

# **St. Patrick School**

## **May 2010 Newsletter**

### **Mass and Adoration Schedule**

Wednesday, May 5: Mass at 9:30 a.m. (Grade 4 plans)  
Thursday, May 6: Adoration at 2:00 p.m. (Grades 6-8 attend)  
Friday, May 7: No Mass  
Wednesday, May 12: Adoration at 8:30 a.m. (Grades 3-5 attend)  
Friday, May 14: Mass at 9:30 a.m. (Grade 3 plans)  
Thursday, May 20: Adoration at 8:45 a.m. (Grades K-2 attend)  
Friday, May 21: Mass at 9:30 a.m. (Grades K-2 plan)  
Friday, May 28: Mass at 9:30 a.m. (Grades 6-8 plan)

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

Wednesday, May 5: 2:15 p.m. dismissal for Professional Development  
Wednesday, May 12: 2:15 p.m. dismissal for Professional Development  
Wednesday, May 19: 2:15 p.m. dismissal for Professional Development  
Wednesday, May 26: 2:15 p.m. dismissal for Professional Development  
Monday, May 31: No School – Memorial Day

### **School Hours**

Beginning on May 3, we will go back to our regular school hours. School will begin at 8:15 a.m. and end at 3:15 p.m. Each Wednesday is a one hour early dismissal so school will dismiss at 2:15 p.m.

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

Friday, May 7: Dress Up Day  
Wednesday, May 12: Jeans Day - \$1.00  
Wednesday, May 26: Out of Uniform Day – Item for the Food Pantry  
All special dress days are optional. Students are always dressed appropriately when in their school uniform.

### **First Communion**

Second grade students from St. Patrick School will join the second grade Religious Education Program students in receiving the Sacrament of First Communion on Saturday, May 1 at the 4:30 p.m. Mass and on Sunday, May 2 at the 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses.

### **Confirmation**

Eighth grade students from St. Patrick School and the Religious Education Program will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, May 22 at the 4:30 p.m. Mass. Bishop Pates will officiate over the Mass.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Leadership Retreat**

Eighth grade students from St. Patrick School and Religious Education Program will go on a Leadership Retreat on Thursday, May 13 at St. Thomas Moore Center. Students conducted various fundraisers throughout the school year to fund the retreat.

### **Out and About**

May's warm temperatures take us outside the building on various excursions:

May 4: Grades 4 & 5 to HyVee Hall in West Des Moines for "Exercising Your Character" event

May 7: Grades K-2 go to Springbrook for their annual outdoor learning experience

May 13: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students go to St. Thomas Moore Center for a Leadership Retreat

May 13: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade travels to Ankeny to attend the Water Festival

May 27: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade goes to Living History Farms to spend the day as pioneers

### **Home and School Open Meeting**

Home and School will hold an open meeting on Monday, May 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the school library. At the meeting, Home and School officers will be elected.

### **Book Fair – Buy One Get One Free**

We will host our final Book Fair of the school year during the week of May 10-14. The book fair will be set up on the stage and open during school hours. This book fair is a perfect opportunity to get reading materials for summer as it is a buy one, get one free fair.

### **Preschool Graduations**

Preschool students will graduate from the Gingerbread House Preschool on Tuesday, May 18 (AM class) and Tuesday, May 25 (PM class). Both graduations are at 6:30 p.m. in the school gym. You are welcome to attend.

### **Thank You, Mrs. Kenkel!**

What a wonderful spring concert! The students did a terrific job under your direction. Thanks for the extra days you came to make the program a big success.

### **D.A.R.E. Essay Contest Winner**

Congratulations to Steve Hernandez, winner of the essay contest sponsored by D.A.R.E. Fifth grade students from St. Patrick's joined students at the Perry Elementary for their graduation on April 12. Congratulations to all of the hard working students and for their pledge to stay drug free!

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation**

The St. Patrick School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade class will graduate on Tuesday, June 1. Details will come home to 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents as the graduation date draws closer.

### **Last Day of School**

The last day of school for students is Thursday, June 3.

### **Quiet Toys!!!!!!**

Saint Patrick Youth Committee is asking people to donate gently used **quiet** toys. The toys will be used to create Quiet Bags (full of fun toys) for young children to use at Mass. Toys can be dropped off at the Saint Patrick Catholic School or Parish Offices.

Thank you for your donations!

-Aaron Weddle