

January 13, 2012

## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents,

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated later this month. This year's theme is, Catholic Schools: Faith. Academics. Service.

All Saints Academy prides itself on the spiritual, intellectual, and social development of our students. While most of these efforts take place during the school day, many times ASA extends its resources outside the classroom, benefiting not only our students, but the local community as well.

There are many ways in which our students are called to serve. For example, this winter, teams of students will be offering snow shoveling as a ministry to members of our four parishes. These hours of service will provide our students a chance to recognize that they can have a positive and lasting influence on our parish community.

Another way our students serve is through their work with the Helen DeVos Children's Hospital here in Grand Rapids. The eighth grade students have worked together to create and provide fun activities for patients. These activities include pet rock kits, puzzles, books, and other fun things for the children to do.

Our students also serve by making Christmas cards for seniors, singing at the St. Jude Senior Luncheon, collecting money for charities, donating to the St. Al's food and clothing pantry, making rosaries for the military, and painting bowls for the "Soup's On" fundraising event put on by Catholic Charities West Michigan. We are so blessed to have students who are truly making a difference!

Anne Harpold  
Principal

Michael Debri  
Assistant Principal

## Week at a Glance

Mon. Jan. 16, 2012  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day



Tue. Jan. 17, 2012  
MAP Testing

Wed. Jan. 18, 2012  
MS Mass, 8:30am (5B)  
EL Mass, 10:00am (4 - Brewer)  
MAP Testing (Make-up Day)



Thur. Jan. 19, 2012  
Little Red Riding Hood Performance, 9:00am  
Sunshine Church (K-2nd Grade)  
MAP Testing (Make-up Day)  
Booster Meeting, 7:00pm MS



Fri. Jan. 20, 2012  
MS ONLY Earned Jeans Day  
MAP Testing (Make-up Day)

## Home & School

### Eaglefest

The final numbers are in and Eaglefest raised over \$22,000 for the Home & School Association. Thank you to all of our ASA families for your support. Home & School supports educational enhancements such as field trips and bussing along with other opportunities that would otherwise not be possible. We look forward to Eaglefest 2012. Watch here for more information.

### Santa Shop "Wrap Up"

The Santa Shop was a huge hit with our students this year and we are already planning for next year. If you have any extra gift wrapping supplies and would like to donate them, please drop them off in either school office.

### Labels for Education

In our recent 'Fundraiser Survey', most parents told us that they like and support the *Labels for Education / Box Tops* fundraisers. We listened and are now soliciting your help with their latest promotion. This is one FANTASTIC deal!!!



In the January 8, 2012, Grand Rapids Sunday Press, "Smart Source" coupon booklet, there is a half page ad with a "100 Bonus Points Collection Sheet." **A Smart Source coupon booklet was also sent in the mail on Thursday, January 5.** So some households may have received two.

Please consider digging through your recycle bin and sending those sheets to school. There is space for attaching 5 UPC codes. If you have UPC codes to attach, that is wonderful and worth an additional 100 points. BUT... if you don't have UPC codes to attach, that is fine too. We have many extra UPC codes we can attach to your sheet for the extra credit. But we need your *Bonus Points Collection Sheet*.

Last year, our points purchased 2 nice quality band instruments; a clarinet and a flute. Our box tops, just this fall alone, netted over \$1600 in cash.

### Cash for Class Week at D & W and Family Fare

During the week of January 15, 2012 purchases made with your 'yes' card will automatically be credited to our account if you have linked your 'yes' card to ASA. If you have not yet linked your card, go to [www.myyesrewards.com](http://www.myyesrewards.com) and enter our school code 88030. ASA will receive a check for a percentage of all members' purchases during the week.

## Little Saints



### Save the Dates:

We will be hosting a Kindergarten information night for parents of incoming Kindergartners on **February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm** and a Preschool information night for parents of new Preschoolers on **March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**. Come and find out about our awesome early childhood programs. Child care will be provided on both nights. The meetings will take place at the Elementary building in the family center. Watch for more information coming soon! Pass on the news to your family, friends, and neighbors.

## Elementary ExPRESS



### Volunteers for Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week is Jan. 29th—Feb. 4th.

Just thinking ahead a little, volunteers will be needed for bowl painting and other activities. Please keep a look out in the newsletter for more information on days and times for volunteer opportunities.

## Middle Ground



### Weather Related Athletic Cancellations



The GRACEAC Hotline/weather cancellation phone number is 616-456-9563. In case of a concern about the weather and scheduled games, parents can call that number. Keep in mind GRACEAC serves schools from Holland to Parnell, from Wyoming to Ada, so road conditions can be different from area to area. Also, if school is cancelled on a Friday, a determination will be made for Saturday games depending on weather conditions on Saturday morning.

