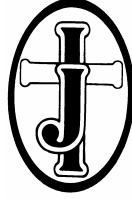


INFANT JESUS SCHOOL



February 9, 2010

Important Dates:

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Dear Parents,

I'm happy to share positive news about our January 31st Open House. We had a great turn out! Many of the families mentioned how much they enjoyed the school and commented on how welcomed they felt. Our student ambassadors did a fine job as representatives of IJS. Several prospective families praised the students and told us how much they enjoyed their tours. I'm very appreciative of the time our teachers, staff, and volunteers donated for this Open House. Their presence made a great impression and our Book Fair was a welcome addition to the day!

Catholic Schools Week was busy and filled with special events. We helped celebrate the "Dividends for Life" that a catholic school education helps

provide for our students: faith, knowledge, morals, and discipline. It was a pleasure to see so many of you at the activities during the week. Thank you for joining us. Your commitment to Catholic education is an inspiration to us. We're honored to have the privilege of educating your children. There is no better way to invest in a child's future!

We'd also like to thank you for your help with re-registration. Your cooperation is extremely important for our budget process. Re-registration is a vital part of this process and setting next year's tuition rate.

2010 SPELLING BEE
GRADES 4 - 6

Congratulations to Timothy Martin (5B) for winning the 2010 Infant Jesus School Spelling Bee which was held on Tuesday, January 12th. Thirty students from grades 4 – 6 participated in the spelling bee which lasted over an hour.

Congratulations also go out to Sindhu Donepudi (5A) who is this year's runner-up.

Timothy will compete with other winners from regional schools in the Nashua Area Spelling Bee, which will be held on **Sunday, March 7th** at

1:00 pm at the Nashua Elks Lodge. In the event that Timothy is unable to represent Infant Jesus School in the area, Sindhu will be called upon as our representative.

We wish Timothy and Sindhu the best of luck.

IJS GIRLS' & BOYS'
BASKETBALL TEAMS

We would like to congratulate the IJS Girls' and Boys' Basketball Teams on their fantastic efforts during the Catholic Schools Basketball Tournament this past weekend! The boys' team played on Friday night against PMA and the girls' team played Saturday morning against Villa Augustina. Although both teams lost, they played extremely well and displayed amazing teamwork, especially after only practicing as a team for three sessions each.

We are very proud of the efforts of our players and grateful to all of the adults who worked with them!

IJS VALENTINE'S DAY
DANCE

What a fun night! It was just wonderful to see so many IJS families at our Valentine's Day Dance on Friday night! The dance was a great success and we'd like to thank our dedicated Parent Group and all of the other volunteers for the gifts of their time and talent. This event

was truly an example of our great IJS community in action!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
BOOK FAIR UPDATE

During our Catholic Schools Week Book Fair **we sold \$3953.71 worth of books**, which also included the books purchased with your donations to our "One for Books" program. **We raised a total of \$189.00 for this worthy cause.** The money raised will be spent on beautiful new books for our library. **Scholastic will in turn donate a total of 189 books** to: Toys for Tots, National Center for Family Literacy, and Kids in Distressed Situations. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for supporting this program.

Mrs. Dumont would like to thank all of you for supporting our books fairs. She would especially like to thank the wonderful volunteers who helped with set up and assisted the students with their shopping.

Last, but not least, thank you to all of you who donated wonderful new books to the school library. Your thoughtful gifts will be enjoyed for years to come.

NASHUA DIOCESAN
SCHOOLS FUNDRAISING
PROFIT

As you know, the Nashua Country Fair was retired this fall and IJS, St. Christopher, and Nashua Catholic held a new fundraiser to take its place. This new Nashua Diocesan School fundraiser consisted of the sale of a calendar raffle, and a family concert featuring the a cappella group, "Ball in the House".

It was a great success and we're pleased to inform you that the final profit for Infant Jesus School was **\$13,051.00!** Thank you so much for your support.

FACTS FINANCIAL AID
APPLICATION

We'd like to remind families that are registering with us for the 2010-2011 school year that **FACTS is accepting financial aid applications on-line now.** Please visit the link below to begin the process:

www.factsmgt.com/family_resources.aspx?id=1543&path=fac.pas.aid.app

We rely on the information provided to FACTS to help us assess the need per family. **Additionally, you must submit a separate letter to Mrs. LaFleur explaining your specific situation**, since numbers don't always tell the full story.

All families who are interested in applying for financial aid MUST complete the FACTS financial aid application in order to be considered.

Financial aid awards will not be made until later in the year, but we want to make you aware that you can start the process now that 2009 is over and families are already sending in their 2009 tax returns.

Should you have any additional questions about the process, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Karla Black in the business office at (603) 889-1191 or e-mail at: black@ijschool.org

DIOCESAN SPONSORSHIP FORMS

All current kindergarten students, new students to the school, and all students who were not sponsored last year, should have received a blue sponsorship form in January's shuttle.

