

# NEWSLETTER

## Weekly Office Update



### FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL...

#### News from Kim Doyle

Dear Parents;

The event of last week, the Locks for Luke Benefit, was an incredible experience. Never in my 30 years as an educator have I ever been a part of something so compassionate and inspirational as this evening was. It was wonderful to see the community spirit that was drawn together to show support for a little boy. Those who shaved their heads and those who witnessed were all there for one reason and that was to help Luke feel better when all of us really feel helpless in any other way. The next day in school, the students continued to show their support for each other as their claps, cheers, and head rubbing of each other drew them together as a community, a part of something great. Their heads are a reminder to us for the need of support from others that is necessary to live healthy lives. It is a reminder for us to pray and to pray with and for each other for God's blessings and healing power. Those who braved the head shaving did this with their hearts and spirits. God's awesome power was demonstrated on this night as He pulled us all together to celebrate the life of one little child on his birthday and to celebrate the life of our awesome school community. God's power and strength is with us at St. Wenceslaus Catholic School.

### **School Parents: Please help school promotion and recruitment.**

It is important that everyone uses their skills to promote our school. You can do this by simply talking to people you know. Sometimes just an invitation to "check it out" is all they need. Invite one new family to attend our preschool or kindergarten registration nights.

### **Kindergarten Registration/Round-up** **Tuesday, February 23- 6:00 PM Sharp**

(A fun night of mock kindergarten classes for parents and children.)

### **Little Spirits Preschool Registration**

**Tuesday, March 2- 5:30-7:00**

(A come and go Open House with ice cream treats)

### **Registration Time for Fall 2010 School Year begins - February 22.**

Registration forms will be given out at the parent meeting on February 18. All registrations due on March 12.

**Tuition Payments must be current for registrations to be accepted.** See Kim if your are behind on tuition payments to make a plan for payments.

#### ***Saint Wenceslaus School Mission Statement***

*The St. Wenceslaus School community is dedicated to providing a nurturing environment so that each individual's potential can be realized. We are life-long learners called to make a difference in our changing world, as we are shaped by our Catholic faith and challenged to embrace the Gospel.*

### **Calendar of upcoming activities**

Wednesday, February 17 - Ash Wednesday - Lent begins. 8:00 Mass

Thursday, February 18 - Annual School Parent Finance Meeting 7:00 in PAC

Thursday, February 18 - Korean Hosting Information meeting 8:00 PM.

Monday, February 22 - School Registration begins

Monday, February 22 - School Board Meeting 6:30 PM

Tuesday, February 23 - **Kindergarten Round-up 6:00 Sharp**

Wednesday, February 24 - Home/School Meeting 6:30 PM

Tuesday, March 2 - **Preschool Registration 5:30-7:00 PM**

Wednesday, March 3 - School Penance Service - grades 2-8.

Tuesday, Wednesday, March 9 and 10 - Science Fair

Friday, March 12 - No School/Teacher Workshop

Friday, March 12 - School Fish Fry

Monday, March 22 - School Board Meeting

Friday, March 26 - last day before Spring Break.

Tuesday, April 6 - Band to play at NCEA convention

Wednesday, April 7 - Grades 7/8 to Washington DC.

Monday, April 12 - School Resumes

### **Fun Paper Drive Facts**

The total pounds of paper collected so far from the paper drives (we began last spring) is 99,080 pounds. We have a new trailer out there and want to reach a goal of 125,00 pounds. That is a lot of paper that is being recycled. Thanks for added to this project and keeping our environment cleaner.

**Buy SCRIP cards** to earn a percent for school tuition. This pays off if you use the program regularly. Call the school office if you want to try this program or have forgotten how to order the cards.

### **Financial Aid Applications are now being accepted for fall 2010.**

If you are in need of tuition assistance for the following school year, you must apply now to receive any assistance. We use an agency called "Tuition Aid Data Services" who will evaluate your financial situation and will give us a recommendation for assistance. Go to **TADS.com or Tuitionaid.com** to apply. If you need a paper application, please get one from Sherry Hartman or Kim Doyle.

**Application deadline is April 1.** - after this date you may still receive some assistance but it may not be as much as you need as the main bulk of financial aid will be given out in spring.

Our financial aid comes from donations of parents, alumni, and parishioners. Funds are very limited. Donations are welcome and we are always on a quest to find more funds to support this program.

### **Consider Hosting a Korean Child next fall.**

We will hold a short information session on Thursday, February 18 immediately following the general parent meeting. This will take place around 8:00 PM or as soon as the State of the School Meeting ends.

Host families receive a stipend of \$3000 per year from the KoAm program to host and a tuition reduction of \$500. Although this is not nearly enough - having these Korean students in our school helps the entire school by adding extra revenue.

