

INFANT JESUS SCHOOL



April 13, 2010

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Dear Parents,

April has arrived and brought us some glorious spring weather. We hope you had a joyous Easter celebration with your family and friends!

It's time to relax and take some time to read about all the great things happening at our school. Remember to place all of our special events on your calendars!

YOUNG INVENTORS' UPDATE

A job well done to ALL our inventors who participated in the IJS Young Inventors' Program which took place on Friday, March 5th! Thank you to all of the parents who helped with the judging. This event would not have been possible if it weren't for you!

Congratulations to our first place winners: **Sarah Ward (3C), Harshitha Janardan (4L), Noah Valdez (5B), and**

Nathan Hale (6A). These students advanced to the state competition which was held on Saturday, April 3rd. At this competition, **Sarah Ward's invention received the "Special Needs Award"** and **Noah Valdez's invention received the "Environmental Award"**. Congratulations Sarah and Noah!

All of our students did a fantastic job of representing our school at this competition. We're so proud of you!

2010 LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE COMPETITION

The Reading Enrichment students in grades 4 through 6 recently participated in the 2010 Letters about Literature Competition. The students were asked to write a personal letter to an author, explaining how his or her work shaped their perspective on the world or themselves. Students could write about works of fiction, nonfiction, or poetry. Letter writers competed at three levels: Level 1 (grades 4-6); Level 2 (grades 7-8); and Level 3 (grades 9-12). One letter from each level from each state will be entered into the national competition.

We're pleased to report that **Kristin Chan (5B)** was selected as one of 47 state semi-finalists from 684 entries received from New Hampshire students. Kristin's letter to Judy Blume about her book *Deenie* was then passed along with other Level 1 semi-finalists to a set of judges in New Hampshire who then selected it as the winning letter for our state! **Kristin's letter has now been sent on to represent NH in the national 2010 Letters about Literature competition!**

Congratulations and good luck Kristin! We are so proud of you! All of the students did a wonderful job writing their letters!

2010 YOUNG AMERICAN POETRY DIGEST

Mrs. Dalton's 3rd grade class participated in a poetry writing contest. Mrs. Dalton then chose 3 poems to submit to the National Schools Project. This program is designed to share youths' talents with others, supply a national audience for student writing, and provide a publishing opportunity for young poets. Schools around the nation are invited to participate in the project by submitting their students' poetry. A panel of educators reviews the poetry submitted and selects poems to be published based on a list of literary criteria. The authors of the selected poems are notified individually and their poems are published in the *Young American Poetry Digest*.

We're proud to announce that **Ava Akatyszewski, Ava Smigliani, and Viankah Williams** have been notified that their poems will be published in the 2010 Edition of the *Young American Poetry Digest*.

Congratulations girls! We're very proud of you. Thank you to all of Mrs. Dalton's students who participated in the poetry writing contest!

JUNIOR NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE

Congratulations to **Roviel Arquiza (6A)** who represented the state at the Junior National Young Leaders Conference from March 27 – April 1st in Washington D.C. Roviel was nominated by Mrs. Hebert for his academic achievement and strong leadership potential.

The aim of the conference was to inspire students to recognize their leadership skills with a new confidence and to exercise positive influences in their communities. Scholars took part in educational activities, visited memorials, learned about historic periods of American history, and gained a view of American democracy, as well as the responsibilities of being a leader.

Congratulations on this outstanding achievement Roviel!

FUEL UP TO PLAY 60

Congratulations to our students! As mentioned in the March 25th email Buzz, **Infant Jesus School has been selected as the Grand Prize Winner of New England Dairy and Food Council's Fuel Up to Play 60 Statewide Tracking Competition!**

Our school will receive a "HOPSports" Multi-Media Fitness Assembly that will entertain and help children get fit while promoting nutrition on the big screen. Students will move and groove to a variety of activities such as Pilates, kickboxing, dance aerobics, mixed circuits, and more. All activities are led by celebrity coaches and appeal to children of all skill levels. **We're in the process of finalizing a date in May for this big event.** Once we have a confirmed date, we will let you know. **Thanks to all the parents who supported their children in this great competition.**

A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Cusack and Mrs. Litch for all of their hard work in organizing this great program.

