

Parents and Staff:

Pertinent information for the coming days is below. Please read carefully. There are lots of activities, including Catholic Schools Week (be sure to check out the billboard), and plenty of opportunities to get involved. One last minute change - Panther Pen submissions (previously due today) are being accepted through Monday.

### **Policy Notes:**

- Thank you, parents, for pulling all the way up to the crosswalk in the mornings to ensure the best flow of traffic and thank you for waiting for a parking space to open up instead of parking along the curb. Parking along the curb is reserved for the three high bidders at the auction.
- Please put your child's name somewhere in or on their lunchbox so if they are separated we can return it to them.

### **Important Dates:**

Jan 20<sup>th</sup> –Panther's Pen submissions due – EXTENDED TO MONDAY JAN. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> - Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship

Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> – 100<sup>th</sup> day of school; All School Mass, Conversion of Paul, Mrs. Linda VanBeceleare's Third Grade, Lector: John Hyde

Jan 29<sup>th</sup> – Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> – Catholic Schools Week

Feb 1<sup>st</sup> – Midterms

Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10:45 Pep Assembly / Early Release / Spirit Day; Conferences 1:30 -6; POD Valentine Dance

Feb 7<sup>th</sup> - PTO 6:30; Technology Safety Seminar immediately following PTO

Feb 8<sup>th</sup> - Retired Bishop Boland's 80th Birthday

Feb 11<sup>th</sup> – Father Daughter Dance; OLP Chocolate Festival

Feb 21<sup>st</sup> – Kindergarten Roundup

Feb 24<sup>th</sup> – Registration begins for grades 1-8

April 21<sup>st</sup> – Auction

### **Class Pictures**

Class pictures were distributed this week. If you wish to purchase, please send \$3 payable to OLP. If not, you may return the picture to school.

**Last call for Panther's Pen Masterpieces!** Today's January 20th deadline has been **EXTENDED** for those last-minute submissions. Entries are due at 3 p.m. on MONDAY January 23rd, and a parent needs to sign off on each entry, which is done by completing the attached Application Form. Drop boxes are conveniently located in each classroom, so submit NOW! We would love to highlight your little darling's talents in OLP's student magazine. Contact Jen Valenti at [jvalenti20@att.net](mailto:jvalenti20@att.net) with any last minute questions.

## **Rockhurst Chess Tournament**

Open invitation to all who are interested...Rockhurst High School is sponsoring a Chess Tournament on Saturday, January 21st. It is open to all grade schools in the KC area. There are 3 divisions (K-5), (K-8), (K-12). Check in starts at 8am, matches start at 9am and will go for 6 rounds. The cost is \$7 dollars for pre- registration, due by January 19th or \$12 at the door. If anyone wants further info, they can e mail Paul Matlock at [pmatlock2@comcast.net](mailto:pmatlock2@comcast.net).

## **K of C Free Throw Championship**

**WHAT:** The Annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship

**WHEN:** Sunday, Jan. 22nd , 2012 beginning at 1:00pm in the HOLY SPIRIT Catholic church gym in Lees Summit(1800 SW STATE ROUTE 150)

**WHO CAN PARTICIPATE:** This event is open to ALL BOYS and GIRLS who are of ages 10 thru 14 as of Jan 1<sup>st</sup> of this year.

**WHO IS HOSTING:** Knights of Columbus Council 6819

**REGISTRATION:** Registration occurs the day of the event beginning at 12:45pm in the Holy Spirit church gym...contest starts at 1:00pm

**COST:** There is NO cost for this event

**CONTACT:** Please contact Danny Banderas via phone at 816-674-8731 or by email [DBANDERAS@ATT.NET](mailto:DBANDERAS@ATT.NET), if you have questions.

## **Catholic Schools Week – Schedule**

January 29<sup>th</sup> begins Catholic School Week:

Sunday, Parish Appreciation Day

Monday, Student Appreciation Day; students may wear their favorite tourist destination tee-shirt with uniform bottoms; Chris Cakes for lunch

Tuesday, Service Day

Wednesday, Staff Appreciation Day

Thursday, Family Appreciation Day

Friday, School Spirit Day and Assembly

## **Catholic Schools Week - K-5 only**

You are invited by Mary Hiatt to sign up for "Catholic Schools Week Masses." Please click on the link below to view the online sign-up sheet.

This sign up is protected by a password. Enter the password "Masses" for access.

To sign up, go to:

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0C4CAFA62EA20-catholic/1483268](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0C4CAFA62EA20-catholic/1483268)

## **Catholic Schools Week- Chris Cakes**

You have been invited by Liz DeVoss to sign up for "Chris Cakes", Monday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>. Please click on the link below to view the online sign up sheet.

