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Mission Statement

Immaculate Heart of Mary School fosters a nurturing Catholic school community where children receive a strong spiritual and academic foundation based on Gospel values.

From the Desk of Ms. Sandra C. Larragoiti

Thursday, March 4, 2010

Reflection

Take Up Your Cross, Daily

Crosses come in many shapes and sizes.

They are not all afflictions, as I once thought them to be.

After all, we don't have much choice but to accept the pain and suffering.

The crosses that are heaviest are the kind we can put down,

Or ignore, or run away from:

Responsibilities, routine, being polite, humility, prudence, thrift, charity.

Sometimes the very things we do the best,

The things expected of us every day,

Become the hardest crosses to carry.

The mother who must be all to all,

The father who must stay with his endless job,

The teacher who must be patient as the sphinx, the pastor whose ear many never close.

All bear invisible crosses which they could throw down.

Help us, Lord, to carry them another day,

Another mile of years

***NEW TUITION RATE FOR 2010 will be announced tomorrow, Friday, March 5th.**

A GENTLE REMINDER ----- REGISTRATION DUE MONDAY, MARCH 8TH

Due to the fact that we do have a waiting list, we must receive your registration for the 2010-2011 Academic School Year immediately. Thank you for your efforts!

If you need a registration form they are available on School Speak as an attachment to this newsletter and under Forms and Handbooks. Registration fees for the 2010-2011 school year are **due March 8th. You must fill out a form for each child.** Please return all forms and fees to the front office by this new deadline.

Personal LAPTOPS----not allowed on campus

Our technology agreement is for students to use OUR SCHOOL computers ONLY. We do not have provisions for students to bring or use their laptops on campus. Please make sure your child DOES NOT bring a personal laptop to school. This policy may change in the future when policy, filters, accessibility, insurance /liability, etc. have been addressed; currently these provisions are not available. **Currently, we do not allow students to bring personal laptops on campus.** Thank you for following this agreement.

SUPER Early Dismissal on Monday, March 15th ----- @ 12:00 Noon

Please KNOW that all students will be **dismissed early on Monday, March 15th.** It is a Faculty in Service day. All students are **dismissed at 12:00 noon.** Students who are not picked up will be sent to Extended Day.

Local Holiday

Friday, March 19th there is no school. The office and ECC will be closed.

See's Candies Fundraiser – REMINDER!!

All orders are due in the office not later than Friday, March 12th. (See Attached Flyer)

ATTENTION: PENNY WAR

March 22-26 the Penny War will be taking place. All grades will be participating. The object of the game is to get as many pennies as possible. Other grades can sabotage or “bomb” other grades with silver coins and dollars. Rules will be passed out to the teacher before March 12th. It is time to collect your pennies and silver coins.

VOLUNTEER HOURS AND FUNDRAISERS

Just a reminder that volunteer hours have to be completed by March 31, 2010. Non-participants and participants who have not reached the required number of volunteer hours/gift wrap purchase of \$50.00/Jogathon participation of \$50.00 will be placed on higher tuition cost for the 2010-2011 school year. Your signed school contract has all the details.

Families with outstanding tuition fees or late fee tuition charges cannot register for the 2010-2011 school year until all bills are cleared. If you need help please call Ms. Sandra Larragoiti. Please call the school office if you have any questions regarding your volunteer hour requirement.

Sports News – Track Sign-Ups Deadline Extended!!

We want to give those that may have missed the first announcement a chance to sign up. The registration form is an attachment to this newsletter and on SchoolSpeak under Forms and Handbooks.

IHM PARISH AUCTION DINNER DANCE

“Saturday Night Fever”, April 24, 2010, San Mateo Marriott Hotel

The gifts are coming in and we appreciate anything that you can do to help us with this event. We can still use more gifts. It is wonderful to have all the tables filled with some many items that there is always something that will appeal to someone. No donation is too small.

On Sunday, March 14th, there will be a preview of many of the auction gifts after the morning Masses. Come over to the Parish Center after Mass and enjoy seeing the gifts and have a cup of coffee and pastry with us. There is a flyer attached to this newsletter that will give you more information and one is also in your brown envelope this week. We hope to see all of you there.

The Event Invitations and Grand Drawing tickets will be mailed in just a few more days but we have already begun selling Grand Drawing tickets after the Sunday Masses.

This year we have 3 wonderful prizes:

First prize: a week at a fabulous villa in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, second prize: \$2500 cash or \$2500 toward tuition for next year, third prize: 3 nights in Anaheim with a four day Disneyland pass.

