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Strive for quality in everything you do!

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Dear Parents,

It is beginning to seem as if winter will never end! As we walked back and forth to mass this morning, I couldn't help thinking of how few days our children have been able to go outside for recess. Between the cold, the snow, the wet, and the ice, we have become school-locked. Perhaps this last blast of winter will be the final one. Surely spring can't be far away!

For several weeks, I have been meaning to thank all of our parent volunteers who provide the Art Outreach Program to our students. Our students only receive art instruction from Mrs. Richardson for one semester, so it is wonderful to have art as part of the curriculum for the other semester. You may have noticed a great deal of art displayed in our school hallways. These projects are a part of the Art Outreach curriculum. Right now, there are all kinds of quilts and quilt blocks on display. They provide a wonderful feast for the eyes. There are also some beautiful student interpretations of the works of Ansel Adams and John Audubon. Thank you to Natalie Daugherty who coordinates this program and all of the volunteers who bring the world of art into our classrooms.

This Friday, March 7, is our monthly food drive for Holy Family Food Pantry. The number of families needing food continues to grow and your help makes it possible for the pantry to provide that food. Once again, students will be in uniform on Friday, but they may wear the shirt, sweatshirt, sweater, etc., of their choice with it. Socks of any kind may also be worn.

We do not have the final numbers from the auction yet. They are still counting and paying expenses. We hope to have that figure soon. However, thank you to all of you who helped make the auction a success.

Mr. Joyner passed out Sports' Picture order forms today. If your child did not receive one, please be sure to send him/her to the office to get one. These forms are to be turned in at the scheduled time of your child's team picture next Tuesday, March 11. Please do NOT send these forms to the office. Be sure to bring a change of clothes as all uniforms must be turned in that night. **No exceptions.**

The Sacred Heart-Griffin High School Choral Music Department will present their fourth annual children's party in conjunction with this year's musical, "State Fair". The party entitled "Meet Me at the Midway" will be held **Sunday, March 9, 2008**, from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. in the SHG Commons. Children of all ages are invited. The event will feature an introduction of characters and plot synopsis by Director Dr. Stephan Kaplan. Children will meet cast members and have an opportunity to have photos taken and autographs signed. There will be singing and dancing, refreshments will be served, and all children will be treated to a party souvenir. Tickets for "Meet me at the Midway" are \$8 per person and are available by contacting SHG at 787-1595 x 153.

The production of *State Fair* will take place on March 7, 8 & 9 and March 14-15, 2008 in the Sacred Heart-Griffin Auditorium. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and students. All tickets are reserved and may be purchased by phone at 787-1595 ext. 153 or by mail by sending a check, your name, phone, number of tickets and performance date to the school office. Tickets will be waiting at the box office before the show or may be picked up at the school office at 1200 W. Washington, Springfield, IL during school hours. Fliers about the show are in the rack across from the office.

Despite the snowy day, we are looking ahead to spring sports and to the fall sports for the 2008-2009 school year. We continue to need volunteers to help with the track program. Track involves so many different events that more coaches are needed than for other sports. If you can help out, as much or as little as your schedule allows, please call the school. We also want to remind you of the dates for tryouts for fall sports that will be up and running either before we are back in school or shortly thereafter:

- Girls' softball – July 28 (Girls in grades six through eight may tryout, but preference will be given to seventh and eighth graders.)
- Boys' baseball - August 4 (Grades 7-8)
- Girls' and Boys' cross country – August 4 (Grades 5-8)
- Girls' basketball – September 1 (Grades 5-8)

In order to participate or tryout, you must have forms turned in and have a current physical. The forms will be available before school is over and they will be on our website. They will also be available in the parish office during the summer. Please remember that the school office is not open each day in the summer, so it is better to take care of things before school ends.

Going home with students today -

- Spirit Shirt Order Forms (oldest)
- Spring picture forms (K-8)

As you may remember, the proceeds from the Faculty Volleyball game held during Catholic Schools' Week went to support a preschool in Swaziland. Here is the thank you from the Kohlrus family.

Dear Fellow Supporters of Catholic Education,

On behalf of my family, especially my son Adam, we would like to graciously thank you all for the generosity displayed by your school/parish by pledging the proceeds of the faculty volleyball game to Adam's project in the Peace Corps. Because of your phenomenal gift giving efforts, Adam has reached his goal of raising \$9181.00. This money will be used for building a preschool in the Emphini Community, Swaziland this spring. It is hard to put into words the extreme gratitude we feel because of your show of generosity. We all are very blessed, and because of the gifts the Lord has given us, we are lucky to share our good fortune with less fortunate people in the far away land of Swaziland.

Thank you all again!

The Kohlrus Family

Our caring message for this week is "Strive for quality in everything you do!" We have reminded the students that each time they put their name on a school paper, that paper is a reflection of them. It is important to always do the best work possible. Today, we said that it is a good idea to develop the habit of quality work. We will end the week with a Japanese proverb. "The reputation of a thousand years may be determined by the conduct of an hour."

God's blessings,

Remember that next Tuesday, March 11, is a 1:45 PM dismissal with NO PM AWP.