

January 27, 2012

From the Principal's Desk

Faith. Academics. Service.

What a perfect theme for this year's Catholic Schools Week. These three characteristics are what separates our schools from all the others. Although the window of the latest survey has yet to close, the overwhelming response to reasons for choosing ASA has to do with our students receiving an education that intertwines faith formation into daily academics.

While students truly live these words each and every day throughout the year, Catholic Schools Week allows the students to celebrate faith, academics, and service in a fun and different way.

Faith - Students this week will attend an all school Mass at St. Alphonsus, bussing over to the church instead of walking to their own campus church. They will participate in a "Mystery Saint" challenge where they will use clues about the life of a saint to identify the special person. At the end of the week, students will participate in a blessing of throats to honor the feast day of St. Blasé.

Academics - Although a fun and busy week for students, academics will continue to go on (sorry kids!) On Thursday, however, we will be giving the students at the Elementary a chance to "get up and move," playing songs several times throughout the day and allowing the students to wiggle and dance. A couple of our middle school teachers will be showing off their academic skills as Mr. Matlak and Mrs. Davidson square off in the staff spelling bee finals.

Service - On Monday, students will be painting bowls for next year's Soups On! Fundraiser for God's kitchen. These beautiful bowls are given to community members who attend the annual event at the B.O.B. Students will also be serving the community by making Valentine's Cards for nursing home and children's hospital patients.

Thank you once again for your sacrifices and commitment to Catholic education!

Anne Harpold
Principal

Michael Debri
Assistant Principal

ATTENTION PARENTS Change in Thursday Conferences Venue

All Thursday, February 9, 2012 conferences will be held at the Middle School Campus instead of the Elementary Campus
 (Conferences on Monday, February 6, will remain at both campus locations.)

In the past, the second night of conferences were held at the Elementary building. This time, **the Middle School Welcomes Elementary parents to their campus.** We look forward to having you visit the Middle School. Appointments for conferences will remain at the same time as they were originally scheduled. The only thing that changes is the location for the Thursday, Feb. 9th evening conferences.

Week at a Glance

Catholic Schools Week Celebrations

Mon. Jan. 30, 2012

EL—PJ day, **MS**—Slipper day (no PJ's)
 Mystery Saint of the Week begins
 Bowl Painting for Soup's On (3rd & 4th Grade)

Tue. Jan. 31, 2012

EL—Hat day, **MS**—Hat/Crazy Hair day
 3rd Grade to Cathedral for Catholic Schools Week Mass

Wed. Feb. 1, 2012

All School Mass, 10:00am at St. Alphonsus Church
 Activity: Valentines Card Making for nursing home/Children's Hospital
MS—staff/student basketball game, teacher spelling bee finals



Thurs. Feb. 2, 2012

EL—Get Up and Move/Jean & favorite team day
MS— Team spirit/Jean day



Fri. Feb. 3, 2012

Jean/Color Day, Both Campuses
EL—Movie and Popcorn day
 Blessing of the Throats Service, 1:00pm Blessed Sacrament

Sun. Feb. 5, 2012

Winterfest, sponsored by Home & School
 1:00pm - 4:00pm Diamond Campus



ASA Happenings

Specials Teachers' Conference Schedules

Eve Andrus - Monday at EL, Thursday at MS
Josh Doe— Thursday at MS only
Serapio Garza - Both Days
Deb Posthumus - Monday at EL only
Jackie Spreitzer - Monday 4—6pm at MS, 6-8pm at EL, Thursday at MS
Nicole Stoner—Monday at EL, Thursday at MS
Lynne Kloska – Available by appointment only
Becky Grady – Available Monday and Thursday for drop in or by appointment when not in scheduled conference
Mary Wysocki - Monday only at MS, unless there is bad weather, makeup on Thursday

PSAS Form for Financial Assistance Available Now!

