

# **St. Patrick School**

## **March 2010 Newsletter**

### **Mass and Adoration Days**

March 4: Adoration at 2:00 p.m. (Grades 6-8 attend)  
March 5: Mass at 9:30 a.m. (Grade 4 plans)  
March 10: Adoration at 8:30 a.m. (Grades 3-5 attend)  
March 12: Mass at 9:30 a.m. (Grade 3 plans)  
March 17: Adoration at 8:45 a.m. (Grades K-2 attend)  
March 19: Mass at 9:30 a.m. (Grades K-2 plan)

### **Early Dismissal and No School Days**

March 3: 2:15 p.m. dismissal for Professional Development  
March 10: 2:15 p.m. dismissal for Professional Development  
March 17: 2:15 p.m. dismissal for Professional Development  
March 22-26: No School – Spring Break  
March 31: 2:15 p.m. dismissal for Professional Development

### **Dress Up, Jeans and Out of Uniform Days**

March 5: Dress Up Day – No jeans, please  
March 10: Jeans Day – Bring \$1.00  
March 17: Wearin' O' the Green in honor of St. Patrick's Day – Wear green and jeans  
March 24: Out of Uniform Day – Bring an item for the food pantry  
\*\*\*All of these days are optional – students are always dressed appropriately when they wear their school uniform

### **End of Trimester and Progress Reports Home**

Because of all the snow days, we have moved the end of the third trimester to March 5. Progress Reports will come home on March 12.

### **Kindergarten Open House**

We will host an Open House for students and parents of Kindergarten aged children. The date of the open house is Thursday, March 4 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Students will go with Mrs. Kealhofer to the Kindergarten room and do activities. Parents will stay in the gym with Mr. Wenthe for an informational meeting. If you know of someone who is interested in St. Patrick's, whether for Kindergarten or another grade, please have them contact the school office.

### **School Registration Night**

We will hold registration night on Thursday, March 11 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. This registration night is for all families who intend to send their children to St. Patrick's for the 2010-2011 school year. By completing our registration process early, we can better plan for the new school year.

### **Catholic Tuition Organization (CTO) – Tuition Assistance**

We have many families who receive tuition assistance through the Catholic Tuition Organization (CTO). If you applied last year, you have the application forms in this packet. If you did not apply last year but would like to apply this year, please contact the office and we will send the application forms home. You may also apply online at [www.fairapp.com](http://www.fairapp.com) School code: 450 Password: cto450

You must have your 2009 income taxes completed before you can complete the application. The deadline for filing for tuition assistance through CTO is April 1. Please return the applications, copies of your 2009 federal tax return with all applicable schedules including copies of all 2009 W2s and/or 1099 forms to us and we will send them in. You must also attach a check or money order for \$21 payable to FAIR.

If you have any questions or need assistance filling out the CTO forms, please contact Mr. Wenthe at the school's office 465-4186.

### **Pounds for Pages – Reading Challenge**

I hope your children have been talking about the reading challenge I have put in place for this school year. It started during Catholic Schools Week. It will be similar to the push-up challenge from two years ago, however books will equal different amounts of weight. K-2 books will equal 10lbs, 3-5 books will equal 30lbs, and 6-8 books will equal 50lbs. The school's goal is to read a total of 20,000 pounds worth of books by March 31st. That means each student needs to read about 200 lbs.

If they are able to meet this goal, I will have to lift that much weight in a given day. This will be accomplished by performing different lifts. Please help or encourage your child to be reading.

-Mr. Wenthe

### **St. Patrick's Celebration**

Save the date – March 13! That's the night of the St. Pat's Celebration at the Elk's Lodge in Perry. Anyone who has attended can attest that it's a fun night with good food, friends and fun!

### **Knight of Columbus Fish Fry Fridays**

The Knights of Columbus host delicious fish dinners on Fridays during Lent. The remaining dates are: March 5, 12, 19, and 26. Hours are from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the school gym. Prices are: Adults-\$7.50; Children 10 and under-\$4.00; Family with school aged children-\$23.00 The meal includes, baked or fried fish, potato, vegetable, beverage and dessert.

### **Spring Break**

Spring Break will be held during the week of March 22-March 26. There will be no school at St. Patrick's during this week.

### **Haiti Earthquake Relief**

THANK YOU to all of our school families that brought in donations to Catholic Relief Services these past few weeks. The school was able to donate \$261 to the total amount of \$4,440.12 that St. Patrick's parish contributed for the earthquake relief effort in Haiti. Thank you for helping us help others!