



# FYI *For Your Information*

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### Supply Pack Orders for 2010 - 2011



Order forms for **School Tool Boxes** for the 2010 – 2011 school year have been distributed. If you need another form, it can be printed from the SCCS web site. Look under your child's grade for **next year** and School Supply Lists on the right hand bar.

Orders are due by March 12<sup>th</sup>. As always, you have the option of purchasing your supplies in this convenient way, or picking up supplies on your own.

Those who order the **School Tool Boxes** will be able to pick them up on Uniform Sale Night, July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### From the Principal's Desk by Mrs. Epperly

This week we are sending home enrollment packets for the 2010-2011 school year. Often times we are asked why choose Catholic education for my child? One common answer given, and rightly so, is because the school teaches the faith and celebrates the faith tradition through out the school day. But often too it is because Catholic schools provide a safe environment for children. I recently saw an excellent article that spoke on just why "safe" is an excellent reason for choosing Catholic schools.

At the heart of the Catholic faith is the profound understanding of the dignity of every human person, the person "made in the image of God". Our faith teaches us we are religious beings by nature; that God loves us and all people are made to live in communion with Him.

This religious belief is the foundation for how all in the Catholic school community are expected to conduct themselves and behave towards others. It is always taught and frequently reinforced. And it is more than the Golden Rule - "Do unto others..." - because the motivation is beyond simple reciprocity. The motivation is from God and for God, a truly religious and spiritual value.

The inclusion of faith in the educational process is a primary reason Catholic schools are safe places. Could we do more? Of course. When we expect teaching to influence behavior, there is always work to do, work we do each and everyday.

*(Thoughts above were taken from: NCEA Notes, Vol.43, No.2, Nov. 2009)*

### Registration Packets for 2010 - 2011

On Thursday, March 4, the youngest child in your family at SCCS will be bringing home an envelope containing Registration information and paperwork for the 2010 – 2011 school year.

As you are probably aware if you attended the Town Hall Meeting on February 23 or viewed the presentation information posted on the school web site, the parent contribution to 2010 – 2011 Tuition has been set at \$3,695 for each full day student in grades K – 8 and \$2,800 per student for half day kindergarten students.

You will find some new programs and expectations aimed at helping parents handle the cost of tuition – specifically a Multiple Student Scholarship Plan and a SCRIP requirement.

We hope you will take the time to look this information over carefully and return your forms no later than March 31<sup>st</sup>. If your Registration Fee of \$100 per student is paid by March 31<sup>st</sup>, the fee will be applied towards your 2010 – 2011 tuition commitment.

**ART  
MATERIALS  
NEEDED!**

I am in need of the following materials for art:

Ice cream pails with lids

Mosaic items such as old jewelry, broken dishes, etc.

Egg cartons

**Mrs. Fioritto**

**ART  
ADVENTURE  
HELP WANTED  
from Mrs. Fioritto**

Please consider becoming an Art Adventure Picture Person Coordinator for next year. I will be glad to train you in. Call or email for more information:

Pam Fioritto, ext. 313 or email:

[pfioritto@stccs.com](mailto:pfioritto@stccs.com)

Of course this will help fulfill any Parent Participation requirements you may have.  
Thanks!

## More About the Participating Parent Expectations

Many of you are already familiar with the Participating Parent Program we began as an option to help keep tuition more manageable for SCCS families. The parents of approximately 105 students at SCCS chose this year to pay a little less tuition and spend some of their time helping with a variety of jobs within our school and tri-parish community. This was a very successful program. The school was able to save money by having some previously paid positions such as recess supervision and lunch serving covered by parents. Thanks to Suzie Schulte who has done a phenomenal job of coordinating and scheduling these volunteers.

We have also been able to take advantage of the talents of many parents to help with our first year SCRIP program, to expand an effort to spruce up the school by using cleaning and painting volunteers, to continue the very much enjoyed Art Adventure and Junior Great Books programs, to benefit from the expertise of some creative fundraising volunteers, and much, much more throughout the year.

We are happy to report that we will continue to seek the time and talents of many of you as we expand the concept of Participating Parents through the two Scholarship programs we are offering for the 2010 – 2011 school year. (Multiple Student Scholarship Plan and Financial Need Scholarship Assistance)

If you choose to join this program, you will receive more information, but in a nutshell – you can earn Participation Service hours by doing ANYTHING to benefit the school or the tri-parish community. Supervising students, serving lunch, selling SCRIP, manning our hospitality desk, doing creative tasks such as bulletin boards for teachers, reading with students, cleaning during the summer months, gardening around the school or church, serving on school and church committees are just a small sampling of the ways you can serve. Many jobs can even be done at home!

Your commitment is to fulfill your hours and log them on a Volunteer Timesheet that you turn in once a month. For one child on a scholarship, you will be required to commit to 30 hours of service. For 2 or more children your requirement will be 50 hours. Once you have fulfilled your hours, we hope you will continue to volunteer; however, you will no longer need to record your time.

This is a Win-Win situation. Save some money, have fun, meet new people and show your child how important his or her school is to you.

THANKS to all SCCS volunteers – both our Participating Parents and those who are here simply because they know how important it is to support your child's school. SCCS needs and appreciates all that you do.