For those of you who want to get ahead in your registration for next year, the PSAS form is now available for you to begin filling out. You may access the form on our website at www.allsaintsacademygr.org. The form can be accessed by clicking on the Enrollment tab at the top, right-hand side of the site and then clicking on the Enrollment Forms link on the left margin menu. Due to the required documentation that must be submitted with the form, you are unable to file the form electronically. You may however, print it and fill it out manually or save it to your computer to fill out electronically and then print it to mail with your required documentation. This form will be available in paper format with the 2012-2013 registration packets that will be handed out during conferences. The PSAS form must be postmarked by March 1, 2012. Remember that this form is necessary in order to receive any financial assistance including parish subsidy of tuition costs.

ONE VERY IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT THE FORM: You must place the correct All Saints Academy SCHOOL code (0551) in section C of the form, and the correct PARISH Code in sections A and B (if applicable.) Blessed Sacrament (1025), St. Al's (1032), St. Isidore (1035) or St. Jude (1038). If you fail to complete these codes, your application may be delayed or returned and financial aide may be adversely affected or denied. So, please be sure to place the correct codes in these fields. (Be sure **not** to use the All Saints Code listed under Parish codes, for this is for a Parish in Fremont not related to our school or parishes.) If you have any questions please contact Mary Bristol, ASA Business Manager at 364-9453.

Virtus Training

If you are considering volunteering your time and talents at ASA or any parish or school activity involving children, you are required to attend a session of VIRTUS training. Upcoming dates and locations are listed below. Please register online at www.virtus.org and choose *Registration* at the left. If you need assistance with registration, please call either of the school offices.

2-1-12	6:30 PM	Holy Spirit (Grand Rapids)
2-4-12	10:00 AM	Christ the King (Howard City)
2-11-12	9:00 AM	St Mary Magdalen (Kentwood)
2-13-12	6:30 PM	St. Alphonsus (Grand Rapids)
2-25-12	9:00 AM	St. Alphonsus (Grand Rapids)

Little Saints

What a privilege it is to receive an awesome Catholic education here at ASA! In honor of Catholic Schools Week, the Preschool classrooms will be participating in many of the school wide activities already mentioned in this week's newsletter. Your child's Preschool teacher sent home next week's agenda with your child. We just want to remind everyone that Monday is pajama day (Tuesday for the 3 year old class.). If your child is reluctant to wear their pajamas, feel free to send them in their backpack. Sometimes when they see that their classmates are wearing them, they will want to wear them too.

Elementary EXPRESS

Lost and Found Parent Items

Earlier this week a **cell phone** was found on the playground bench. If you are missing a phone, please stop by or call the school office.

Friday morning we also found a **car charger for a cell phone** that we believe was inadvertently dragged from a car during drop off, probably by a backpack. If either of these items could be yours, please contact the Elementary office at 364-9453 to identify.

4th Grade Ski/Snowboard Trip a Success

Thanks to all of the 4th grade parents and Mr. Fournier for helping with the ski/snowboard day at Cannonsburg. Great day! Lots of fun!

Middle Ground

Uniforms Needed

Occasionally, we need used uniforms in the office for accidents that happen during the day. Last year we requested large sizes. And that request was filled. This year, we seem to need smaller sizes. If you have boys uniform clothing, you are not using in shirt sizes 10, 12, 14, or Youth Large and boys pants, sizes 10-12-14, it would be very helpful.

Join the "Brain Trust" - Help our Team!

Do you have interests or talents in any area of the Science, Engineering or Skilled Trade fields that you could share with our Science Olympiad Team in building contraptions or keeping heat? No? Well, perhaps you are an amateur Meteorologist, Orienteer, or Naturalist? Do you have a mania for Microbes or the Food sciences? If so, we could use technical assistance in all the above areas! Please email Mrs. Davidson or Mrs. Rowland to see how you can help our team. (Note: Those working with students within our school building must be Virtus trained. See other areas of this Newsletter for upcoming training opportunities, including one February 1st at Holy Spirit.)

We hope you can help! Thank you!!!!!!

The MS office will be closed on Wednesday morning from 9:00-11:30 for the Catholic Schools Week Mass.

Home & School

Volunteers Needed! ASA Winterfest

The Home and School Association will be hosting "Winterfest" on Sunday Feb 5th from 1-4 pm at the ES Campus. We'll have sledding, a snowperson making contest, and other fun outdoor activities. Then everyone can come inside to warm up with some chili, hot dogs, hot chocolate and dessert. This event is FREE and open to all ASA families. This is a family event and parents will be expected to supervise their children, especially outdoors on the sledding hill! We will also be having a 50/50 raffle with tickets 1 for \$1, 6 for \$5 and an arm's length for \$20.

