



# FYI *For Your Information*

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### ***Congratulations to Daniel Riehm***

Daniel, our SCCS 2010 Spelling Bee Champion, represented our school in the Archdiocesan Spelling Bee last weekend. Students from twenty-five Catholic schools throughout the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis participated.

**Daniel did an exceptional job by placing 4<sup>th</sup> in the Archdiocesan Bee!**



### **From the Principal's Desk by Mrs. Epperly Nashville Dominican Congregation Celebrates 150 Years Since Founding**

On the evening on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009, the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia Congregation of Nashville, Tennessee, formally opened the 150<sup>th</sup> Jubilee year of their Community. In the year 1860, four Dominican sisters came to Nashville, TN, at the invitation of Bishop James Whelan, O.P., to begin a new foundation and to serve in the apostolate of teaching. Throughout 2010, the 235 members of the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia will celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> Jubilee of their founding with a variety of events spanning the calendar year. In her remarks to the entire community, Mother Ann Marie Karlovic, Prioress General, stated that: *"The 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of our congregation will be more than a simple anniversary or a time to rejoice in some success. This is above all a spiritual event..."* As part of the community preparation, the sisters have been given the opportunity to spend more time in daily Eucharistic Adoration. The 150<sup>th</sup> Jubilee celebrations began in January and will conclude on December 23, 2010, the anniversary of the dedication of the Chapel of St. Cecilia at the Motherhouse in Nashville, TN. In setting the tone for the celebration, Mother Ann Marie urged the sisters to: *"Let this Jubilee year be a call to fidelity and unity in Jesus, Our Lord. May this communion that we live be shared with all whose lives we touch. May we grow in gratitude for the fidelity of those who have gone before us and in understanding of the responsibility to preserve and deepen so holy an enterprise."*

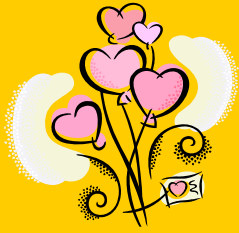
Four of the sisters who have taught at St. Croix Catholic School will be making their final profession of vows on July 24<sup>th</sup> of this jubilee year. Please keep Sister Veronica Anne, Sister Mary Emmanuel, Sister Mary Bethany, Sister Theresa Anne, and all the sisters in your prayers during these special community events.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



**DIVIDENDS FOR LIFE**

***Thanks to everyone who stopped by last Sunday to visit our school and the Home and School Pancake Breakfast. For such a cold and icy day, the turnout was fantastic!***



### Val-O-Grams

Student Council will be selling Val-o-grams for 50 cents a piece. With a Val-o-gram you can send your friends and loved ones a message and a treat on St. Valentine's Day. We will be selling them February 1-8 from 8:30 - 9:00 am and 3:00 - 3:30 pm outside of the computer lab.

Because Valentine's Day is on a Sunday this year, the Student Council will deliver the Val-o-grams and treats on Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.

## SCCS Does Make a Difference by Mrs. Epperly

### Relief for Victims of the Earthquake in Haiti



Thank you to everyone who has generously donated to our collection of funds for the *Feed My Starving Children* organization. Feed My Starving Children is stepping up their production of meals which are being sent to Haiti to help feed the children affected by the devastating earthquake in Haiti.

As of Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> we have collected \$1,150. **That is enough to make more than 6,700 meals!** And there is more money to be counted and more money to come in. Please be sure that your contributions are in by this Friday. We want to send a check to *Feed My Starving Children* next week. Checks can be made out to SCCS with FMSC in the memo line.

### Wall of Courage

As part of our Catholic Schools Week events, students and staff created a "Wall of Courage" in the SCCS cafeteria. The wall includes pictures of relatives and friends who are serving, or have served in the armed forces, community helpers such as police, fire, and emergency medical personnel. On Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> students talked about the "Wall of Courage" and said a prayer for those pictured on the wall.



Some SCCS Primary Students with Student Council President Sarah Lentz in front of the *Wall of Courage*. Sarah read a prayer with students for those on our *Wall of Courage* during each lunch period on Tuesday.

### School Participation Sunday Thank You! from Glenda Houle and Jerome Wasinger

Our School Participation Sunday this past weekend was a great success! THANK YOU to all of our uniform-wearing Mass volunteers, and to the great group of parent helpers as well. Students should have received their no-uniform pass, if you didn't, please let us know.

## SCRIP NEWS



We have 2 new volunteers!!! Thank you to Jeanne Crea and Denise Faust for joining the Scrip team! Jeanne will now be coordinating all volunteers that sell Scrip, and Denise will now be entering in all Proxy orders for tracking orders that are not placed online. We are looking for one more volunteer that would like to join us! We need someone to coordinate all local Scrip purchases/businesses. If you are interested in learning more about this, please contact Laura Ogren 439-1806 or Amy Gag 439-0888.

Thanks for all of your support – we are still bringing in easy money to our school!!!

## Another Fun SCCS Middle School Winter Dance!!! 96 Out Of 114 Middle School Students Attended!!! from Laura Ogren

Every dance always seems to be enjoyed by ALL of the kids. For the chaperones, it is such a treat to watch how well they all get along and enjoy being together, as well as seeing how well behaved our students are!!! Thank you to Michelle Lemanski, Deb LeRoux, Diane Mancuso, Katie Rolf, Suzie Schulte, and Paul Valerius for chaperoning that night!! Looking forward to the Spring Dance on May 21<sup>st</sup>!



## February is I Love to Read Month *Book a Trip for a Reading Adventure!*

### *Get Caught Reading by Mrs. Epperly*

Monday, February 1; Tuesday, February 2; Wednesday, February 3; and Thursday, February 4, Mrs. Epperly will be making random calls to SCCS students' homes between 7:00 and 7:30 pm. If you are caught reading on one of these evenings, your name will be called the next morning during announcements and you will be able to pick out a book to keep. So find a good book to read during February.

