

Viking News

Sacred Heart School

MARCH 2008

Principal's Pen –

It's "Back to School Time!"

Some of you are thinking that my heart attack might have also affected my mind, but the reality is that it is time for early registration for the 2008-09 school year for Sacred Heart students. We hope that you are pleased with the education offered to your student, and that you will be the greatest "recruiters" we have. Please be sure to share with other families in your parish or neighborhood, the positive merits of a Catholic Christian education. Our ISTEP+ scores really would be hard to beat, and we provide opportunities for students to have small group instruction and tutoring. We also work to make sure our students are well-rounded with art, music, sports, foreign language experiences and academic competition, as well as the fundamentals of core curriculum. We have many exciting plans for the 2008-09 school year. Please make sure your child is registered and encourage friends to come visit to see what Sacred Heart may offer.

JUMP FOR HEART – Sacred Heart students were really "jumping around" February 19 and 21 as they participated in Jump for Heart. With special emphasis on Mrs. Irwin's recent heart attack and Mr. Hutch's triple by-pass, the students and teachers raised over \$3,000.00 for the American Heart Association. Some of the surprising facts we learned are that congenital cardiovascular defects are the most common cause of infant death from birth defects, and cardiovascular disease ranks as the No. 2 cause of death for children under age 15. Today, about 16 percent of all children and teens in the U.S. are overweight. Being overweight and diabetes are increasing at an alarming rate among our nation's youth. Heart disease is the No. 1 killer; stroke is the No.3 killer and a leading cause of serious disability. (American Heart Association) Thanks to everyone for supporting this great effort from our Sacred Heart students! Jump for Heart was a great way to encourage quality physical and health education in our schools that will increase physical activity levels and help children make healthy food choices.

CONGRATULATIONS – Sacred Heart Cheerleaders received first place in the LaPorte Cheerleading Competition! Way to go, Ladies!!

SACRED HEART NEEDS VOLUNTEERS - We are looking for volunteers who will be faithful in assisting us with lunch and lunch recess. This involves one hour per day (or you may volunteer for just one day) from 11:30-12:30. If you would be interested in helping, please contact the school office at 267-5874.

Thank you!

TRACK COACH NEEDED FOR MARCH 2008

COACHING POSITIONS FOR 2008-09 – PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN COACHING OR RETURNING AS COACH (Volleyball, Soccer, Basketball, Track, Cheerleading, Intramurals)

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AN OPTION FOR FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN – PARENTS ENROLLING STUDENTS IN SACRED HEART KINDERGARTEN FOR THE FALL OF 08-09 MAY HAVE THE OPTION OF PARTICIPATING IN THE FIRST FULL-DAY PROGRAM. We have a great response from families interested in the full-day option for their kindergarten student. The curriculum will include the regular language arts and math kindergarten studies, but also expand to science, social studies and socialization skills. Families who prefer the traditional half-day program will continue to have that option. (This option will be available in the AM only.)

BOOK FAIR SUCCESS - \$170.00 was collected for “One for Books”, which is a Scholastic “matching fund” for a variety of charitable organizations. Grades one and six tied for the highest percent of returned book-slips, and dollars. Both classes earned an ice cream party. We sold over 530 books, and were able to purchase over 100 books for our own library. There were also over 100 books purchased for classrooms, thanks to HASA. Some of these books were multiple copies for classrooms sets. Additional profits are available for software and other library “wants.” Thanks to everyone who participated in this great book adventure!

RECOGNITION DAY – The second quarter recognition of students was held on Monday, January 28. Students were recognized for Perfect Attendance, Honor Roll, Fall Sports, Positive Music Behavior, Christian Attitude, Study Habits, Personal Motivation, “Going Above and Beyond,” Personal Organization and Most Improved. Additionally, students were recognized for achieving 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 60, 70, and 150 points in Accelerated Reader. Nick Jansen is Second Quarter School record holder with 125 points. The top point holders Morgan Lackey, Ina LaGrandeur, Shane Powers, Karissa Meyers, Jacob Rockey, Courtney Steffensmeier, Ben Deitsch, Hannah Dawson, John Paul Secrest, Matt Grothouse, Brynn Durecki, Riley Hogenson, Natalie Conley, Brendon Sullivan, Nick Bergen, Emma Bonifield and Kyle Gartland were treated to pizza at Gordy’s and Tokens and Tickets with Mrs. Irwin on February 14. Each level was rewarded with items such as bookmarks, pencils, pop, or candy. AR (Accelerated Reader) is an individual way each student can improve reading and read at his/her own level to improve fluency and comprehension. Keep reading and continue to accumulate points for next quarter’s challenge!

The Remnant Trust Collection – Three dozen original and early edition historic documents will be exhibited at the Warsaw Community Public Library on March 15 from 11-4. Such works include the Declaration of Independence, Common Sense by Thomas Paine, The Federalist Papers by Thomas Jefferson, Emancipation Proclamation and the Gettysburg Address by Lincoln, The Works of Josephus, four books of the Bible (original pages) etc. will be displayed.

Dress Pass Reminders -

If a dress pass is used, please make sure that it is in the backpack or with your student in his/her notebook. Parents will be called if the student does not present the dress pass. Dress passes may NOT be used on a Mass day.

WE NEED BOXES OF TISSUES, AND CLOROX OR LYSOL WIPES AS WE BATTLE THE “WINTER GERMS”..... THANKS!

UNIFORM REMINDER – Please remember that proper sweatshirts and sweaters are to be worn with our school uniforms. Outer garments that are not part of the uniform must be taken off and not worn through the school day. Shirts need to be tucked in. Please make sure that appropriate shoes and socks are worn to compliment the uniform.

Sacred Heart School – “A Family of Faith” educating students and providing an environment that challenges individual academic excellence as students grow in a spiritually enlightened atmosphere.