## Parish Connection

### ST ALPHONSUS: Blood Drive & Parish Breakfast

**Blood Drive:** Not all heroes wear capes. Please donate blood on **Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**, from 7:30am to 12:00pm at the St. Alphonsus Parish Center. Appointment preferred. Questions? Call AJ Setter at 913-4415. Free meal at the Parish Breakfast between 8:00am and 11:00am, for those who come to donate blood.

**Parish Breakfast:** Join us from 8:00am-11:00am on **Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>** for the first Parish Breakfast of the New Year! We will be serving our famous cinnamon rolls, eggs, bacon, fruit, coffee and juice. We look forward to seeing you there! Cost is \$6.50 for adults, \$3.00 for kids aged 4-10 and a family rate of \$16.00.

### ST. ISIDORE: 40th Annual Pancake Breakfast

**When: Sunday, January 29, 2012**

**Time: 7:30am—1:00pm,**

**Where: St. Isidore Parish Life Center (Gym)  
625 Spring Ave., NE**

Menu: Pancakes, Home-Made Potato Pancakes, Sausages, Scrambled Eggs, Orange & Apple Juice, Milk, Coffee  
Prices: Adults(13-61) \$6.00, Seniors (62 and up) \$5.50  
Children (5-12) \$3.50, (4 and under) Free,  
Family (immediate household) \$25.00

### ST. JUDE: First Communion Meeting

Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**. A mandatory meeting for all parents of St. Jude children making their First Holy Communion this spring has been scheduled for 6PM in the Brophy Center. If you are unable to attend or have any additional questions, please contact Janet DeBoe at the parish office, or [jldeboe@aol.com](mailto:jldeboe@aol.com).

## ASA Sports Boosters

### ASA fans!

The ASA Sports Facility at St. Isidore hosted the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Invitational Tournament this past week. After a thrilling last minute victory against cross town foe St. Anthony, the Eagles have found themselves in the finals against long time rival, St. Thomas. The championship game will take place this **Saturday at 12:45pm**. When you are done shoveling snow tomorrow morning make your way over to St. Isidore and help cheer our 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls to victory. This is a great opportunity to come together as a school community, eat some popcorn, and watch what promises to be an epic match between two great teams.



Go Eagles!

### Middle School Sports Families

This year ASA is hosting several basketball games. During these game days, we need many hands to help with clean up, set up and concessions. In an effort to include all families in the work schedule, we have assigned the middle school grades to different work days. The calendar for the upcoming week is as follows:

Date	Grade	Time	Location
1/19/12 Thursday	8th	5:00 - 8:30	St. Isidore
1/21/12 Saturday	6th	8:00 - 2:00	St. Isidore
1/23/12 Monday	7th	5:00 - 8:30	St. Isidore

Please contact Pete & Peg Gonzalez at 724-4539 or [peggygonzalez@sbcglobal.net](mailto:peggygonzalez@sbcglobal.net) if you are available to work. We will also send out email reminders to each assigned class a week or so before the scheduled games.

We are also looking for volunteers for our upcoming Texas Hold 'Em tournament **January 26 - 29 (Thursday - Sunday)** held at Westgate. Please let us know if you are willing to help!! Shifts available each night between 5 pm - 2 am.

### Next Available VIRTUS Classes:

Wednesday, February 1, 2012, 6:30pm, Holy Spirit  
Thursday, April 12, 2012, 9:00am, Cathedral Square



Next Jean/Color Day  
Friday, January 27th Both Campuses

## Around the Community

### Children's Free Dental Clinic

**When:** February 3, 2012  
8:00am - 1:00pm

**Where:** Frey Family Dentistry  
6220 Jupiter Ave  
Belmont MI 49306

On Friday, February 3, 2012, Dr. John Frey and the Frey Family Dentistry staff along with Dr. Laura Fogle, will be donating their time, skills and supplies necessary to provide FREE, complete oral exams, cleanings, fluoride, and preventive fillings (sealants) to children.

These services are being provided in conjunction with the "Give Kids a Smile Day" nationwide program designed to bring dentistry to underserved children who are not receiving regular dental care.

If you know a child who meets these criteria, please call Dr. Frey's office at 616-222-0202 for an appointment time.

### Northeastern Little League Sign up

Baseball and softball registration forms for Northeastern Little League are available in the school offices. Little League is for children from age 5 to age 16. Registration is also available online at [www.NELLgr.com](http://www.NELLgr.com). The deadline is February 3, 2012. For questions, call 635-8270 or 443-6530.

## High School News

2012 Shake Your Tail Feathers Dinner Dance  
Presented by the West Catholic Band Boosters

**50 Years of West Catholic**

**Celebrating the 50s**

50s music by "The Eschelons"

50/50 raffles, cash bar, chicken dinner

Reserved tickets \$25 at the door \$30

Saturday, January 28, 2012  
The Guest House 638 Stocking Ave. NW  
Cocktails at 6:00 - Dinner at 7:00

contact us at 453-7051 or e-mail [wbandboosters@gmail.com](mailto:wbandboosters@gmail.com)