## Herberger's Community Day Event

Thank you to all the families who purchased Herberger's Community Day Event coupon books over the past many weeks. We sold a grand total of 59 books, earning \$295 for our school. We also qualify for a portion of the booklet sales the store's associates made over the past two months and will receive those additional funds shortly.

Thank you to all the parents and students who so generously donated their time to sell books over the past several weeks. They are Teresa, Mary and Caroline Allessi, Sandy Columbo, Heidi Franke, Carrie Sandquist, Chrissy and Claire Summary.

A very special thank you to the students who wore their uniforms while selling at Herberger's on their day off from school! We couldn't have been so successful without your adorable smiles!



**CAA (Catholic Athletic Association) Baseball and Softball Registration Is Now Open**

Registration forms have been offered to all 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> grade students this week (8<sup>th</sup> grade students can pick up forms when they return from ELC.) The deadline to register is March 12<sup>th</sup>.

Forms can also be printed from the SCCS Web site:

<http://stcc.webaloo.com/files/stcroixcatholics/files/Athletics/CAA%200910/Softball%20Baseball%20Reg%202010.pdf>

**New Summer Craft Camp for Kids!!!  
Hurry and Register, Space is Limited!**

Green Leaf Craft Studio, created by Amy Dinzeo (an SCCS Mom) and Suzy Lindeberg, is proud to present its first summer of crafting with kids. We have put much effort and thought into designing classes that will inspire creativity in your children, while stretching their imagination and sense of exploration to help them realize their artistic potential. Each child will be encouraged to find their own sense of style, and will create unique, one-of-a-kind masterpieces.

We are excited to provide a happy, sometimes messy, but fun and eco-friendly learning environment where children will be introduced to a variety of materials, methods and ideas. Our class sizes will remain small and our staff enthusiastic and dedicated. The children will draw, design, paint, mold, construct and expand their creative horizons.

The summer class schedule has a variety of classes and dates available for ages 6 – 12, girls and boys. If interested and looking for more details, feel free to pick up a brochure and registration form in the SCCS office or call Amy Dinzeo at 651-236-7713.

**Drop-In Chess Club – Everyone (all ages) invited to attend!  
We will meet one more time!**

**March 9 from 3:30 – 4:30 in the cafeteria**

No registration and no cost 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.



**I Love to Read**

These students were caught reading last week:

**Wednesday, February 24:** Annie Kiolbasa; Patrick Kennedy; Grace Nelson; Parker Petronack; Isaac and Luke Rooker; Tyler Schmelz; Sam and Noah Schraut; A.J. Matt; Sean and Mariah LeRoux; Sam Long; Ben and Clair Olsen; Brock Winter; Marco and Anthony Wald; Danny, Andy, Ben, and Charlie Valerius; Simone Youssef.

**Thursday, February 25:** Matt Brown; Adrianna Christ; Katie and Danny LaQua; Eli and Meg Schulte; Grace Sobiech; Vaughn and Augustin Wolf

Hope everyone had a wonderful time reading this month. Mrs. Epperly is looking forward to "catching" students again next February.



**SCCS  
Religion  
Family Fun  
Night**

**Thursday,  
March 11**

**6:30 – 7:30 pm  
in the Middle  
School  
Commons**

**Fun craft and  
learning  
activities will be  
focused on  
Preschool – 5<sup>th</sup>  
grade ages;  
however, older  
siblings are  
welcome to come  
along and are  
sure to have fun!**



**PLEASE CALL THE  
SCCS OFFICE OR  
EMAIL**

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to let us know if  
your family will be  
attending. Please  
include a count of  
how many adults  
and children in your  
message.

## Upcoming Events

### Friday, March 5

- 7:30 am Mass at St. Mary's – MS students encouraged to attend
- 9:15 am Stations of the Cross (grades 3, 4, 5)
- 2:00 pm Stations of the Cross (grades K, 1, 2)
- 12:15 pm Stations of the Cross (MS)
- 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm Men's Club Fish Fry in St. Michael's Social Hall

### Sunday, March 7

Third Sunday of Lent

### Tuesday, March 9

- 1:30 pm Reconciliation for grades 7 & 8
- 3:30 – 4:30 Drop In Chess Club  
SCCS Cafeteria

### Wednesday, March 10

- 9:15 am All School Mass
- 1:30 pm Reconciliation for grade 6

### Thursday, March 11

- 1:30 pm Reconciliation for grade 3
- 6:30 pm **Religion Family Fun Night**

### Friday, March 12 – Report Cards Come Home

- 7:30 am Mass at St. Mary's – MS students encouraged to attend
- 9:15 am Stations of the Cross (grades 3, 4, 5)
- 2:00 pm Stations of the Cross (grades K, 1, 2)
- 12:15 pm Stations of the Cross (MS)
- 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Middle School Retreat at St. Mary's
- 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm Men's Club Fish Fry in St. Michael's Social Hall
- Deadline to turn in School Tool Box orders for 2010 – 2011

### March 15 – 19 – Spring Break – No School

### Monday, March 22

- 1:00 – 4:00 Ark of Angels Preschool Parent-Teacher Conferences

### Tuesday, March 23

- 1:30 pm Reconciliation for grade 4
- 3:30 – 5:30 pm Ark of Angels Preschool Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 4:00 – 7:00 pm SCCS Family Dairy Queen Night

**Wednesday, March 31** - Deadline for families with returning students to return 2010 – 2011 Registration paperwork and Registration Fees