

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...

Halloween is Friday, and we have some special activities planned for the afternoon, both happy and holy.

Kindergarten and Junior High students will go to *Maristhill Nursing Center* for a costume parade for the residents. The word Halloween is derived originally from the words "hallowed eve" which is the evening before All Saints Day on Saturday, November 1, so we will be having our annual Pumpkin Patch Mass in the Hall on Friday at 4:00PM. All families are invited to attend in costume. This is always a special event for the students. We hope to see all of you there!

On Friday, November 7, Grade Seven will be hosting First Friday Mass, which will include donations for our annual Food Drive. Flyers with suggested food items to bring in were sent home. The generous donations continue to increase every year.

Our Celebrate Service Club (C.S.C.) is working on a Thanksgiving project for Bristol Lodge. They have created placemats and will be assembling fruit baskets for the residents as well. Students in Grades 5-8 carved pumpkins last week at *Maristhill* and will be participating in another activity with the residents on November 17. The Club has also completed a Christmas project for the residents of Fernald. KUDOS to all for their fine effort!

"*Jenny's Dream Team*" Day for Juvenile Diabetes went very well, raising over \$1100. This includes many family donations for this worthwhile cause. Thank you to all who participated with Jenny!

The children said some special prayers to Mary during this month of October, and let us continue to pray to her as our intercessor to Jesus. As we move into November, the month dedicated to all souls, we pray to and remember all of our relatives, friends, and parishioners who have passed away.

We continue to pray for our service men and women serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, Africa, and other countries afflicted by war and violence; on November 11, Veterans Day, let us honor all of our veterans, both living and deceased, who have bravely defended our country. Let us pray for peace in our world.

Sister Katherine

FOCUS ON THE FRIENDS...

Thank you, thank you, thank you, to EVERYONE for our wonderful Fall Festival/Barnyard Bingo celebration this year. An outstanding job was done by all of our committees and their chairpersons planning, organizing and supervising the day. Thank you for hanging out your rosaries; the weather was perfect! Close to 2700 deeds were sold. Many thanks to all who went above and beyond the call of duty to sell extra deeds beyond the mandatory seven. Well done!

There will be another open meeting of the Friends on Thursday, November 13, at 7:30 in the School Hall. The Barnyard Bingo Wrap-up Meeting will be included in this meeting. This meeting is for EVERYONE who worked at Barnyard Bingo, not only for the chairpersons and members of the various committees. Come and share some light refreshments and get the financial totals for the day. We look forward to another successful celebration in 2009!

The winners of Barnyard Bingo deed prizes were:

<i>Jen Baglio</i>	\$5,000.
<i>Marisius Keka</i>	2,500.
<i>Dorothy Stenstrom</i>	1,000.
<i>Mike Pettrossi</i>	500.
<i>Leora Ferrari</i>	100.
<i>Merredith Morrissey</i>	100.
<i>Sarah Jane McDaid</i>	100.
<i>Lawrence Mintzer</i>	100.
<i>Lynn Marie McMillan</i>	100.

Congratulations to all of our lucky winners!

Our next event is the Turkey Shoot, which will be held on Thursday, November 20, 2008, at 7:30PM in the School Hall. A parish letter and raffle tickets for turkeys was sent home. Please return your money with your raffle tickets ASAP. Come and join in the fun and win a turkey dinner with all the fixin's for just \$1.00 a chance! Goodies will be available at our Grade 8 Bake Table. See you there!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

Oct. 31 – Costume parade at *Maristhill* Grades K and Junior High students – Pumpkin Patch Mass at 4:00PM in the hall – all families invited

Nov. 1 – Feast of All Saints – a holy day (not of obligation)

Nov. 2 – Feast of All Souls

Nov. 3-8 Scholastic Book Fair – School Hall see flyer for times (sent home)

Nov. 4 – Picture re-take for all students. You must return the pictures you do NOT want to have another picture taken

***N.B. There will be NO BUS SERVICE FOR THE CHILDREN OF SAINT JUDE SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, DUE TO A PROFESSIONAL DAY IN THE CITY OF WALTHAM.**