NASHUA SOUP KITCHEN RUN/WALK THANK YOU

The IJS faculty and staff members who participated in the **Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter Run/Walk** on Sunday, April 11th would like to thank all of the students, parents,

friends, and family for their generous donations!

You helped us raise over \$1300.00 for this wonderful charity! We really appreciated your generosity and support. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

SKI CLUB AT IJS?

Are you interested in an IJS Ski Club next year? **Look for our survey which will be included in an email later this month!**

REQUEST FOR FIRST COMMUNION INFO

Many of our second graders will be making their "First Communion" in their local parishes soon. Annually, at the end of May or beginning of June, we have a special liturgy celebrating this wonderful sacrament with the children.

If your child is making or has already made his/her First Communion this year, please send a note indicating the date and the name of the parish where the ceremony will take place to Mrs. Southern, by Monday, April 19th. You may also send an email to: southern@ijschool.org or call the school office at 889-2649.

We will then be able to reserve a day and time for our special school liturgy. Once we have a date, we will notify you with all the details. Thank you.

REPORT CARDS

Grades closed for the third quarter marking period on Friday, April 9th. The teachers are in the process of preparing the report cards to send to me, and **they will be distributed during the week of April 19th.**

IJS RESTAURANT EVENT: MEENA'S KITCHEN

Our next IJS Restaurant FUNdraising event will be held at **Meena's Kitchen (Authentic Indian Vegetarian Cuisine)** located at 113 West Pearl Street in Nashua **tonight, April 13th through Saturday, April 17th.**

Meena's Kitchen will donate 15% percent of all IJS "eat in" or "take home" food sales to our school.

Coupons were included in last month's shuttle. If you are in need of a coupon, please contact the school office. You can also print the coupon from our web site: www.ijschool.org.

The Parent Group received a check from Shorty's for **\$121.69** from our February Restaurant Event!

Please come out and support us!

SPRING PORTRAITS & 6th GRADE GRADUATION PHOTOS

Lifetouch Studio, our school photographer, is offering spring portraits once again this year. Lifetouch photographers will be at IJS on **Thursday, April 15th.** **Only students who are being photographed will have a no uniform day.**

Please see the "Pose Selection Form" included in today's shuttle. If you choose to have your child photographed, you must complete this form and send it in on Thursday, April 15th.

Lifetouch will also be photographing the **6th grade students** for graduation pictures on this same day. **A letter to the 6th grade parents has been included in this shuttle along with a graduation photo flyer.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the school office! Thank you.

DRAMA CLUB SPRING PLAY

Please join us in the school cafeteria for the IJS Drama Club presentation "**Humpty-Dumpty Is Missing!**"

Performances will be held on **Friday, April 16th at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 17th at 1:00 p.m.**

The doors will open one half hour before each performance, and tickets (\$3.00 per person) will be sold at that time.

Flowers (\$2.00) will be available for sale on **Friday night only**. Popcorn (\$1.00) and water (\$1.00) will be for sale **both dates**. Order forms for DVDs (\$10.00) will be available at both shows also.

OPERA IN THE CAFÉ

This is a music enrichment for our students scheduled by Mrs. Yetto which will be held in the cafeteria from **1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 21st**. The enrichment will include the performance of a short operetta with an explanation of what opera is all about. **Please feel free to join us!**

BARNES & NOBLE BOOK FAIR

Infant Jesus School will be holding a book fair at Barnes & Noble Bookstore, D.W. Highway South, in Nashua on **Wednesday, April 21st**. Representatives of our school will be at Barnes & Noble beginning at 6:00 p.m. However, **vouchers may be used throughout the day**.

New this year: Purchases may also be made on line or by phone anywhere in the United States, using the Infant Jesus School book fair **ID number: 10135770** as seen on the voucher. **Please be sure to tell your friends and family about the fair!**

Join us as Mrs. LaFleur, our principal, reads to the children

at 6:15 p.m. Our IJS Chorus will be performing at 6:30 p.m.

We'll also have a "Wish List" table to kick off our "100 Books for 100 Years" program. People wishing to donate a book from our Wish List may do so that evening, and a special book plate noting the donation will be placed inside the book. If the book you are looking to donate is not available in the store on April 21st, you may order it and pay for it that day. The school will still be credited for the sale. This is a wonderful opportunity for you, your family, and your friends to help with updating our library collection!