Be sure watch for the Grand Drawing tickets and further notice on a school wide contest for ticket sales. The tickets this year will cost \$20 each or 6 for \$100.

Notre Dame High School First Semester Honor Roll 2009-2010

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Class of 2013

Angela Bottarini
Phoebe Varunok

Maria Santana

Class of 2012

Kimberly Louie
Teresa Ramorino

Catelyn Poss
Lauren Williamson

Class of 2011

Mackenzie Adamis
Laura Forsythe
Anna Lippert
Heather Milestone
Elida Mojica
Gurpuran Singh
Victoria Vozikes

Melanie Cole
Tara Kai LamCenteio
Patricia Mendoza
Ashlie Miller
Brooke Nightingale
Amanda Smerdel

Class of 2010

Victoria Anderson
Gabriela Dae
Caitlin Griffith
Madeline Menrath
Colleen Neary
Jessica Rinaldi

Shelby Collins
Christina Goultas
Hillary Herrera
Courtney Miller
Danielle Perez
Gina Vassallo

Classroom News!!

Chinese Dragon Parade

Kindergarten had a very darling DRAGON move through all our classes. The DRAGON even visited our senior citizens at Sunrise! Our Dragon was spectacular!

Thank you to Mrs. Loni Castaldini and Mrs Genny Pereira for making this possible!

Sacramento Trip by 8th Grade

Our 8th grade class went on their annual Sacramento Trip this past Tuesday, March 2, 2010. It was a HUGE success! Our students greatly impressed all the statesmen in Sacramento. They were able to meet State Senator Leland Yee who arranged a private tour for them of the Governor's Office. They even had a very special & exclusive opportunity to go onto the Senator Floor! They also had a chance to go into Senator Yee's office and ask specific questions about assembly bills and voting opinions. Senator Yee was quite impressed with our students! We want to thank Mrs. Teresa Kreutzmann for making this possible. The room parents were very instrumental in assisting with supervision.

Outdoor Ed—March 8th to 12th

5th Grade will go to Outdoor Ed on Monday, March 8th. Our 5th grade class will travel to Jones Gulch for their annual Outdoor Ed experience. Students will gather Monday morning by dropping off their luggage in front of the Parish Center. Then everyone will attend the 8:00 Mass, parents are invited to attend Mass. Following Mass, there will be a light continental breakfast in the Parish Center. Finally, we will wave goodbye and wish them well at 9:30. They will return Friday, March 12th between 11:30-12:00. Let us wish them well and keep them all in our prayers throughout the week. Thank you to Ms. Breanne Melconian for making this possible!

An Article by Ms. Jennifer Hoggatt has been published!

Mrs. Hoggatt has written an article entitled, "Girls on the Run." You will find it in the monthly magazine, *Parenting on the Peninsula*, the March issue. It is a wonderful article that describes the success of this program. Thank you to all the 4 coaches who have made this possible: Mrs. Loni Castaldini, Ms. Hoggatt, Ms. Kelly Andreano, and Mrs. Shelby Data

Reconciliation Services during Lent

4th Grade had reconciliation services on Tuesday and Wednesday evening, March 2nd & 3rd. This was a powerful prayerful time for all our 4th grade families. Also, our 5th to 8th grade students will have reconciliation services next Tuesday, March 9th during the day. Finally, reconciliation services for the entire IHM parish and school community will be available Tuesday evening, March 9th, @ 7:00 in the church. Reconciliation is a wonderful time to for a Lenten Reflection. Let us all continue to enjoy this Lenten season with prayer, reconciliation, Mass, and private devotions.

5th Grade State Reports go on Display

5th Grade will have their State Reports on display in the Parish Center on Friday, March 5th @ 10:15. We are proud of the work all our 5th grade students have done with their reports. Thank you to Ms. Breanne Melconian for her interest to display these reports!

Box Top News

BoxTops News: Thank you all for your support! This school year we were able to collect over 1,900 Box Tops! Please continue to help by clipping and sending in Box Tops with your child to school. Each Box Top coupon is worth 10¢ to our school.

Children's Choice Lunch

Great lunches being served Tuesday through Friday. Please log on the website to register www.ChoiceLunch.com - registration code: Heart.

Adopt-A-Student Fund

Just a reminder that we have a program in place for emergency situations. Our fund is small and needs to grow. All donations, large and small, are welcome throughout the year for this worthy cause. Please specify on the "memo" if you wish your donation to go to "Adopt a Student."

Memorial Cards

We have beautiful memorial cards at Immaculate Heart of Mary School. Please remember to use them. In doing so, you help comfort your friends and support our educational programs at the same time. Cards are available at the school office.