

SAINT JUDE SCHOOL JOTTINGS

Mission Statement: Saint Jude School offers a sound program in basic skills, helping students learn, live, and worship in a Catholic community. Students are encouraged to develop self-worth, and to recognize and respect the uniqueness of all people.

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SISTER KATHERINE'S KORNER...

The editor was in hibernation for the month of February (too much snow and cold), thus Jottings went unpublished. However, the low 60 degree temperatures this week have served as a reminder that Spring is just around the corner, the snow will all be melted soon, and it is finally time to come out of hibernation!

The journey from Winter to Spring reminds us of another special journey that our second grade class is currently embarking on. Let us continue to keep our Grade Two students in our prayers on their journey toward receiving Jesus for the first time in early May. They participated in the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday, March 14th. _____ students received the sacrament and all were very reverent and prayerful during the service.

Just a quick recap on some past events:

Thank you to all who made our Irish Sing-Along on March 7th. As always, a fine corned beef and cabbage dinner was prepared by Kevin Ritcey. Thank you to his wife Eileen for her sumptuous Irish bread (the recipe is a secret)! The kitchen crew was simply amazing, and how could we not acknowledge our terrific musician, Mick Carr, who along with the Clare Sullivan Irish Steppers provided our after dinner entertainment. Thank you Mick! No Irish night thank you would be complete without recognizing the tireless efforts of Sheila Reynolds and her crew for coordinating the evening. And last, but not least, may the luck of the Irish be with Nana Nash for all her gorgeous baskets and prizes which she handmade and generously donated for our raffle. Indeed it was a grand night!

THANK YOU NOTES...

Thank you to *The Clougher and Ricci Families* for their donation of books to the school.

Many thanks to *The Vallerand Family* (alumni) for the generous donation of sporting goods to the school.

Special thanks to *Mary Murphy* and *The Daigle Family* for their donation of delicious Irish bread and goodies for the Faculty Room on Saint Patrick's Day!

Thank you to *Mr. Stu McCallum* (grandfather of David) for his generous donation of resource books to the school. We appreciate it!

LUNCH BOX NOTES...

Next Hot Lunch – March 24 – Pizza



Healthy lunches packed at home are most appreciated, and "fast food" and processed pre-packed lunch foods are discouraged as lunch food at Saint Jude School. We ask your continued cooperation in this matter.

WE NEED LUNCH HELPERS: *If you can give just an hour any day of the week to monitor the children at lunchtime, it would be very much appreciated. Lunch is from 11:45-12:45PM. Service hours are given for lunch duty. Please call the office if you can help.*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

- March 24 - Friendly's Fundraiser from 5p to 8p at the Lexington St location**
- April 1 - Faculty Meeting, 11:30am dismissal**
- April 3 - First Friday Mass, Grades 1 -8**
- April 5 - Open House from 1p – 2:30pm**
- April 7 - Mass of the Chrism, Grade 8, at the Cathedral**
- April 10 - Good Friday, NO SCHOOL**
- April 12 - Easter Sunday**
- April 13 - Easter Monday, NO SCHOOL**
- April 16 - Maristhill Nursing Home**
- April 16 - Comedy Night, Adult Event**
- April 20 - SPRING VACATION**
- April 27 - Classes Resume**

SAINT JUDE BASKETBALL REMINDER...

The Basketball Banquet will be held on Saturday, March 28th. If you have not yet sent in your RSVP, please do so to Diane McDonough as soon as possible.

WELCOME BACK...

We warmly welcome back Mrs. LePore from her maternity leave. Mrs. LePore will return on a part-time basis and we are so glad to have her back. The junior high students have missed her!

Continue to save those box tops all Spring and Summer to be submitted in the Fall!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION NOTES

For our Grade Two students receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, below are some important dates and times to remember:

- March 27, 2009:** Retreat for all students making First Holy Communion from 3:45pm – 7:00pm in the school hall.
- April 27, 2009:** Rehearsal for First Communion from 3:45pm – 5:00pm
- April 28, 2009:** Rehearsal for First Communion from 3:45pm – 5:00pm
- April 30, 2009:** Rehearsal for First Communion from 3:45pm – 5:00pm
- May 2, 2009:** Sacrament of First Eucharist will be celebrated at a Liturgy at 10:00AM in the Church.
- May 3, 2009:** May Procession, following the 10:30am Mass

NEWS & NOTES FROM MARKETING...

Open House

We will have one final Open House for potential incoming students & their families on Sunday, April 5th from 1:00pm – 2:30pm. If you know any families who are interested in our school, please encourage them to attend. If you would like to volunteer at the Open House, contact Cara Burke at 617-558-1151.

Shaw's Program

The Shaw's receipt program has changed. We no longer need to save and submit receipts. Now, if your Shaw's card is registered purchases made on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will automatically be credited to Saint Jude School. Register your card at: www.shaws.com/neighborhoodrewards and indicate Saint Jude School, rewards ID# 49001018996 is your charity of choice. If you prefer, you can send your Shaw's card # into school and we can enter it for you.

GoodSearch

Have you GoodSearch today? GoodSearch is a search engine similar to Google. Everytime you use GoodSearch Saint Jude School benefits.

www.goodsearch.com enter Saint Jude School, Waltham as your charity of choice and our school will benefit.

Watertown Family Network

We will have a display at a table at Watertown Family Network's Early Childhood Fair on Saturday, March 28th. Please join us at Watertown Middle School any time from 9:30 - 11:30. At 11:30 there will be a free family concert. If you would like to volunteer some time to sit at the table please call Cara Burke at 617-558-1151.

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION UPDATE...

Keep saving those box tops – even throughout the summer. Any box tops collected over the summer will be submitted in the fall, so keep them coming. We received a check for \$265. All monies received go directly to Saint Jude School. We appreciate your ongoing efforts in clipping box tops and of course, a special thank you to *Laura Morano* for her continued coordination of this program.

WE REMEMBER HOW YOU LOVED US...

We remember and we pray for the *Walsh Family* (*Ryan, Grade 2*) in the recent loss of his great-grandfather, and the *Albanna Family*, (*Andrew, Grade 5*) in the recent loss of his great-grandfather. Also, we mourn the loss of *Mary O'Brien*, the mother, grandmother and aunt of so many Saint Jude School students and alumni.

KUDOS TO OUR EIGHTH GRADERS...

Congratulations to our Grade 8 students who were all accepted to the schools of their choice. You should be so proud of yourselves for a job well done!

NO UNIFORM DAY...

Our recent No Uniform Day for "Tate's Team" raised over \$900 Cystic Fibrosis!

WATERTOWN SAVINGS BANK CUSTOMER CHOICE AWARDS RESULTS...

Each year, Watertown Savings Bank gives away \$50,000 to non-profit groups, noted by patrons of the bank. This year, Saint Jude School did very well and received a check for \$2200. Thank you to all of you who made Saint Jude School your choice!

PACE MARCHES ON BEACON HILL...

On Wednesday, March 11th, over 300 parent representatives, students and educators assembled on Beacon Hill for the Annual PACE Advocacy Day. Advocacy Day is a very important event for PACE as it gives its members a chance to meet one on one with state legislators to discuss how our state government can better serve and meet the needs of Catholic school students across the Commonwealth.

The Parents Alliance for Catholic Education (PACE) is a non-profit, public policy and advocacy organization dedicated to serving the 60,000 students attending Catholic elementary and secondary schools in Massachusetts. For more information on PACE and its programs/initiatives, visit www.paceorg.net.

SCHOOL VISITS...

We recently had visitors from the Holy Childhood Association and the Marist House come and speak with the students. We thank them for taking the time to come to our school.