As part of the registration process, parents interested in receiving the supported tuition rate will need to bring these blue Diocesan sponsorship forms to their respective parishes (in the Manchester, NH Diocese) and obtain their pastor's signature, along with the parish seal to certify that you have met the criteria for the supported rate. **Please remember that this is your responsibility.**

All Diocesan sponsorship forms are due back to the school office by **March 1st**.

We strongly suggest that you have this form back to the IJS office by Friday, February 19th, since we begin vacation on February 22nd and we do not return to school until March 1st.

In addition, your child(ren) must be registered at this time in order to receive the supported tuition rate.

Students who received the supported tuition rate for this current school year **did not** receive a blue sponsorship form. They were listed on special checklists which have been sent to their respective parishes from our school office to be approved for sponsorship.

However, if you have changed parishes since last year, you will need to request a sponsorship form from our office to submit to your new parish.

We continue to implement the Diocesan Sponsorship and Support Plan that was instituted by the Diocese of Manchester. Only New Hampshire Catholics who meet the following **minimum** criteria will be eligible for the sponsorship rate:

- a. Registration in a parish or mission in the Manchester, NH Diocese
- b. Contributor of record in that parish or mission

c. Active participation in the life of that parish or mission

All three criteria must be met and verified by the Pastor as indicated by his signature on the Support Student Form, as well as the parish seal.

IJS STATE OF THE SCHOOL UPDATE

I'd like to thank the Infant Jesus School Board for their "State of the School" presentation which took place on January 26th. It was very informative. I'd also like to thank the parents and IJS staff members who took time out of their busy schedules to attend this important meeting.

The School Board explained the structure of the board, their duties, and the status of our school. They also had sign up sheets available for parents interested in volunteering their time to help with fundraising, marketing, the 100th Year Anniversary celebration as well as other areas. We'd like to thank those parents who have already volunteered. We deeply appreciate your enthusiasm and dedication to our great school. You will be contacted in the near future. Of course, we are always in need of more help, so if you were unable to attend the meeting and are interested in volunteering, please email or call the school office.

IJS ALUMNI PROJECT

The IJS Alumni Project is underway. **Would you like to be a part of reconnecting our**

alumni to our school? If so, we could really use your help to computerize our alumni records! This endeavor is a vital part of helping us connect our past to our future!

If you are interested in helping us with this important task, please send an email to Mrs. Michelle Guzas at:

alumni_coordinator@ijschool.org

FEBRUARY SPIRIT DAY

On **Friday, February 12th**, we will celebrate Valentine's Day by wearing red, white, or pink. The students **do not** have to wear their uniforms on this day. Please be sure that the students' attire is appropriate for school. Thank you!

PRESIDENTS' DAY

There will be **no school** on **Monday, February 15th** in celebration of this holiday.

ASH WEDNESDAY

There will be a school liturgy for **Ash Wednesday** on **February 17th at 9:30 am.** **Father Pierre** will be our celebrant. **2R will help prepare the liturgy.** Please join us!

WINTER RECESS

School will be closed for winter recess from **February 22nd – February 26th**. Have a

wonderful and safe time with your families.

LENT

During the Lenten season our homerooms will take turns going to **Mass on Mondays at 9:30 am.**

March 1st – 2A, 5A, & 5B
March 8th – KA & 6A
March 15th – 1C, 4L & 4T
March 22nd – 2R & 6N
March 29th – the entire school

The homerooms will also take turns going to **Stations of the Cross on Thursdays at 1:30 pm.**

Feb. 18th – 2A, 5A, & 5B
March 4th – 6A & 6N
March 11th – 2R & 6N
March 18th – KA, 1C, 4L, & 4T
March 25th – 1A, 3A, & 3C
March 31st (Wed.) – the entire school

This proves to be a very powerful experience for our children. Please join us!

YOUNG INVENTORS GRADES 3-6

This year's Young Inventor's Fair will be held on **Friday, March 5th**. It is mandatory for all students in grades 3-6 to participate and you should have received an information packet already. Mrs. LaFleur has provided each student with a display board.

The projects will be judged in the morning on Friday, March

5th, and the **parents may view them from 2:00 - 2:30 pm.**

IJS RESTAURANT EVENT: TEXAS ROADHOUSE

Our next IJS Restaurant FUNdraising event will be held at **Texas Roadhouse** located at 580 Amherst Street in Nashua on **Monday, March 8th (4:00 pm – close “eat in” or “take out”).**

The Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% percent of all IJ food sales to our school. Please come out and support us!

April's IJS restaurant event will be held at **Meena's Kitchen (Authentic Indian Vegetarian Cuisine)**. This will be a week long event, **Tues. April 13th – Sat. April 17th**. Mark your calendars and be sure to stop by for some good food and fun times!