Your help is greatly appreciated. If you know a neighbor or friend who would like to be a host please pass this information on to them. Being a school parents is the best but other people can also host the Korean kids.

### **Read, Recycle, Reuse Book Sale.**

Send your old and used books to school. In February, (I love to read month) we will have a Read Recycle book sale and the students and parents can purchase used books that you have not read yet.. Any questions call Barb Zweber or Katie Sullivan Clean out closets, basements, book shelves - we will sell these books for cheap so that another person can enjoy.

**Last chance to attend Orientation Training for Target Field here at our school.**

Training will be this Wed., Feb. 17th, at 6:00 PM in school cafeteria. Call Gail Hunt 758-3961 if you would like to attend. There are other dates available at other locations. If you are interested and cannot attend this Wednesday.

**Schools for Tomorrow Award.**

Our school will receive the award at the NCEA convention on Wednesday, April 7 at a special banquet.

This is given to 12 winning schools in the Nation out of a possibility of 7000 Catholic schools in the Nation. We are receiving this award for our innovation and creativity in teaching our kids their faith.

A representative group of teachers and Fr. Kevin will accept the award for our school.

Our school will be published in the March Issue of "Today's Catholic Teacher" Magazine.

This is a great honor for our school.

**NCEA Convention Update**

We are pleased to report that **our school band** has been invited to play at the NCEA (National Catholic Education Association) Convention. Mrs. Gallagher will be doing some intense practicing with the students in the weeks to come. Students will be going to the Minneapolis Convention Center. They will be playing on the exhibit hall stage from 12:15-12:45 on Tuesday, April 6.

**NO School the week after Easter - due to the convention. All teachers will be attending this event during the week.** This extends the time off for students at school. Remember - this time off only applies to SWS. If you have students in other schools in New Prague- they will have school.

**Fish Fry - Friday, March 12**

Fish fry tickets will be sent home this week. We will be asking each family to sell 10 tickets to this event at \$8.00 each. (\$10.00 at the door)

**Lenten Activities**

We begin the season of Lent this week. In school we try to use these special times of the church year to teach our students a deeper meaning of our faith. Each week students will concentrate on one symbol of faith and the meaning behind it. This week **we focus on "40"** - forty days in the desert, forty days of fasting, forty days Moses spent on Mt. Sinai.

**You Tube - Locks for Luke**

Check out this You Tube video of the Locks for Luke event. If you were not there it will give you a great picture of the excitement. Thanks to Amanda Schoenbauer who put this together.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eLZdfG5zmYc>

**A Starry Night in Praha**

It is time to make your reservation for the school annual auction. This year we will experience a Starry Night in Praha (or "Prague" for those who do not know the Czech language). We are looking for donations of items, services, use of your condo or other vacation spot. Planned group activities are fun. Please use your social contacts to help us find great prizes. Plan on attending this year with family or friends. It is a fun way to spend a night out.

**A Note from**

**Mrs. Kaczor and Mrs. Bachman**

Locks for Luke was an awesome success! Thank you to all who helped in any way, big or small! There were people there pitching in and helping out everywhere! A special thank you goes to our stylists who tirelessly cut hair for an hour and a half without any breaks! They all did a wonderful job and their efforts did not go unnoticed! All totaled, they cut about 100 heads of hair. Without them, this would not have happened. **Cher Rezac, Carol Dietz, Jenna Hartman, Erica Meyer, Bruce Bartyzal, Kelly Tupy, & Lisa Schroeder.** Thank you also to our wonderful staff here at St. Wenceslaus who came to help, cheer or just show support. You didn't have to be there and yet you were! Thank you sooo much! It is an honor to work with the staff that we have!

# PARENT MEETING 2/16/2010

Thursday, February 18, 2010 - 7:00 PM

## **School Annual Meeting**

February 18 - 7:00 in PAC

An important meeting for All School Parents will be held.

Please plan on attending (no children please) if you will be enrolling your children for fall 2010. The school board and Fr. Kevin will inform families about the financial situation and all the work that has gone on over the past year to stabilize the finances. Tuition contracts and registration forms will be given out on this evening. No need to fear, we will have good news to share. We would like every school family represented if possible.

## **Consider Hosting a Korean Child next fall.**

We are looking for 8 families to host Korean students beginning in August. Mr. Jae Park, the director from KoAm, (Korean American Educational Alliance) will be visiting our school from Korea next week.

**We will hold a short information session on Thursday, February 18 immediately following the general parent meeting.** This will take place around 8:00 PM or as soon as the State of the School Meeting ends.

Come to learn more. Come to ask questions. Come to hear from other families who have done this. No obligation for attending this meeting - just information.

The KoAm program is a valuable asset to our school financially as well as allowing children to interact first hand with other children from the far side of the world.