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Monthly Newsletter

May/June, 2011

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

*Let us not love in word or in tongue,
but in deed and in truth.*

1 John 3:18

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

On Friday, April 15th our entire school community traveled back more than 2000 years to see more clearly how Jesus spent His last days on earth. A committee of teachers, headed up by Mrs. Brenda Albright, met for months to plan every detail of this day long event. Their goal was to create an experience for every student to draw closer to Jesus by visualizing what happened on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. By understanding the Triduum, the children could see and feel Our Lord's great love for them.

The day began in the classrooms as younger children viewed "The Passion" and older children saw the movie "Joshua". Discussion and creative activities followed to deepen their appreciation of the films. Then classes silently moved to the Parish Center where the 8th graders simulated the Grand Entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. They saw Jesus in the upper room where the 2th graders portrayed the apostles in the Washing of the Feet and the Institution of the Eucharist. On return to their homerooms, the children read scripture and shared of a meal of bread (matzo) and wine (grape juice). During the break for lunch, teachers were encouraged to take their classes on a meditation walk, eat lunch and recess appropriately.

Moving back to the Parish Center after lunch, the 7th grade acted out Jesus' betrayal and trial. A period of silent meditation and reflection on times we may have hurt others and Our Lord set the tone for the Stations of the Cross that followed in church. Joining our parishioners, the 3rd graders acted out the Stations lead by Fr. Roque. Then students came forward to venerate a wooden cross – touching it, bowing down or kissing it to show their love for Jesus.

We returned to the Parish Center to see symbols of the Easter – light and water. We were lifted up as teachers sprinkled their classes with holy water and we joined our voices on the 'Lord of the Dance' to celebrate Christ's Resurrection. We left with joy from this experience.

I hope the spirit of this day will linger with our children for the remainder of this year and for many years to come.

Peace,

Mrs. Phyllis Karko

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May

- 2-5 Field Days
5 8:15 Mass in memory of Mrs. Kathy Van Stone
6 School Closed – Professional Day, (Advanced Band to Hershey Park)
7 Youth Bowl Track Meet at Curley HS , Parish First Communion, 11:00, 1:00
12 May Crowning /Living Rosary 1:45
14 Advanced Band to Hershey Park for competition
17 Band Concert 1:30, HASA Gen. Mtg. & Concert 7:00, HASA Market Day
Delivery
16-26 Exams (schedule varies – 8th grade previous week)
19 Volunteers’ Liturgy 8:15 followed by Breakfast
20 8th Grade to Hershey Park
23 8th Grade Retreat (off campus)
24 Pre K Closing Ceremonies in AM, Awards Assembly 12:45 in Church
25 8th Grade Luncheon followed by ‘Drive Off’
26 Last day for milk
27 Incoming Pre-K and K Orientation sessions
Noon dismissal, Professional activities in afternoon
30 School Closed – Memorial Day Holiday
31 8th Grade Graduation at 6:30 followed by Reception in the Parish Center

June

- 1 HASA Used Uniform Sale in PC 6:30 (Clothing brought in the morning)
2 Class picnics as scheduled – Incoming Kindergarteners screened
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6 Noon Dismissal – Professional Activities in PM
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8 Closing Liturgy 8:15 – Progress Reports distributed - Dismissal at 10:30
20-24 Summer Bible School

August

- 25 Orientation for New Students – Grades 1-8
29 School opens at 8:00 for gr 1 to 8, noon dismissal– Kindergarten by appt.
30 Noon dismissal grade 1 to 8 – Kindergarten by appt.
31 Full Day – Grades 1 to 8 – Kindergarten to 11:30

September

- 1 Full Day – grade 1 to 8, Kindergarten to 11:30
2 Full Day – grade 1 to 8, Kindergarten to 12:45
5 School closed – Labor Day Holiday

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

As soon as we return from Easter we will enjoy our annual **Field Days**. Children enjoy non competitive outdoor games as parent volunteers and teachers help out with supervision. Mrs. Goldbeck has planned the events for the students to have fun and to show sportsmanship. If it rains, alternative indoor activities have been arranged on the scheduled days but please pray for good weather on **May 2nd through May 5th**

School is closed to students on **Friday, May 6th**. Our teachers will be working on **Professional Activities** including planning for next year and technology.

Come and cheer on our students as they compete in the annual **Youth Bowl Track Meet** on **Saturday, May 7th**. The event will take place at Archbishop Curley again this year with 60 of our students competing against students from several other archdiocesan schools in track and field events. Please join us as we cheer on our students to do their best. Good Luck, boys and girls!!