Things to note:

* We still need a few more volunteers to help out at the event

* Desserts needed! If you like to bake, we are accepting dessert donations!

* We will have hotdogs and homemade chili, so we'd like an idea of how much to make. Please RSVP by Wed 2/1 to either school office or to Pat or Christine if you are able to come!

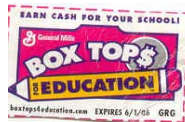
To volunteer or ask questions, please contact Pat Burgess at patburgess73@gmail.com or Christine Jarecki at jmjarecki@sbcglobal.net.

Home and School Candy Sale

The candy sale will run from **February 6th—February 21st**. Please remember to turn in your forms if you would like to participate. The forms can be found in last week's newsletter or you can get a copy in either school office. Forms are due by Friday, Feb. 3rd and candy will be available for families to pick up at Winterfest on Feb. 5th.

Box Tops for Education Contest

The Box Tops contest is really flying. If you have any box tops, or Bonus Point sheets, PLEASE send them in. Be sure to label the envelope or baggie with your student's name and homeroom teacher's name so the correct homeroom gets credit. The challenge is on!!!



Contest Update

Elementary as of Tuesday, Jan. 24.

Mrs. Schneider's 2nd grade class is in the lead with 463 points per student.

Middle School as of Wednesday, Jan. 26.

Mrs. Livingston's 6th grade class is now leading with an average of 570 points per student.

Any Box Tops turned in after these dates are in process of being counted and updated. Look for your class standings on the posterboard in the entrance of the school.

To see a full list of products with Box Top credits, check out these websites. <http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/clip/Brands.aspx> and <http://www.labelsforeducation.com/How-to-Earn/Participating-Products>.

Parish Connection

ST. JUDE: First Communion Meeting

Sunday, January 29th, 2012

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.

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



Catholic Schools Week
January 29 - February 4

Faith Academics Service

High School News

2012 Shake Your Tail Feathers Dinner Dance

Presented by the West Catholic Band Boosters, the Shake Your Tail Feathers Dinner Dance will be celebrating 50 Years of West Catholic with their theme "Celebrating the 50's." There will be 50's music by "The Eschelons", 50/50 raffles, cash bar and a chicken dinner. The dance will take place on **Saturday, January 28, 2012** at The Guest House, 638 Stocking Ave. NW, cocktails at 6:00pm, Dinner at 7:00pm. Tickets are still available and the cost is \$30.00 at the door. Please contact Deb at 453-7051 or email wcbandboosters@gmail.com with any questions.



Calling All 8th Grade Football Players

The West Catholic Football Staff will be conducting evening workouts for all interested eighth grade boys beginning January 30th from 6-8pm. Workouts will be every Monday-Wednesday at West Catholic. Contact Chris Abid christopherabid@gcss.org or Dan Rohn danrohn@gcss.org with any questions. We look forward to seeing you there!



First Grade Scientists in the Spotlight

SCIENTIST OWEN

The weather was scary in first grade Tuesday! A giant swirling wind filled the room ... well, a bottle in the room, anyway! Owen demonstrated the action of a cyclone by recycling large plastic bottles and gluing them together. By swirling the water in the bottles around, Owen created a vortex, or tornado spiral, as air and water moved through the opening of the bottle. Gravity is the force that pulls the liquid into the hole and a continuous vortex develops. Whirling job, Owen!!



SCIENTIST LIBERTY

Liberty recycled, too! She took yucky, dirty pennies and made them look like new! Liberty took advantage of the acidic properties of vinegar to remove the naturally occurring copper oxide build up. To move the oxide atoms, Liberty added a bolt to the cleaning solution ... the copper oxide actually clung to the bolt. Way to clean up, Liberty!



Both scientists were not only thinking about the world around them scientifically, they were being contentious to clean up the beautiful gift God gave us: Earth.