## Fifth Annual Chimbote Dinner to support St. Michael's and St. Mary's sister parish in Chimbote, Peru

Saturday, February 6, 2010 in St. Michael's Social Hall

Mass 5:30 PM, Social Hour 6:30 PM, Dinner 7:30 PM

Individual Tickets: \$15.00; Alpaca Package: \$175.00 (*includes a table for eight, a special gift, premium seating and recognition at the event*)

## Focus on Faith by Jeanne Crea

On February 2, the church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

*Mary and Joseph present Jesus to His Heavenly Father in the Temple of Jerusalem forty days after His birth. (Luke 2:22-39)*

In Luke's account, Jesus is welcomed in the temple by two elderly people, Simeon and the widow Anna. They embody Israel in their patient expectation; they acknowledge the infant Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah.

On the day of the Presentation God received infinitely more glory than He had previously received in the temple from all the sacrifices and all the holocausts of the Old Testament. On this day it is His own Son Jesus Who is offered to Him, and Who



## After School Drop – In Chess

Many students have been enjoying the SchoolHouse Chess after school classes these past couple of weeks.

Once the classes are completed, ALL STUDENTS are invited to drop-in for some after school chess playing on three Tuesdays - February 23, March 2 and March 9 from 3:30 – 4:30 pm.

No registration is necessary for drop-in chess – but please let your child's teacher know that he or she has permission to stay after school. Also please be sure to pick up your child promptly at 4:30 pm.

There will be no instruction during these sessions – just the challenge of playing with new partners and having fun.

offers to the Father the infinite homage of adoration, thanksgiving, expiation and supplication. This is indeed a gift worthy of God.

And it is from the hands of the Virgin, full of grace, that this offering, so pleasing to God, is received. Mary's faith is perfect. Filled with the wisdom of the Holy Spirit, she has an understanding of the value of the offering which she is making to God at this moment. <http://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/prayers/rosary/presentation.htm>

Just as Mary had given her consent in the name of all humanity when the angel announced to her the mystery of the Incarnation, so also on this day Mary offers Jesus to the Father in the name of the whole human race.

Consider reading the story about the Presentation found in Luke 2: 22-39 and praying the fourth Joyful Mystery; The Presentation of the Lord for your night time prayers on Tuesday, February 2!

How to pray the rosary, meditations and scripture found at <http://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/prayers/rosary/joyful.htm>

### Herberger's Community Day Event by SCCS Home and School

St. Croix Catholic School's Home and School Association has again joined with Herberger's for a wonderful opportunity to go shopping and support SCCS at the same time. Each \$5 coupon book purchased contains one \$10 off coupon to use on a single regular or sale price merchandise item of \$10 or more throughout the store. You're getting paid back twice the amount of your \$5 donation! Also included are six 20% off coupons and one 30% early bird coupon (good from 6:00-9:00 am on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>). If you plan to purchase more than one item, you can purchase multiple books (however, only one \$10 off coupon may be used **per** item). 100% of the \$5 for each booklet sold is ours to keep. We're hoping for another successful event!

Order your coupon books using the order form on the SCCS web site: <http://www.stcroixcatholic.com/files/stcroixcatholics/files/FYI%200910/January/Herbergers.pdf>. Books may also be purchased through the school office and during conferences on February 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your continued support of SCCS Home & School!

### Do You Own a Business? Here is an advertising opportunity!

Do you know those wonderful folders you receive your registration materials in each August and your children use as take-home folders? Those are provided to our school free of charge because of the advertisers who support our school. If you or your company is interested in placing an ad on the folders, please take a look at the attached flyer and complete and return the bottom half. We will pass your name on to H.R. Graphics – the company who produces the folders. Thanks for your support.

## Upcoming Events

### Thursday, January 28 – Celebrating Community Service

No Uniforms today – wear Red and Blue – the colors of the Haitian flag

Conference Confirmation Forms come home today

8:30 am – 4:00 pm      Book Fair open

**WELCOME TO  
NEW SCCS  
FAMILIES**

This past week four new students from two families began school at SCCS. We are excited to have them become a part of our school.

Please add their information to your school directories:

Michelle Bellanca &  
Jon Brodd  
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Anna Brodd  
*K - Mrs. Redmond*

Michael Brodd  
*K - Mrs. Berry*

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Brittany Heck  
*6 - Mrs. Glaser*

Ashley Heck  
*5 - Mrs. Lehman*

**Friday, January 29 – Celebrating Our Students**

No Uniforms today – wear school colors – Blue, Green and Gold

2:30 pm Catholic Jeopardy in the SCCS Gym

8:30 am – 3:00 pm Book Fair open

**Tuesday, February 2**

6:30 pm Home and School meeting in the SCCS Library

3:30 – 4:30 pm Chess Club

**Wednesday, February 3**

9:15 am All School Mass

**Monday, February 8**

Grade 5 Field Trip to Warner Nature Center

**Tuesday, February 9**

Middle School Field Trip to Afton Alps

3:30 – 4:30 pm Chess Club

**Wednesday, February 10**

9:15 am All School Mass

**Thursday, February 11**

3:45 – 8:00 pm Grades K – 8 Scheduled Parent-Teacher Conferences  
Watch for the confirmation of your conference time/times to come home today.

**Friday, February 12 – NO SCHOOL**

8:00 am – Noon K – 5 scheduled Parent – Teacher Conferences  
and MS Walk-in Conferences

1:00 am – 3:00 PM Staff Development

**Monday, February 15 – NO SCHOOL – President’s Day**

**Tuesday, February 16 – No AM buses – parents drive**