Our Annual **Living Rosary** will be held in the Church on Thursday, **May 12th** at 1:45 pm. Students from each grade will recite the mysteries and pray the decades in honor of the Blessed Mother. Please join us as we offer praise to Our Lady during her month of May.

Our **Advanced Band** will compete at Hershey Park on **Saturday, May 14th**. We wish them a safe and successful trip.

Don't miss our annual end of the year **Band Concert**. Come and hear our award winning band perform. The program begins after the **HASA General Meeting** on Tuesday, **May 17th** at 7:00.

Each year, the school takes the opportunity to thank all the fine men and women who have served as school volunteers. Whether you helped with recess duty, copies, milk, classroom or with the HASA, we want you to join us for Mass and breakfast on **Thursday, May 19th**. Please mark your calendar and don't miss out on the fun of **Volunteers' Day**.

Each year we take time to recognize our students in grades K-8 at our **Awards Assembly**. Parents and guests are welcome to join us in Church at 1:45 on **May 24th**. We are proud of the many accomplishments and works of service that our students have given to the community.

Nothing is more exciting than cheering for our 8th Graders as they leave campus for their last school day on **Wednesday, May 25th**. The **'Drive-Off'** parade begins at 2:40. They will circle once completely then exit at the light after they pass the front door for the second time. I hope the sun shines on them. Regular dismissal from the lot will follow. Please follow the directions

of the parking lot helpers prior to dismissal that day. Kindergarten Express Lane will dismiss a little early that day.

School dismisses at noon on Friday, May 27th. Teachers will complete professional activities while families can get a head start on the holiday weekend. **School is closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30th.**

Graduation takes place on **Tuesday, May 31st** beginning with Mass in Church at 6:30. Families and close friends are invited to a light reception in the Parish Center following the ceremony.

Students will be able to wear different combinations of our school uniform from **May 31st until the end of school.** For these **Mix and Match Uniform Days** children may wear PE clothes with regular uniform, winter with summer etc. Then parents can wash and prepared those gently worn uniforms that won't fit next year to sell at the **Used Uniform Sale on Wednesday, June 1st** in the Parish Center at 6:30. Bring your clean and tagged clothing to the Parish Center in the morning on June 1st.

On **June 7th and 8th students dismiss at noon** so that teachers can do the final preparations of their classrooms and records keeping. Please make arrangements for pick-up for your child.

Our **Closing Liturgy will be held at 8:15 on June 8th,** our last day. Please join us to pray for our children as they begin summer vacation. School dismisses at 10:30 on the last day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

National Book Week

National Book Week begins on Monday, May 2, 2011. To show our love for books, the Language Arts teachers decided that we would display bookcovers with the names of our favorite books. Everyone has participated including students, teachers (all), IA's, and office staff. Our halls are colorfully decorated from one end to the others with book jackets listing the title, author and the reader. Come in to see how much we love our books!

Baltimore Reads, Inc

The Social Awareness Committee is collecting new and VERY gently used books to support the *Baltimore Reads, Inc.* Please look through your home library and choose one or two books you are finished enjoying and pass them on so someone else can enjoy them too. We accept picture

books, chapter books and young adult books. Books will be collected until May 6th. (Please- No torn pages, broken spines, scribbles, etc.)

School Board Marketing Survey

Many of you took the time to complete an online survey that was created by the School Board, Mrs. Michaud and Mrs. Karko. Thanks to the 193 respondents, we now have a better sense of how we should toot our horn and what we need to tweak to make St. Joe's better.

To summarize, most of you selected St. Joseph for our Catholic/Christian values and learned about St. Joe's through the church, friend, or family. You considered our challenging core curriculum, qualifications of teachers and technology to be very important and more than 90% were satisfied or very satisfied in these areas. Again more than 90% were satisfied or very satisfied with the academic programs with some encouraging comments about the benefits of increased technology. We hope to follow up on your suggestions for new carpeting, improvements to our playgrounds, and general building concerns.

Many of you took the time to comment and your responses were varied. We will be reading and considering them as we move forward to plan for the coming years.

Personal Information Changes

Should any of your contact information change, please notify school as soon as possible. We appreciate hearing about the changes during the summer as they occur so that we can update your records in a timely manner. Summer office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 to 12:30 but you can email us at any time at office@stjoefullerton.org

CLASS NEWS

All of our students look forward to the Annual Spelling Bee. To select the contestants that will represent their homeroom, students compete against each other weeks before the bee. This year our school wide bees were held during the week of April 10th. Listed below are the homeroom representatives and alternative. All of the contestants did an outstanding job and showed excellent sportsmanship. Winners of each event are listed under "Congratulations" in this newsletter.