SCIENTIST MORGAN

Can you believe that you can inflate a balloon with just a balloon, a bottle, vinegar and baking soda? Well you can! Scientist Morgan showed us that by putting vinegar in a bottle and placing a balloon full of baking soda over the bottle it is possible. When the baking soda falls out of the balloon and into the bottle full of vinegar a chemical reaction occurs and this creates carbon dioxide. The carbon dioxide then inflates the balloon. Great Job Morgan!



SCIENTIST JACK

Does an orange float? Scientist Jack taught us that the answer to this question is both yes and no. First, Jack put an orange in a bowl of water that was not peeled—this orange floated. Next Jack put an orange that had been peeled in the same bowl of water—that orange sank. Jack taught us that the orange that was not peeled floated because there were air bubbles in the orange's skin that helped it float. Way to go Jack!



Let's Have Fun with Reading

Elizabeth M. is one of our outstanding third graders who was asked to come up with a way to help our younger students get more interested in reading. She decided to "dress the part" while reading an Audrey Wood book to the 1st graders. What a great idea to dress up in character to get those students excited about reading. Great Job Elizabeth!



Outstanding December Bucket Fillers

The following students have been noticed for filling the buckets of others with kind actions and words throughout the month of December:

Nickolas B., Ashlyn D., Christian F., Olivia O., Jake S., Jacob P., Monica H., Luis B., Jacob H., Stephanie B., Gio A., Emma D., Quinlan K., Quinn M., Emily M., Malaki P., Max P., Hannah K., Lizzie H., Maddy B., Bridget F., Andrew A., Cyprian O. and Tori V.



Saints Corner

St. Jerome

Feast Day: September 30

Adopted by Mrs. Kozminski and Mrs. Grady in the Library

St. Jerome, priest and doctor (345-420)

Patron of Scripture scholars, librarians and students

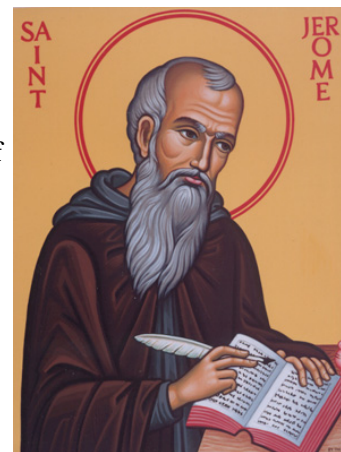
Jerome was known for his fiery spirit and bad temper, but his love for God and Jesus Christ was intense. He was a scripture scholar and a master of many languages, translating the Old Testament from Hebrew and the New Testament from Greek. This translation of the Bible into Latin, the language of that day, was done by hand and took him over thirty years. He also wrote commentaries, which are a great source of inspiration for us today.

Dear God,

We thank you for the many talents you have blessed us with. May we share the zeal of St. Jerome for your gospel, so that others may come to know Jesus and about his love.

God, give us the strength to keep doing the work of your saints and the perseverance to make your work our priority.