To sign up, go to:

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/8050F4AA9AD2-chris/1483268](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/8050F4AA9AD2-chris/1483268)

## **Catholic Schools Week - Billboard**

This billboard is at I-70 & Manchester. Thank you to the Bass family and Dynamic Displays.



### **Valentine's Dance**

OLP is hosting the POD Valentine's Dance for 7th & 8th graders on February 3rd from 7-10pm. Attire can be dressy or casual - see permission slip for guidelines. Permission slips will be distributed Monday and will also be in the weekly email next week.

### **Does Your Technology Savvy Need An Update?**

Join the PTO for a free seminar on How To Keep Your Family Safe on the Internet. Guest-speaker Ryan Melton taught our kids about Cyber Bullying and Internet Safety, and now he will do the same for OLP parents. Plan to join us Tuesday, February 7th when Ryan will speak following the regularly-scheduled PTO meeting at 6:30 p.m. See the attached flyer for more details. See you there...

### **Retired Bishop Boland's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

On Wednesday, February 8, our retired bishop will celebrate his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. As we all know, Bishop Boland is a "low key" man. We *also* know that 80 is a milestone.

If you would be so inclined, we know that he would be honored to receive cards, notes or remembrances in prayers.

#### **Mailing Address:**

Bishop Emeritus Raymond J. Boland  
Diocese of Kansas City ~ St. Joseph  
20 West Ninth Street  
Suite 200  
Kansas City, Missouri 64105

### **Family Fun – Father Daughter Dance**

Calling all girls to please join us for the annual Father Daughter Dance on Feb 11<sup>th</sup>; admission is \$25 per couple, plus \$5 for each additional daughter.

For questions, please contact Victoria Shatto,  
[vshattopta@kc.rr.com](mailto:vshattopta@kc.rr.com) <<mailto:vshattopta@kc.rr.com>>

### **Chocolate Festival**

Our Lady of the Presentation 3rd annual Chocolate Festival  
Saturday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Etue Room

The funds generated from the Chocolate Festival support all aspects of Music Ministry including the Choristers.

See attached flyer for more information.

## **Registration for 2012-2013**

Registration for the upcoming school year is right around the corner. Kindergarten Roundup is scheduled for Tuesday Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>. Registration for grades 1 – 8 begins February 24<sup>th</sup>. If you have a student that will be eligible for Kindergarten for the 2012/2013 school year, please contact the office to secure a spot for the child. Additional information about registration is attached in a letter from Mrs. Briggs. Please review it carefully.

## **Auction - Class Projects**

Thanks for all who have volunteered for the class projects so far! Just two classrooms still need volunteers: 6th grade – Memoly and 7th grade – Nyhan.

Please email Lori Meyer at [lorimariebailey@hotmail.com](mailto:lorimariebailey@hotmail.com) or call (816) 623-3123 if you are interested in participating in the project. Help make the 2012 auction a success!

## **Auction – Gift gathering parties**

The auction is fast approaching and we're still in need of hosting families for the gift gathering parties for grades K, 1st, 3rd, 4th and 7<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to hearing from you and are eager to bring gift gathering parties back to the auction experience. These traditionally have been a great way to meet others and build excitement for the OLP Auction. If you're interested in hosting please get with Jennifer Watts [jenniferwatts@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jenniferwatts@sbcglobal.net) or Alicia Bailey [Alicia.bailey@tmcmcd.org](mailto:Alicia.bailey@tmcmcd.org) .

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## **PTO REBATE UPDATES**

The deadline for the next Hy-Vee receipt and Box Top submittal is fast approaching!!!

We appreciate all the material you have turned so far this year. The next "wish item" the Box Top proceeds will acquire is, drumroll please, an additional set of ACTI VOTES which are used in the classrooms on a regular basis, just ask your child! Don't forget, we also collect Coke Rewards, Tyson labels, and printer cartridges. Finally, thank you to the 88 families that have registered their Target Red Card with the Take Charge of Education program. We already have \$1,108.76 in our school year 2011-2012 account.

## **Panther Shop News**



During January and February, we will be stocking up for Spring merchandising. Keep an eye on the Weekly Updates for news of First Communion and Confirmation gifts, and Spring athletic wear!

Next Panther Shop Sale Date: ***TO BE ANNOUNCED***

(Probably not until late February or March)

**Place orders ANY TIME** – no need to wait for the next Sale Date! Just click on the Panther Shop tab, under PTO, on the School's Website.

Effective January 1, 2012 – Special Orders will be placed with our vendor ***once per month***. January Special Order Deadline **January 9, 2012**. Any Special Orders taken after January 9 will be held until our February Order Date.

**SCRIP**

We will continue to sell Scrip on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays after school in the Library until warmer weather.

Best regards,

Alice Atwell  
Secretary  
Our Lady of the Presentation School