

Incarnation Information



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H1N1 Update



As reported last week we received several confirmed reports of students with the H1N1 virus. The good news is that our attendance numbers have improved from last week. **Please know that we were in constant communication with the Cook County Board of Health reporting our daily absences. It was under their recommendation that we remained open last week.** In addition, we enacted many precautionary measures school wide to try to stop the spread of further illness. Some included:

- Lunch was eaten in the classrooms to limit the interface between the grade levels.
- All common areas (Library, Computer Lab, Art Room etc.) were sanitized after each class was done using them.
- Self contained classrooms and the office area were sanitized daily.
- Teachers separated the desks in the classroom if possible.
- Group work was discouraged.
- Children were allowed to bring water bottles to school to avoid using the drinking fountain.
- We continued to stress good hygiene habits.
- Children who's parents reported a fever were monitored upon their return.

We will continue these measures until further notice. **The best thing you can do help is keep your child home if they are sick.** Not only are they at risk of secondary infections, they could still be contagious and the cycle of illness never ends.

FRIDAY'S BAKE SALE CANCELLED: Please note that due to the amount of absences last week, the bake sale originally scheduled for Friday, October 30 has been cancelled. In its place we are offering a raffle for **8 Free Skating Lessons at the Southwest Ice Arena.** Tickets will be 25 cents each and be on sale through Friday of this week. This certificate was given to us by Joe Pozezinski and the Knights of Columbus. All proceeds will go to our Holy Childhood Mission fund.



HALLOWEEN COSTUMES: Students in grades PreK—4 may come to school on Friday, October 30th in costume. Please make sure that the costume is something your child can easily walk, sit, and be in for the entire day. **No weapons, props or excessively gory costumes will be allowed and face painting is not recommended.** Those Jr. High students who have been awarded the monthly privilege for October may also come to school in appropriate costumes. All others may be out of uniform. Check the amount of infractions in your child's homework assignment book to see if they have qualified.



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Important Dates

10/29 Taffy Apple
Pick-Up; Pictures
PreK 3 & Retakes

10/30 End of the
1st Quarter

11/2 All School
Mass 8:30 am;
Mothers' Club
Country House
Night

11/5 Report Cards
go home

11/6 Student/
Parent/Teacher
Conf. Grades K-8
& Book Fair

11/10 Mothers'
Club Meeting 7:30

11/16 School
Board Meeting
7:30 - Music Room

11/20 All School
Field Trip

11/25 1:00 pm
early dismissal

FIRST QUARTER ENDS: The first quarter ends this Friday, October 30th. Report Cards for Grades K-8 will be sent home Thursday, November 5th. Parent/Student/Teacher will be the following day. Your request for a time (afternoon or evening) was due today. Please send it in back tomorrow if you have not already done so. It is a big job coordinating the times for families with siblings and we need this slip to proceed. Please note that if you do not turn one in, a conference time will be chosen for you.



BOOK FAIR: Our 2nd Annual Scholastic Book Fair will be held during Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences on **Friday, November 6th**. **Mrs. Quick, Mrs. Grucella and Mrs. Hense** have been working hard putting this together for our families. What a nice way to promote reading and reward your son/daughter on a great job this 1st quarter! Teachers will also have "Wish Lists" on hand and you can donate a book from your family to the entire class.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND: Please note two important events on this date:

1. All School Mass at 8:30 am in celebration of All Souls Day prepared by Mrs. Kingzette and the 8th Grade Class
2. Mothers' Club Country House Night Fundraiser from 5-8 pm



LAST DAY FOR SHORTS, FRIDAY 10/30: As stated in the Parent Handbook, "shorts can be worn up until November 1 and after April 1st." Students should now come to school in pants or sweatpants. With the cold, rainy weather we have been having, this should not present a problem.



RED RIBBON THANK YOU: A big thank you goes out to **Mrs. Hense and Mrs. Shaw** for coordinating the events of Red Ribbon Week. We would also like to thank our school parent **Mrs. Walker and the Elks Club** for providing us with some wonderful Red Ribbon Week materials.



**PALOS HEIGHTS
POLICE DEPT.
CODE RED
SYSTEM**

**Emergency
Notification
System**

Enclosed in the brown envelope you will find a handout on how to access an automated emergency notification system sponsored by the Palos Heights Police Department and Southwest Central Dispatch.

You can access the following website to add your phone number(s):

www.southwestcentral.org and click on the CodeRED link or call 708-448-5060.

Step-A-thon Results

Last Thursday, we had our annual Step-A-thon fundraiser. Our students did a great job and raised a grand total of **\$9016!!** In spite of the rain we had a great time dancing to the music in the Bernardin Center. Thanks to our Step-A-thon Committee, **Mrs. Kmiec, Mrs. Kruse, Mrs. Shaw and Mr. Rocco** for a job well done. We also want to thank the **Mothers' Club** for providing each student with and ice cream treat following the Step-A-thon.

Congratulations to our Winners!

1st Place: Sierra (Grade 3) who collected \$250 in pledges, she won the Lunch with the Principal and a \$100 Gift Card to Target.

2nd Place: Colton (Grade 3) and Jasmin (Grade 5) tied for 2nd with a total of \$160 in pledges, they each won a \$75 Gift Card to Target.

3rd Place: Nicole (Grade 3) and Kailyn (Grade 3) tied for 3rd with a total of \$150 in pledges, they each won a \$50 Gift card to Target.

Class Pizza Party: Mrs. Holich's Grade 6 with the highest class average per student.



Our Grand Prize Winners



Mrs. Holich's 6th Grade Class