Amen



FOOD FUN

2012

February Elementary Lunch Calendar



MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
Lunch \$ 2.20 Reduced \$.40 Milk \$.50				1 A. Chicken Patty on a Bun B. Bosco Sticks Tossed Salad Diced Pears Milk or Juice		2 A. Cheese Quesadilla B. Bosco Sticks Veggies & Dip Fruit Cocktail Milk or Juice		3 A. Beef Ravioli w/ Garlic Toast B. Bosco Sticks Green Beans Diced Peaches Milk or Juice	
6 A. Pepperoni Pizza B. Hot Dog Carrot Coins Applesauce Milk or Juice		7 A. Chicken Nuggets w/ Mash Potatoes & Gravy B. Hot Dog Orange Smiley's Milk or Juice		8 A. Breadsticks w/ Meat Sauce B Hot Dog Corn Fruit Cocktail Milk or Juice		9 A. Nacho's Supreme B. Hot Dog Milk or Juice		10 A. Chicken Crisпитos B. Hot Dog Diced Pears Milk or Juice	
13 A. Bosco Sticks B. Corn Dog Steamed Broccoli Diced Peaches Milk or Juice		14 A. Chicken Fries w/ Mash Potatoes & Gravy B. Corn Dog Sliced Pears Milk or Juice Valentine's Day		15 A. Hot Ham & Cheese Sub w/ Smiley Fries B. Corn Dog Mandarin oranges Milk or Juice		16 1/2 Day Of School!!		17 Mid Winter Break... No School!!!	
20 A. Stuffed Crust Sausage Pizza B. Pizza Pocket Carrot Coins Applesauce Milk or Juice President's Day		21 A. Chicken Tenders w/ Fries B. Pizza Pocket Fruit Cocktail Milk or Juice		22 A. Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup B. Mac & Cheese Fresh Fruit Milk or Juice Ash Wednesday		23 A. French Toast, Sausage, Hash Browns B. Pizza Pocket Warm Apple Slices Milk or Juice		24 A. Cheese Pizza B. Mac & Cheese w/ Breadstick Sweet Peas Diced Pears Milk or Juice Lent	
27 A. Pepperoni Pizza B. Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich Veggies & Dip Sliced Pears Milk or Juice		28 A. Popcorn Chicken w/ Mash Potatoes & Gravy B. Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich Fruit Cocktail Milk or Juice		29 A. Taco Bar B. Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich Sliced Peaches Milk or Juice					

More Info...

Don't Forget our C & D Choices!

C. Salad Bar w/ PB & J

D. Healthy Choice: Turkey & Ham Slices, Crackers, Boiled Egg, Yogurt, Muffins, Carrot



Menus are subject to change without notice.

All Saints Academy Elementary-Lunch

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2012

February

Middle School Lunch



MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		
Lunch: \$ 2.20 Reduced: \$.40 Milk: \$.50				1 A. Mini Corn Dogs w/ Mac & Cheese B. Chicken Patty Green Beans Sliced Pears Milk or Juice		2 A. Chicken Nuggets w/ Mash Potatoes & Gravy B. Chicken Patty Fruit Cocktail Milk or Juice		3 A. Rotini w/ Meat Sauce & Garlic Toast B. Chicken Patty Steamed Broccoli Sliced Peaches Milk or Juice		<p>More Info...</p> <p>Don't Forget our C & D Choices!</p> <p>C. Salad Bar w/ PB & J</p> <p>D. Healthy Choice: Turkey & Ham Slices, Crackers, Boiled Egg, Yogurt, Muffins, Carrot</p> 
6 A. Sloppy Joe B. Corn Dog Veggies & Dip Applesauce Milk or Juice		7 A. Tony's Pizza B. Corn Dog Tossed Salad Mandarin Oranges Milk or Juice		8 A. Nacho's Supreme B. Corn Dog Diced Pears Milk or Juice		9 A. Popcorn Chicken w/ Mash Potatoes & Gravy B. Corn Dog Fruit Cocktail Milk or Juice		10 A. Chili Cheese Fries B. Corn Dog Cucumber Coins & Dip Diced Peaches Milk or Juice		
13 A. Chicken Patty B. Cheeseburger Hash Browns Warm Apple Slices Milk or Juice		14 A. Stuffed Crust Pizza B. Turkey Wrap Veggies & Dip Fresh Fruit Milk or Juice Valentine's Day		15 A. Kaiser bun with Cold Ham & Cheese B. Turkey Wrap Corn Sliced Peaches Milk or Juice		16 1/2 Day Of School!		17 Mid Winter Break!!! No School!!!		
20 A. BBQ Rib Sandwich B. Turkey Wrap Oven Fries Sliced Pears Milk or Juice		21 A. Pepperoni Bosco sticks B. Turkey Wrap Tossed Salad Fruit Cocktail Milk or Juice		22 A. Mac & Cheese B. Cheese Pizza Green Beans Applesauce Milk or Juice Ash Wednesday		23 A. Chicken Tenders B. Turkey Wrap Tater Tots Sliced Peaches Milk or Juice		24 A. Cheese Bosco Sticks B. Tuna Fish Sandwich Veggies & Dip Fresh Fruit Milk or Juice Lent		
27 A. French Toast sticks, Sausage & Hash Browns B. Hot Dog Cinnamon Apple Slices Milk or Juice		28 A. Slice of Pizza B. Hot Dog Tossed Salad Fruit Cocktail Milk or Juice		29 A. Tostada B. Hot Dog Spanish Rice Diced Pears Milk or Juice						