Please see the flyer and vouchers included in today's shuttle envelope.

***** You can also go to the front page of our website to download a copy of the voucher! *****

SPIRIT DAY

Friday, April 23rd is School Color/School Spirit Day for our students. This is a no uniform day and the students may wear clothes representing our school colors: blue and white. IJS Spirit Wear is also allowed! Please be sure that your child's attire is appropriate for school.

SPRING RECESS

School will be closed for Spring Recess from **Monday, April**

26th through Friday, April 30th. Have a wonderful and safe time with your families.

WARM WEATHER UNIFORMS

On **Monday, May 3rd**, the students are free to begin wearing their **uniform shorts**.

No shorts, other than uniform shorts, will be allowed. Gym shorts are to be worn on **gym days only**. Thank you for your cooperation!

NASHUA CATHOLIC SPRING OPEN HOUSE

Nashua Catholic Junior High, Infant Jesus, and Saint Christopher Schools will hold an Open House Night primarily for 5th grade students and parents on **Thursday, May 6th from 6:30 – 8:00 pm**.

The evening will highlight the curriculum and opportunities for students from elementary through 8th grade in the Diocesan Catholic school system. Teachers, staff, and students from the three schools will be on hand to answer your questions. Tours of Nashua Catholic Junior High School will also be available. Come see the difference that Catholic schools can make!

The Open House will be held at Nashua Catholic Regional Junior High School, 6 Bartlett Avenue, Nashua, NH. **For further information, please call 882-7011.**

NASHUA CATHOLIC SCHOOL PLAY

It's a noun! It's a bill! It's a play about school! Come see **Schoolhouse Rock Live** at Nashua Catholic Regional Junior High School on **Friday, May 7th at 7:30 p.m. or Saturday, May 8th at 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.** Hear the students show Teacher Tom the proper way to teach school. This entertaining play is appropriate for children and adults of all ages! **This year's cast at Wildcat Theater stars many former members of the IJS Drama Club.** Special rows have been set aside so that IJS families may sit together.

Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students. **You may send cash or checks made payable to NCRJHS into the IJS school office, and your tickets will be sent home to you the next day.**

NASHUA CATHOLIC PLACEMENT TESTING

The Nashua Catholic Placement Test for all **newly** 2010-2011 registered students in both 7th and 8th grade will take place on **Saturday, May 8th. Students should be in the cafeteria by 8:30 a.m.**

Parents of new students taking the placement test will be invited to attend a **"Beginnings at Nashua Catholic: Parent Orientation"**. Coffee will be served at 8:30 a.m. with the program starting at 9:00 a.m. Both events will wrap up by 11:15 a.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Nashua Catholic Junior High at 882-7011

ASCENSION LITURGY

On **Thursday, May 13th** we will celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. The liturgy will be at **9:30 a.m.** at Infant Jesus Church. Fr. Pierre Baker, our pastor, will be our celebrant. **Both 3rd grade classes** will help prepare this liturgy for us. **Please join us.**

6th GRADE PROJECT SAFEGUARD

The 6th grade Project Safeguard workshop will take place on Tuesday, May 18th at Rivier College. *At least one parent must attend Project Safeguard with their child.*

An information packet was sent home with the 6th grade students on Wednesday, April 7th. **The selection sheets are due back by this Friday, April 16th.** Please call the school office if you have any questions. Thank you!

MEMORIAL DAY

There will be **no school** on **Monday, May 31st** in observance of this holiday.

OLYMPIC DAY

Olympic Day for has been scheduled for **Monday, June 7th** with a **rain date of**

Tuesday, June 8th. This is an early release day for our students. **Please mark your calendars.** Additional information will be provided in next month's newsletter.

SPRING CONCERT GRADES K-6

The Spring Concert for **grades K-6** will be held on **Wednesday, June 16th at 7:00 p.m.** **Please mark your calendars.**

Additional information will be provided in next month's newsletter.

6th GRADE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL & GRADUATION

The last day of school for the 6th grade is **Friday, June 18th** and it will be a full day.

Graduation has been set for **Friday, June 18th at 6:30 pm** at Blessed John XXIII Parish at Infant Jesus Church.

