

## Tuesday Round-up for 27 October 2009

Dear students and parents,

On Thursday, we are having our final Open House in this round of presentations (though we will certainly need to do more of these later in the school year). We thank all of you who have helped so far, and hope to see those who can help on Thursday evening.

Andrew Iliff  
Principal

### **DIRECTORY TO GO TODAY**

Stapled to the back of this letter is the directory. We apologize for the delay; we needed to get the right information included and removed.

### **PARENT SOCIAL**

Thanks to Mrs. Sorgi and Mrs. Zgabay for organizing and running this fine event. We hope that parents will continue to step forward to organize and host evenings like these.

### **OPEN HOUSE EVENTS THIS WEEK**

The final Open House event is this Thursday, 29 October, at 6 p.m. Parents and students are asked to help if they can as greeters. We should have a larger group in attendance, and would like four to six students and parents to answer questions and represent our school. Also, please do what you can to encourage people to attend; we know that spending time here on campus for these presentations does a lot to improve our standing within the community.

### **FAMILY NIGHT – CALL IF YOU CAN BRING A SALAD TO PASS!!!**

A reminder that our first Family Night will be one week from today, Tuesday, 3 November, starting at 6 p.m. We will have pizza and child care, so all can attend. We will also not assign homework that evening, or hold practices. Students will have Blue and Gold Dress that day and evening.

Here is the agenda:

6 p.m. – Opening prayer and blessing

6:05 p.m. – Dinner/pizza and salads, community time

6:30 p.m. – Parents presentation by Mrs. Harkins on Solidarity groups and Catholic social teaching

7:00 p.m. – Presentation on direction for parents group, with a chance to get involved

7:35 p.m. – Ending activity

Students will be in a separate activity and time, working with the other children in attendance. They will be given the chance to spend some time together.

### **AMBASSADORS NEWS**

The JP II Ambassadors Program is off to a great start thanks to the Bumbernick, Cronin, Gagnon, Gilman, Kenney, and Sorgi families who helped sell raffle tickets at Sts. Peter & Paul the weekend of October 17-18.

The mission of our Ambassadors program is to represent our school in public, to serve others, and to share the virtues of our school with the broader community. We plan to focus a great deal of our energy on establishing and strengthening ties with area parishes. It is our hope that these parishes will begin to identify JP II as "their school." Of course, recruiting students for next year is a top priority as well.

To that end, Dr. Kenney is posting sign-up sheets for upcoming Ambassador opportunities in her classroom. All JP II students who are academically eligible can serve as ambassadors. We will need the help of everyone in the JP II

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family to make this program successful. Below is a list of upcoming events. Contact Dr. Kenney if you have any questions or you would like to volunteer for an Ambassador event.

JPII Open House - 29 Oct, 6-8 p.m. (4-5 students and parents)

OLPH Halloween Carnival - 30 Oct, 5-8:30 p.m. (need students to help run games, students wear JPII T-shirts)

Catholic School Preview Night, University of the Incarnate Word Skyroom- 4 Nov, 5-8:30 p.m. (3 students and parents, students in uniform)

Comal Elementary Fall Festival- 7 Nov, 11-5 p.m. (4-5 students, at least, wearing JPII T-shirts)

St. James Donor Info Night, Seguin - 12 Nov, 6:30-8:00 p.m. (2 students and parents, students in uniform)

Sts. Peter and Paul Donor Info Night, New Braunfels - 18 Nov 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. (2 students and parents, students in uniform)

High School Placement Test - JPII- 5 Dec 8 a.m. - Noon

St. Monica Donor Info Night, Converse - 3 Feb 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. (2 students and parents, students in uniform)

**DRAMA @ JPII**

Today, Ms. Rachel Albrecht visited with interested students about the drama program at our school. She is the music teacher at St. Monica School and is very interested in helping to found the drama program here at our school. She has extensive experience in drama, music, and opera, and is excited about the chance to share her talents with our students. We have plans to have two small plays this school year, with the productions in mid-January and mid-April. Also, for those students who are interested and willing to enlist the effort, there is the chance for earning a half credit (1/2) in fine arts through participation in both plays.

It is important to realize as well that the production of a play involves many students, not just those on stage. There is set production, publicity, props, lighting, costumes, and sound. All that is required is interest and effort.

**SWIMMING TEAM**

For those students interested in swimming, we have arranged for pool time in the month of November and December. We will host practices to best meet the availability of our athletes. The TAPPS regional meet for 1A is Saturday, 23 January 2010. Those interested in participating or just learning more should talk with Mr. Iliff as soon as possible.