

St. Nicholas Academy News

Principal: Kathy DeLozier

February 1, 2012

Principal's Message,

Happy Catholic Schools Week! As you read this, your children may be having their picture taken, eating yummy treats from the bake sale, playing bingo, giving tours, or meeting new families. This day, Student Appreciation Day, is an exciting time to be part of St. Nicholas Academy. However, what we really celebrate is something much more important: the opportunity for faith-based education, for rigorous academic standards, and for community building. I know that these are ideals that we may not often achieve; no institution is perfect. But, please know that we strive daily to teach as Jesus did, to proclaim Gospel values in the context of strong academics, and to create a warm and welcoming community of students.

Part of our community building involves outreach with our parishes. We had begun to plan a Luck O'the Irish evening, but the planning committee realized that the date conflicted with round one of the NCAA tournament –being held at the YUM! Center. We are still going to have the event, but now it will be Monte Carlo Madness on March 24. This is also the night of the 8th grade spaghetti supper, so families can plan to eat together, then drop off their children and come enjoy Black Jack, Texas Hold'em, Race Horse Bingo, Showdown Poker, and Beat the Dealer. More details will follow in the February 14 newsletter.

Another exciting event will occur on February 13. Congressman John Yarmuth and a representative from the VFW will come that morning to teach the entire school body honoring veterans. After the talk, students in grades 3-6 will stay with Congressman Yarmuth and his staff to make Valentines for Veterans. We need a few parent volunteers for this event. Please call the school office and speak to Georgette Adams if you would like to help from 8:15-9:45 that morning.

Open House Today

An open house for prospective students is being held today until 7:00 P.M. This is also be the first day of pre-registration for all returning students for the 2012-13 school year.

The pre-registration period will run now through February 17th. Please find your pre-registration paperwork enclosed. **Be sure to return your paperwork by the 17th to avoid a late fee.**

Please tell everyone about our open house—and consider coming with them for a personal tour. Remember: you can receive a \$1,000.00 rebate on your own tuition if you recruit a new family to St. Nicholas. Call the office for details on this program.

Student Aid Forms for the 2012-2013 school year are now available in the school office.

DeSales Registration

DeSales High School will hold a special registration for St. Nicholas Academy boys on Monday, February 13th at 6:30 p.m. since our 8th grade students were on retreat during their regular registration.

LOOKING AHEAD

8th Grade Graduation Party

St. Thomas More has graciously agreed to let SNA 8th grade graduating students have a party in their gym immediately following the ceremony at no cost. The



Mission Statement: St. Nicholas Academy is a Catholic School created through the cooperation of the founding parishes in the South End of Louisville. The school was created to assure quality, affordable, Catholic education based on the values of **S**piritual Formation, **N**ourishment of Character and **A**cademic Excellence (Saint Nicholas Academy).

PARTNERSHIP

SNA has been invited to partner with Jewish Hospital & St. Mary's HealthCare through a former parent, Mary Anne Tinnell. Ms. Tinnell, Development Specialist, will be meeting with Mrs. DeLozier to discuss this opportunity.

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

If you are going to volunteer for any purpose at school, you MUST complete and turn in to the office the background check that is in the handbook. You must also attend the Safe Environment Training Class.

The upcoming Safe Environment Training Classes will be held at: St. Thomas More café on March 12th at 6:30 p.m.

A NEW "HEAVEN CENTS"

We would like to thank everyone for their generous support of the annual St. Nicholas Academy's "Heaven Cents" campaign over the past seven years! Due to your generosity and kindness, many families received Christmas help through your donations and our wonderful "angel shoppers" and chaperones.

This year we are going to raise our "Heaven Cents" money monthly, beginning in February. Each month will have a designated day for something special and the money raised will be donated to our "Heaven Cents" fund. We will continue to sell "angel shopper" chances in December and have our shopping day with students and chaperones. We will keep you posted on how much we raise each month and our final total in December.

Our first day will be on Valentine's Day. On **Tuesday, February 14th** students will be allowed to wear a red shirt with their uniform pants/skirt. All students will also be able to wear red socks and the girls may wear red nail polish and red hair accessories. Students are asked to bring in \$1.00 to participate and the money will be donated to our "Heaven Cents" fund.

We look forward to some exciting fun each month to help us reach our goal of at least \$4,000. Please keep your eye on the newsletter for information about upcoming events. Again, thank you for all of your support for this program!

VALENTINES FOR VETS

On Monday, February 13th, students in grades 3-6 will make Valentines which will be delivered to



Upcoming Events

TONIGHT

Open House until 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 29th - Saturday, February 4th

Catholic Schools Week

Theme: "Catholic Schools: Faith, Academics, Service"

◇ Thursday, February 2nd

K-5 Pajama Day

6-8 Crazy Socks & Hats Day

Spelling Bee at 1:30

Random prize drawings!

◇ Friday, February 3rd

8:15 a.m.—All school Mass

Ky. Down Under Presentation in gym for 4th and 6th grades at 9:45 a.m.

Friday, February 10th

Pep Rally

Saturday, February 11th

Trivia Night—8th Grade Fundraiser at St. Thomas More Gym: Doors open 6:00 p.m.

Monday, February 13th

Market Day Pick Up from 5:00—6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 15th

Parent Coffee with Mrs. McMurray at 7:30 a.m. for parents with children in K-2nd grades

Tuesday, February 14th

SCS Parent Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Café

Thursday, February 16th

3rd Grade Parent Lunch Day at 12:15 p.m.

8th Grade Confirmation at the Cathedral of the Assumption at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, February 20th

Professional Development Day

NO SCHOOL