Second and Third Grade Contestants – April 11, 2011

2A Clarisse Dapul
Lizzy Ramoy
Sammy Stitz

Alternate- Miguel Nankishore

- 2B** Caitie Brooks
 Kunaal Mathur
 Kristopher Jesionkiewicz Alternate- Kelsey Reynolds
- 3A** George Carey
 Patrick McDonald
 Ryan Seay Alternate- Derrick Candia
- 3B** Katelyn Smith
 Karroll Tan
 Graham Wilson Alternate Lance Garcia

Fourth and Fifth Grade Contestants - April 12th.

- 4A** Ryan Berger
 Jonathan Ellis
 Eleni Kataxenou Alternate- Annemarie Bonner
- 4B** Jamie Iringan
 Beau Quaerna
 Stacy Villanaueva Alternate-Sarah Coffman
- 5A** Angela Estavillo
 James Keller
 Michael Pierorazio Alternate-Vy Nguyen
- 5B** Brandon Reynolds
 Janelle Sangalang
 Anna Zittle Alternate-Rhea Santos

Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Grade Contestants - April 13, 2011

- 6A** Leanna Robinson
 Clyde Tubal Alternate- Ianna Pirozzi
- 6B** Erin Urbanski
 Zachary Urbanski Alternate-Shagasbie Georges
- 7A** Jayce Lembach
 Josh Tamayo Alternate- Rebecca Vincent
- 7B** Andrew Benson
 Bobby Robinson Alternate- Bryan Mellendick
- 8A** William Villamayor
 Victoria Wolford Alternate- Allyson Westfall
- 8B** Khrystelle Estrella
 Allison Sevidal Alternate- Christian Mananahaya

CONGRATULATIONS

Knott Scholarships

We are honored to announce that 8th grader **Noelle Acaso** has been awarded a full four year Knott Scholarship to attend the Catholic high school of her choice in the archdiocese. This very competitive award is funded by the Knott family and is given to a very select few students who

perform exceedingly high in school and have demonstrated academic achievement by scoring at least in the 95 % in Reading, Math and Language on standardized testing. Noelle will be attending Notre Dame Prep next year.

We are extremely proud to announce that 4th grader, **Sarah Coffman** have been awarded a four-year, full-tuition Knott Scholarship to complete her elementary education here at St. Joseph School. The award is based on outstanding academic achievement and very high standardized test scores, the same criterion as the high school awards.

Congratulations to Noelle and Sarah, their parents and their teachers for this fine academic achievement

Catholic Bee

Each year the Knights of Columbus of Long Green Valley sponsors a Religion Bee for 4th and 5th grade students. This year's event was held at St. John's Parish in Hydes, MD on Saturday, April 9th. A total of seventeen students from six Catholic Schools took part in the bee. Congratulations to 5th grader, **Angela Estavillo**, who placed first in the bee. She did an excellent job answering the questions about our Catholic faith. Also, congratulations to **Molly Williams**, grade 4, who placed 5th and to **Nathaniel Heasley** for participation. We here at Saint Joe's are very proud of your accomplishments.

Annual Spelling Bee

While all the participants in our Spelling Bee are winners in their own classrooms, we especially want to congratulate the following children who lasted to the end in their respective bees. Congratulations to:

Grade 1 and 2 Spelling Bee Winners:

First Place - Ryan Seay
Second Place - George Carey
Third Place - Graham Wilson

Grade 3 & 4 Spelling Bee Winners:

First place - Ryan Seay
Second Place - Angela Estavillo
Third Place - Brandon Reynolds

Grade 6, 7, & 8 Spelling Bee Winners:

First Place - William Villamayor
Second Place - Erin Urbanski
Third Place - Ryan Seay

Kudos to Our School Band

Congratulations to the members of our school band for earning a Superior Rating in this year's Instrumental Music Festival on Saturday, April 17th at Notre Dame Prep. In order to achieve this, the highest rating, each band's performance is adjudicated according to ten different musical criteria by judges who are experts in the field of music education. Our band continues to perform at the superior level under the direction of Mr. Osment and Mrs. Lipa who encourage our children to practice and excel. Great job, Band!!!

Mother Day Contest

Congratulations to 4th Grader Nada Jokhadar in 4B whose essay was selected as the winner of the 'Friends of Perry Hall Library Mothers' Day Contest'. Nada, we are very proud of you and we know that your mother is as well.

THANKS TO...

Grandparents Day

On March 31st we celebrated Grandparents Day with our traditional church service and luncheon. The event was very well attended – the church and classrooms were packed to capacity. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped make this day the success that it was. Without the support of parent volunteers, headed up by our fearless leader, Amy Meyerl, we would not be able to offer this event to our families. I wish all of you could hear the positive comments we receive on Grandparents Day. Amy and Company, we owe you a debt of gratitude. Thank you so much for sharing your time and talents.