Nov. 5 – Dismissal at 11:30 – Faculty meeting

The next issue of Jottings will be out during the week of November 24. Stay tuned to Jottings for all the current school news. If you would like to have something printed in Jottings please contact me at jadellor@comcast.net, and with Sr. Katherine's approval it may be published. *(L. Dello Russo, editor)*

Nov. 7 – First Friday Mass – 9:00AM Church – all invited – Grade 7 hosts
Nov. 11 – NO SCHOOL – Veterans Day observed
Nov. 15 – High School Placement Test
Nov. 17 – Report card distributed – Maristhill – Thanksgiving project
Nov. 18 – Parent Conferences -- Evening
Nov. 19 – Parent Conferences – Dismissal 11:30 AM – Conferences begin at NOON
Nov. 20 – Turkey Shoot – 7:30PM School Hall Adult Event
Nov. 26-28 – Thanksgiving Holidays – HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

LUNCH BOX NOTES...

Next Hot Lunch:

Tuesday, November 3 Menu: Hot dogs

Tuesday, November 18 Menu: Pizza

***REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS: Children need to bring a lunch and a snack every day. The unwritten policy at Saint Jude regarding lunches is that they be healthy for the children to eat, and any uneaten lunch be brought back home in the lunch box. LUNCHESES ARE NOT TO BE THROWN AWAY. We discourage *Lunchables* as a lunch option. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.**

SPOTLIGHT ON SAFETY...

The safety of all our children comes first at Saint Jude School. We emphasize just two points at this time:

- We thank our two dedicated crossing guards, Sue and Lorraine, for being at their posts every morning and afternoon to get the children across Main Street safely. They were most helpful on the two days there was no bus service available for Saint Jude School. Their calm supervision made the traffic flow in the out of the parking lot very smooth during the high traffic volume at these times. Thank you, ladies!
- We ask all parents who DRIVE their children and park at and in front of the Church to PLEASE OBSERVE THE STOP SIGN at the corner of Bowker Road and Main Street. There are children and parents walking to school in the morning and home in the afternoon, and a lot of traffic trying to turn onto Main Street as well. This area is now more crowded during afternoon dismissal due to the Farnum line being discontinued. PLEASE BE AWARE OF CHILDREN AND TRAFFIC IN THIS AREA, KEEP SPEEDS LOW, AND STOP AT THE STOP SIGN. This will prevent any unnecessary accidents. Remember to yield to pedestrians. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

THANK YOU NOTES...

We thank the *Liataud Family* for the creation and donation of our beautiful new Saint Jude School Banner which was on display on one of the tents the day of Barnyard Bingo. It is white with our school logo in green. The banner will be used for special occasions at Saint Jude School.

We thank the *Vecchio, Kaouk, Palmer, Clougher, and McGrath Families* for donations of both books and magazines to the school.

We thank the *Caira Family* for a donation of office supplies to the school.

We thank the *Santiago Family* for a donation of paper to the school.

We thank the *Daigle Family* for a donation of a ball rack and playground balls to the school.

We thank *Linda Martin Santorelli* for a donation of five (5) computers to the school.

A SPECIAL DINNER...

Our Kindergarten students will be sharing a special dinner together to thank God for all of His blessings, and in honor of the Pilgrims' first Thanksgiving feast. This will be on Tuesday, November 25, during the lunch period.

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION UPDATE...

Thank you to *Laura Morano* who coordinates our *Boxtops for Education Fundraiser*. Laura just sent another collection of boxtops in recently, and a check for over \$200. is expected soon. This is an ongoing event for ALL YEAR, not just the *school* year, so please keep saving those Boxtops to support Saint Jude School! Have your friends and neighbors collect them, too!

LOOKING AHEAD TO DECEMBER DOINGS...

More information about these events will be in the December brown envelope:

- Junior High Field Trip to Juvenile Court in Boston. Special thanks to Linda Conrad for coordinating this event
- Christmas Performances (Kindergarten will have their own pageant as well as participating in the all-school Christmas show)
- The Nutcracker performance at Brandeis
- Christmas Break begins December 19 at regular dismissal (2:25PM.) There will be NO EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM on December 19
- Breakfast with Santa December 21

"We will become Christians when we weep, not because we have lost something, but because we were given so much." (Anon.)