

April 7, 2008

Dear Friends and Families,

As I was reading my daily devotional today, my eyes strayed to tomorrow's page. My curiosity was aroused by the title, "Not for the Fainthearted," skipped ahead. After reading it, I decided that it was a "must share". The reflection could not be timelier with Mother's day just ahead. With it, I send my prayers and best wishes to all of our Mothers and Guardians.

"Not For The Fainthearted"

One afternoon my son called to ask, "Mom did you remember to pray for me today? I'm really having a bad day!"

As parents, we should consistently pray for our children daily. Not just for their physical well-being but for their spiritual development as well. We also need to teach them to pray for themselves and others. Our children teach us that our actions far outweigh most sermons.

Not for the fainthearted, parenting requires the courage to know when to hold a child tightly within the shelter of our arms and when to nudge her forward as we step back with held breath. Then, too, there are times when there is nothing we can do but pray.

Our children do not belong to us, but to God, who blessed us with them. How fitting then that we should entrust them to his care. Regardless of the challenge parenting may pose, it's reassuring to remember that, like every good thing, courage is ours for the asking.

Father of us all, give me the courage to be a better parent.

~Phillis Harris-Brooks

In Christ,
Carole Anne



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Fund Raiser Profits

Thanks to all of you who have been sending in Boxtops and Publix.

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Keep up the good work.

We are finally seeing some results from Publix. We received a check for \$302.

The boxtops netted \$135 this time. We are grateful to Dawn Kerr for cutting, sorting and mailing them in.

Final Exams

Today's packet will include an exam schedule for the Middle School students. It is not too early to start reviewing material. Please keep the schedule for reference. Parents need to see that their children take these exams seriously and supervise their study time.

Note that there is early dismissal for grades 6 - 8 on Exam days.

Girl Scout Troop

We have a parent who is interested in starting a Troop here at Saint John Catholic. If there is enough interest, there will be Brownies and Girl Scouts starting this next school year.

Stacy Aldret is taking classes now to be a certified leader and Kitty Erickson is ready to work with Stacy. If you have a girl that would be interested, please sign the enclosed form. Meetings will be held immediately after school.

Fine Arts Night

Our children have been preparing in earnest for this up-coming event. The night will include a Choral presentation and an Art display. You don't want to miss it. We have very talented children here. A select group of volunteer choral students recently performed at the Catholic Women's State Convention and got rave reviews.

On Thursday, our band will participate in a series of "on the road" concerts. They will join other band members from the Leonard School of Music. The "gig" will wrap up the tour with a performance of our children here at Saint John Catholic.

Local Musician Visit

Speaking of concerts, our little ones were recently treated to a concert given by Lynn Brown and her son, Andrew. Lynn is a local talent who was my Music and Art teacher at Summerville Catholic. The smiles, the singing along, the hand clapping and feet stomping with the music was definitely proof that it was enjoyed by all.

Congratulations

Miss Tina will receive an award at Silvan Learning Center. She was named "Favorite Teacher" by Eighth grader, Alton Murray.

Alumni News

We are proud of an alumna, Margie Kramp, Class of 2000. Margie will be graduating "Cum Laude" from the College of Charleston. **Way to Go!!!!**

Teacher Appreciation

This week is National Teacher Appreciation Week. We have so many reasons to be thankful and appreciative of our wonderful teachers here at Saint John Catholic. On Thursday, a few of our parents are preparing a special luncheon for them.

Middle School Dance

It's here! This Friday night – May 9th the students (grades 6 - 8 from Saint John Catholic will host a dance for the local area Catholic Schools). The dance will be held in the Parish Hall from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. **Have Fun!**

Coming Events

May 9.....Middle School Dance (7:00 – 9:30 p.m.)

May 10.....Spring Concert at Nativity Catholic School (St. John Catholic's Band Students to play
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)

May 13.....CiCi's Night (West Ashley)

May 14.....School Board Meeting (7:15 p.m.)

May 20.....Catholic School Management Meeting (5:30 p.m.)

May 22.....Fine Arts Night – Spring Program (7:00 p.m.)

May 26.....Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL

June 3.....8th Grade Graduation (7:00 p.m.)

June 5.....School's Field Day at Wannamaker Park

June 6.....Last Day of School – Dismissal at 12:00 noon

GIRL SCOUT INFORMATION

Student's Name: _____ Age: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____