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All Saints MS-Lunch

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FEBRUARY 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:00 CSW Mass (St Als) 6:30 VIRTUS Holy Spirit	2	3 Report Cards go Home	4
C a t h o l i c S c h o o l s W e e k						
5 1:00 Winterfest Party (EL campus) FREE	6 5-8 Conferences (both campuses) Candy Sale begins	7 7:00 H&S Mtg (MS Lib)	8 8:30 MS Mass(5M) 10:00 EL Mass(3P) H & S Mtg (EL)	9 5-8 EL & MS Conferences NEW LOCATION (MS campus only)	10	11 9:00 AM VIRTUS – St Mary Magdalen
S c h o l a s t i c & B i s h o p B a r a g a B o o k F a i r						
12	13 6:30 VIRTUS St Alphonsus	14 Valentines Day Pink, Red Jeans Day	15 8:30 MS Mass(6) 10:00 EL Mass(2L)	16 11:30 Dismissal ½ Day 7:00 Boosters Mtg (MS)	17 No School – Midwinter Break	18
B o o k F a i r e n d s 9:00 A M W e d n e s d a y , F e b r u a r y 15						
19	20 Presidents Day	21 Ice Cream Float Sale Kdgn Info Night Candy Sale ends	22 Ash Wed 8:30 MS Mass(7) 10:00 EL Mass(2S)	23	24 Color/Jeans Day Box Tops Contest Ends Last day for \$75 Registration fee	25 Last Sat of League games 9:00 VIRTUS St Alphonsus
26	27 City League finals begin	28	29 8:30 MS Mass(8) 10:00 EL Mass(4B)	For up-to-date Calendar info, logon to our website www.allsaintsacademygr.org Click the <i>ASA Calendar</i> link at the left.		

Dear Parents and Families:

Reading is the most important skill you can teach a child. Of all the skills children learn, it is the one you can influence the most.

We invite you to visit our **Bishop Baraga** / Scholastic Book Fair and experience a celebration of reading that provides families the opportunity to get involved in a universal mission: *encouraging kids to read every day so they can lead better lives.*

Our Scholastic Book Fair theme – **IT'S A READING CELEBRATION!** – is a reading event that brings to school a wonderful selection of fun, engaging, and affordable books kids want to read. Giving kids access to good books and the opportunity to choose their own books will motivate them to read more. And like most acquired skills, the more kids practice reading, the better they'll get.

Reading is vital to every child's success, and raising kids as readers means getting involved while they're young. Now is the time. Since there will never be a substitute for a parent's direct involvement in his/her child's education, please make plans to visit our Book Fair. Hope to see you there!

Book Fair Dates: February 5th-15th. **AT THE ELEMENTARY BUILDING LIBRARY**
Shopping Hours: 7:45-4:00 M-F and February 6th from 6-8pm (conference times)
Special Events: WINTERFEST Sunday February 5th from 1-4

In an effort to NOT break up the instructional day, students will be visiting the Book Fair only during their scheduled library times.

Students may visit the Book Fair before (doors open at 7:45); and after school (until all are served); and during lunch recess time, with parent's permission. **PLEASE SEND BOOK FAIR MONEY IN AN ENVELOPE OR BAGGIE MARKED BOOK FAIR WITH CHILD'S NAME, THE AMOUNT OF MONEY AND YOUR SIGNED PERMISSION.**

Parents may shop at anytime!

If you're all booked up during Book Fair week (or just want to keep shopping), be sure to visit the Book Fair online at www.scholastic.com/schoolbookfairs. The online Book Fair is available for an extended time from [Jan 30, 2012] to [Feb 19, 2012].

- Find an expanded selection of books for the whole family—preschool to adults
- Share your Book Fair with family and friends by sending wish lists or eCards
- All orders ship to school for FREE and each purchase benefits our school

Sincerely,

Michael Debri
Assistant Principal

P.S. Middle School Book Fair coming, late February-early March