and All Saints makes 10% of the proceeds! Hu Hot is located at 11703 East Sprague. Bring your friends and family!

LUNCH HELP STILL NEEDED

We are still in need of a few lunch monitors on various days at both buildings. If you would like to volunteer your time every week or every other week, please contact either building office. We appreciate your commitment to our students!

UPDATING EMAIL

We currently have 147 working emails for our 325 families. Without a working email, you won't receive information about our upcoming events, changes in school schedules, information about conferences, field trip forms and a wide variety of other valuable notices we will only be sending through email in the coming months. In order to

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add/change your email, follow these steps in the Sycamore system:

1. Click on 'My School'
2. Click on 'Contacts'
3. Click on you or your spouse's name (in blue)
4. Add or correct your email address
5. Click 'Update'

8TH GRADE PARENTS

Many, many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. John Barrier for funding our Ropes Course field trip and contributing to its success! We appreciate everyone's involvement – from driving to and from the course to participating in the day. Special thanks to teachers Kolleen Murray, Sheri Rasmussen and Nick Senger for their dedication to the 8th grade class.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Teachers and staff celebrated with our parishioners at our Saturday and Sunday masses this past month on Catechetical Sunday. This special weekend focuses on all the men and women who serve the parishes in their educational ministries. Catechists at All Saints School as well as in our religious education programs make their main purpose bringing our youth closer to the Kingdom of God by spreading the Good News of the Gospel.

Teachers at All Saints School spread the Good News in all that they say and do. Our faith permeates all curricular areas. Retreats, weekly masses, daily prayer at the beginning and at the end of the day, grace before meals, religion classes and service projects give our students opportunities to learn about our faith and to Live as Jesus did. Our Student Learning Expectations support this endeavor guiding the students in their classes and extracurricular activities.

The mission of Catholic Schools is fourfold – to celebrate and worship together; to be a faith community; to serve others; and, to learn and live the Gospel message. Here at All Saints we continue to live out this Mission.

OLF YOUTH MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to fall! Our Lady of Fatima Youth Ministry would like to invite students from the 7th and 8th grade to be part of our Youth Ministry. This fall our focus will be on the liturgy and taking our Catholic faith beyond Sunday. Youth Group meets at 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Center which is located at

1517 E 33rd Ave. We are already planning a number of activities for the fall and beyond. Lock in at Laser Quest is being planned which always fills up fast with our Catholic Youth Groups. A Junior High Retreat is being set for November with members of REACH Youth Ministry coming in to facilitate this wonderful weekend.

Next Thursday, October 8th, an informational meeting will be held regarding a summer 2010 retreat called ND Vision which will take place on the campus of the University of Notre Dame. We want to start early so we have plenty of time to prepare. The meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Center at Our Lady of Fatima. Students in 8th grade through 12th grade and parents are welcome to come learn about this opportunity.

If you have any questions please contact Dan Glatt, Youth Minister at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 747-7213 or at youth@fatimaspokane.com. Our Parish Youth Ministry is open to any students from 7th grade through 12th grade.

ADVISORY COUNCIL

The All Saints Advisory Council is comprised of the pastors of Our Lady of Fatima and St. Peter Parishes and the administrator of St. Anne Parish, along with their parish representatives, parent representatives and the school principal. The All Saints Advisory Council establishes committees and task forces and charters them to carry out its constituted responsibilities. This includes the Home and School Development Committee. The All Saints Advisory Council is charged by the Board of Governors to exercise responsibility in the following areas:

- Recommend policies governing the function of All Saints
- Develop a mission statement and school philosophy
- Develop and oversee long-range planning for the school
- Advise the Board of Governors, parish councils and parish finance managers regarding school matters coming under their jurisdiction
- Foster communication within the school community
- Promote All Saints School

The Council meets monthly during the school year. Meetings will be on the school's monthly calendar. Minutes will be posted on Sycamore to keep parents informed of our tasks.

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