Fashion Show

If you went to the HASA Fashion Show on Sunday, April 10th you know what an enjoyable and successful event it was this year. From the amazing decorations to the over the top dancing, it was a memorable afternoon in every respect. Thank so much to Kelli Szczybor and the entire committee who worked tirelessly to make the day a huge success.

BITS AND PIECES

Event Photos

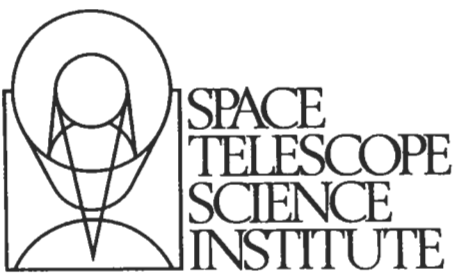
With field trips, Field Days, class picnics, and other events coming up, there are so many opportunities for parents to capture these cherished moments in photos. Please send any photos you can to Mrs. Starcher on CD, flash drive, or email so she can continue to build a collection for each class to be used in future graduation activities.

SmartPhone Cyber Safety Tip

Many parents and students are now using “SmartPhones” such as iPhones, Blackberries, and Droids. Often they post pictures that they have taken from these phones directly on to social networking sites or send them directly to friends and family over text messages and mobile email. There is increasing concern about “geo tagging” or location services available on SmartPhones which allows others to track the exact location where a photo was taken. This feature can usually be disabled rather easily, but by default it is usually active. Contact the phone manufacturer or your cellular service provider if you need assistance disabling this feature. As with any technology, each user/family must determine the best balance between convenience and safety.

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION NEWS

Continue to look for the Constant Contact reminders each Friday when we are in school.



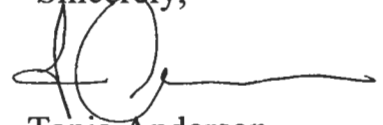
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March 31, 2011

To Whom It May Concern,

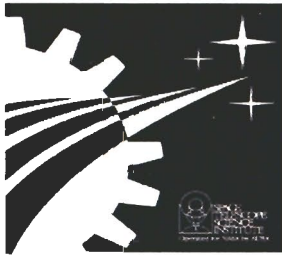
The Youth Astronomy and Engineering Program (YAE) at Space Telescope Science Institute would like to invite you to some of our upcoming events. Please feel free to make as much copies as needed and distribute accordingly. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 410-338-4397 or email at wsf_info@stsci.edu. Thank You.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tania Anderson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tania Anderson

YAE Program Manager



Youth for Astronomy and Engineering



"FAMILY NIGHT AT THE INSTITUTE"

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Where: Space Telescope Science Institute
3700 San Martin Drive
Baltimore, MD 21218

Thursday, July 14, 2011

or

Thursday, August 18, 2011

Space Telescope Science Institute will be hosting 2 different "Family Night at the Institute" workshops this summer. Light refreshments will be served, followed by a chance to take part in night observation through the Offit Telescope.

"Family Night at the Institute" workshop is **FREE**; however, registration is required to guarantee your seat. To register for any of the "Family Night at the Institute" workshops, please fill out the form below and mail to **Space Telescope Science Institute, Attn: Tania Anderson, Program Manager, Youth for Astronomy and Engineering, 3700 San Martin Drive, Baltimore, MD 21218 or fax your form to 410-338-2519.**

You can also register online at <http://www.stsci.edu/institute/conference/youthae>.



(please choose one)

Which of the following summer sessions is your preference? July 14th or August 18th

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Home Mailing Address _____

Email Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Child Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____ School _____

Child Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____ School _____

Child Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____ School _____

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Total Number of People in Group _____

Are you a vegetarian? YES NO

Will you need a sign language interpreter? YES NO

Have you ever attended any of our events in the past? YES If YES, how many? _____ NO

Would you like to be added to our mailing list? YES NO Already on mailing list

For further information, contact Tania Anderson, YAE Program Manager, at 410-338-4397 or via email at wsf_info@stsci.edu. Feel free to visit our website at <http://www.stsci.edu/institute/conference/youthae>.

To Parents of "Family Night at the Institute" event Applicants:

Please sign and date the parent/guardian agreement below.

Please note that the Space Telescope Science Institute is a research institution operating a NASA mission, and that as such, inappropriate behavior and unauthorized separation from the group are not accepted. Pictures and videos will be taken throughout the night, which may be posted on our YAE website, Annual Report and other educational-related promotional materials. By signing below, you are agreeing to the statement above.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____