We'd also like to let you know that we just received a check from **Uno Chicago Grill** for our January Restaurant event for **\$223.22**. Thanks so much for attending!

*** PLEASE READ***

CALENDAR CHANGE
PROFESSIONAL DAY
NO SCHOOL

Friday, March 12th is listed as an early release day on our 2009-2010 school calendar, however there has been a change and **there will not be school** on this day due to a faculty/staff retreat. We

apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your understanding.

DRAMA CLUB
*** SAVE THE DATE ***

The IJS Drama Club has begun practicing for its spring play, Humpty-Dumpty is Missing! It will be held on **Friday, April 16th at 7:30 pm** and **Saturday, April 17th at 1:00 pm** in the school cafeteria. We hope you will be able to save the date and join us!

6th GRADE
PROJECT SAFEGUARD
REMINDER

Just another reminder for 6th grade parents and students: **The 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 will be sent home at a later date. **Please mark your calendars for this important workshop.**

IJS UNIFORM
CONSIGNMENT CLOTHES

Is that favorite jumper looking a little worn? Have some lunch time spills ruined your son's best uniform shirts?

If so we have some gently used girls' and boys' uniforms available for trade or purchase. Just stop by the school office to

see our selection of IJS uniform attire.

PLEASE USE OUR IJS
GIFT CARD PROGRAM

Our profit so far this year is: **\$1,026.87!** We'd like to give a great big thank you to all of the families that have been using this fundraising program.

If you haven't already considered using this program we'd like to ask you to consider it. **It's a great way to help raise funds for our school.**

You don't just have to use the program for gifts. It's a great way to put your regular household shopping dollars to work. You can purchase gift cards for just about anything including gasoline, food, clothing, entertainment, and even dining out!

Of course, you can always purchase gift cards for those special occasions...birthdays, anniversaries, holidays, and graduations. They make a great gift and you're helping our school at the same time! If you are in need of an enrollment form or an additional order form, please contact the school office. You may also download these forms from our school web site.

We'd also like to make you aware that on January 20, 2010, Uno Restaurant Holdings Corporation, the operator of **Uno Chicago Grill, Pizzeria Uno and Pizzeria Due**, voluntarily filed for Chapter 11

bankruptcy protection. Uno plans to continue to operate while it prepares for debt restructuring.

Due to the uncertainty surrounding the bankruptcy process, **Great Lakes Scrip Center** (the company we use to order our gift cards from) **has recommended that you use any Uno gift cards, as soon as possible.** As soon as their inventory is depleted, they will suspend the sale of Uno gift cards.

GROCERIES

Do you shop at Hannaford supermarkets? Why not purchase some gift cards through the **IJS Hannaford Gift Card program** to help with your family grocery shopping? Did you misplace the forms we sent home in the previous shuttle? No problem! Just call the school office to request new forms or if you have any questions.

We'd like to thank the families that are using this program regularly! Our profit so far this year is: **\$260.00.**

HELP US
"GAIN WEIGHT"

WOW... you are doing a great job at using our paper recycling program! At a time of year when many of us are trying to

lose weight, we'd like to gain "paper" weight in our Paper Retriever bins! How can we do this? Here are just a few ideas.

1. Ask your family and neighbors to bring their paper to our bins.
2. Clean out your old catalogs and magazines and bring them to our bins.

Recycling just 1 ton of paper saves 17 trees, 3 cubic yards of landfill space, 4,102 kwh of electricity, 60 lbs of air pollution, and 7,000 gallons of water!!

Keep up the great work. We appreciate your recycling efforts!

UPCOMING SHUTTLE DATES

Tuesday, March 9th
Tuesday, April 13th
Tuesday, May 11th
Tuesday, June 8th

CURRENT FUNDRAISERS

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

Stop and Shop Bonus Bucks
(ends March 25th)

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)

IN CLOSING...

It's difficult to believe that our preparations for the new school year have begun. I want to thank you again for your help in our important registration process. Your cooperation makes this process run more smoothly. All of you help Infant Jesus School celebrate Catholic Schools and their "Dividends for Life"!

As we prepare for the holy



season of Lent, let us remember that it is a special time of preparation for the joy of Easter and the Resurrection. It's also a time when you can share the ideas of prayer and giving with your children.

A Lenten prayer:

Good and gracious God, as we prepare for Lent, help us come to know the love you have for each one of us.

You accepted the death of your Son for our salvation. Help each of us take time in the

season of Lent to be with you in prayer and in moments of silence.

May our hearts and minds be filled with the wonder of all that you have offered us, and may we in turn respond with acceptance and love. We ask all this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

500 Prayers for Catholic Schools & Parish Youth Groups

God Bless,

Estelle S. LaFleur