GRADES K-5 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Our last day of school for grades K-5 will be on **Tuesday, June 22nd.** **This will be an early release day at 12:30 for our students!**

WILDCAT BASKETBALL SCHOOL

The Athletic Department of

Nashua Catholic Junior High School will be running their awesome basketball camp once again this summer. Students attending Infant Jesus School and St. Christopher School will be given first priority.

The week of June 28th - July 2nd will be for **boys and girls** who are entering **grades 3-4** as of the **2010-2011** school year.

The week of July 12th - July 16th will be for **girls** who are entering **grades 5-8** as of the **2010-2011** school year.

The week of July 19th - July 23rd will be for **boys** who are entering **grades 5-8** as of the **2010-2011** school year.

Applications are now available in the IJS school office. For more information please call Nashua Catholic at 882-7011.

NASHUA CATHOLIC SUMMER STARS PROGRAMS

Summer will be here sooner than you think! Nashua Catholic is looking forward to their 7th annual Summer Stars Enrichment Program. This year they have four new and exciting courses! There are course offerings in academics, music, and art. **Current and incoming Nashua Catholic students may register immediately.** *They will be opening registration to the public on April 15th.*

Check out the Nashua Catholic web site at:

www.ncrjhs.org/summer_programs.htm

Don't miss out on a great summer at Nashua Catholic!

NASHUA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT SUMMER CAMPS & CLINICS

We currently have several applications for 2010 Boys and Girls Summer Camps and Clinics sponsored by the Nashua Parks and Recreation Department. Some of the many offerings include: Volleyball, Baseball Clinics, Boys & Girls Lacrosse, Boys & Girls Basketball, Cheerleading, Field Hockey, Football, Track and Field, Tennis Lessons, Skateboarding Clinics, and Summer Theater Camps. Please call or send a note into the school office requesting applications. You can also visit the Parks and Recreation website at: www.gonashua.com.

*****PLEASE USE*** OUR IJS GIFT CARD PROGRAM!**

It's difficult to believe that it's already April! Mother's Day, Father's Day, and graduations will be here before we know it! Are you looking for some great gift ideas for these special occasions or perhaps for a birthday/anniversary celebration? Or, you might want to plan ahead and stock up for the upcoming summer months. *How about buying*

some gift cards from our IJS Gift Card Program?

Our profit so far this year is: **\$1,137.57!**

If you are in need of an enrollment form or an additional order form, please contact the school office. **You can also find these forms on our school web site: www.ijschool.org.**

Just a reminder: our gift card orders are placed on Thursdays and the gift cards are sent home the following Wednesday. So please plan ahead!

Thank you so much to all the families that use this program for your continued support!

PAPER RETRIEVER RECYCLING NEWS

Did you know that April 22nd is the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day? Let's do our part by making everyday a recycling day! Just bring your recyclable papers to the green and yellow Paper Retriever bins in the Infant Jesus or St. John (Hudson) parking lots. You'll be helping the environment and raising money for Infant Jesus School! The more paper we collect, the more money we can earn!

Please consider helping our environment and our school by recycling. A great big thank you to all of our families who are using this program!

CURRENT FUNDRAISERS

This is a list of the fundraisers which are currently underway at IJS.

Hannaford Gift Card Program (all year)

IJS Gift Card Program (all year)

Target Take Charge of Education (all year)

Cartridge World ink cartridge recycling (all year)

Paper recycling (all year)

UPCOMING SHUTTLE DATES

Tuesday, May 11th

Tuesday, June 8th

IN CLOSING...

Thank you once again for taking time to read all the information in this shuttle. It's important for you to stay informed and we appreciate your time. Remember to mark your calendars with all of the important dates and happenings mentioned in this month's newsletter.

It's difficult to believe that spring recess is just a few weeks away. I hope that you'll be able to spend some special time relaxing and rejuvenating with your children. The end of the school year will be here before we know it!

Thank you for all you do for Infant Jesus School. We

appreciate your dedication and support!

A prayer for the Easter Season:

*Lord,
the resurrection of Your Son
has given us new life and
renewed hope.*

*Help us to live as new people
in pursuit of the Christian
ideal.*

*Grant us wisdom to know what
we must do, the will to want to
do it, the courage to undertake
it, the perseverance to continue
to do it, and the strength to
complete it.*

*New Saint Joseph People's Prayer
Book*

God Bless,

Mrs. LaFleur



