



January, 2012

Dear Parents:

Merry Christmas season and a healthy and holy new year to all! As we begin 2012, St. John's will once again bustling with activity. We invite all parents and students to join us on Sunday, January 29 at 10 a.m. Mass to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. This liturgy will begin our week's activities. After Mass we will be having an Open House for new students from 11:30 am to 1 pm. Monday the PTO will sponsor the Afro-Brazilian Ensemble at 9 and 10 am and it is Community Outreach Day. Monday evening we will have Family Skating at the Roller Palace in Beverly from 6-8 pm. Tuesday, January 31 will be our Family Night at Fuddrucker's in Saugus from 5-8 pm. Wednesday will be Open House for present and prospective families from 9:30 am until 11 am and our eighth grade Science Fair in the gym from 9:30 am until 11 am and 1 pm until 2 pm.. Thursday evening is the Athletic Dance for grades 5-8 from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday is Student Appreciation Day with lunch provided by the PTO and will be the Talent Show in the evening at 7 pm in our school gym. We anticipate a wonderful week of activities and encourage all to attend.

We remind parents that no cars are allowed in the rear parking lot after 8 am. Cars driving in a restricted area compromise the safety of the children. As the winter weather approaches, you need to remember that it is more critical than ever that all adhere to this policy. **Please remember that all children need to be kept safe.** Please follow all the traffic rules regarding drop off and picking up of children. All children should exit vehicles on the passenger side of the vehicles. Also, please note that teachers are on duty at 7:50 am for valet drop off only. Students should not report to school prior to that time. In addition, no school announcements for snow days will be broadcast on FOX 25, WBZ, WCVB and WRKO radio and television as well as the school information line. You will receive an Instant Alert call by 6:45 am. Remember that if you have not registered online you will miss important school information.

We also ask that you, as parents, be attentive to your children being on time to school. We have many students who are tardy **each** day. When a student is tardy, it affects not only him/her, but **all the students in the class**, which is disrupted when a student arrives after lessons have started. Tardiness also is reflected on a child's permanent school record. I know it may be difficult, especially during these cold winter months, but I ask your cooperation in getting your children to school on time.

We remind you that our Winter Christmas Concert will take place on Wednesday, January 11 at 1:15 pm in the Church. The third grade recorders, grades 4-6 and the school band will perform. All are welcome to attend.

Reapplication materials will be sent home on January 10 and should be returned no later than January 27 with an application fee and instructional fee.

As a reminder our second session for our Playgroup will begin on Wednesday, January 11. You may call Admissions at extension 340 for further information.

We thank Mr. Lou Dinis and Dinis Electric for installing and donating the new intercom system for our Library entrance. Thank you for helping us to maintain our student's safety.

Thank you all for your continued support of the mission of Catholic education and St. John's School.

Sincerely,

Maureen J. Kelleher