



# The Principal's Page

February 8, 2012

St. Katharine Drexel School

*"The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence."*—Vince Lombardy

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| <b>February 10</b> | <b>Student Leader Dress Down Day for Fisher House—see below</b>  |
| <b>February 13</b> | <b>Market Day orders due online</b>  |
| <b>February 14</b> | <b>Valentine's Day—wear a red top to school</b>  |
| <b>February 15</b> | <b>9:00 AM Mass—4<sup>th</sup> grade</b>   |
| <b>February 16</b> | <b>Pretzel orders due<br/>6:30 Pm Girl Scouts</b>  |
| <b>February 17</b> | <b>Pretzels<br/>7:00 – 9:00 PM Candyland Dance at Nativity</b>   |
| <b>February 18</b> | <b>Market Day pick-up<br/>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Retreat at Nativity—this is NOT optional</b> |
| <b>February 20</b> | <b>Presidents' Day—no school</b>   |

## **Wine and Beer Tasting**

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Wine & Beer Tasting and Silent Auction on February 25. We need volunteers to assist with greeting/check-in, Chinese auction, silent auction tables, beer pouring, and checkout. If you are planning to attend and would like to make this fundraiser successful by volunteering, please contact Glenn Huetter (glemarxav@yahoo.com or (724) 745-4084). The ticket prices are \$50 per person or \$95 per couple. Order forms are available on the school website.

## **Congratulations**

Saint Katharine Drexel School students competed in Saturday's PJAS competition. They represented St. Katharine Drexel School in an exemplary manner. Terrence Ahlin, Olivia Caragein, and Nicole Colligan received first places and special awards, Maura Kelly and Elena Rosenbusch received first places, and Caitlyn Kirsch received a second. This was Caitlyn's first attempt at PJAS and she did extremely well. Congratulations to all of our students. You make us PROUD!

## **EASTER CANDY SALE**

The Easter candy sale runs from today, Wed., Feb. 8th through Thurs., March 1<sup>st</sup>. Our school will again earn 50% profit. You can earn a Jeans Pass if you sell \$30.00 worth of candy individually or \$50 per family. Please see the insert inside the candy brochure for more information. Any questions please call Diane Huetter at 724-745-4084.

## Calendar Party Table Decorators Needed!

We are in need of Table Decorators for this years 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Calendar Party to be held on Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at the DoubleTree Hotel in Greentree. If you can decorate a table or are already decorating a table and can do one more please call Val Prosser at 412-915-2604 or [3prokids@comcast.net](mailto:3prokids@comcast.net). We are in need of at least 6 more tables to be decorated.

## Souper Bowl of Caring

Our Souper Bowl of Caring collections went very well. Thank you to all of the students who helped to make it such a success by holding the collection pots at the entrances to the two parishes. Once a total has been determined, I will publish that to let everyone know how much we are sending to the Chimbote Foundation this year.



## Fisher House

“The Fisher House program is a unique private-public partnership that supports America’s military in their time of need. The program recognizes the special sacrifices of our men and women in uniform and the hardships of military service by meeting a humanitarian need beyond that normally provided by the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs.

“Because members of the military and their families are stationed worldwide and must often travel great distances for specialized medical care, Fisher House Foundation donates ‘comfort home,’ built on the grounds of major military and VA medical centers. These homes enable family members to be close to a loved one at the most stressful times—during the hospitalization for an unexpected illness, disease, or injury.”

Taken from The Fisher House Foundation website, <http://www.fisherhouse.org/>

Our Student Leaders have chosen this organization for their charitable donation this month. Thursday is the Student Leaders Dress Down Day this month. Please be generous with your donations for this worthy cause.



## Lottery Calendar Winners

Congratulations to the January Lottery Calendar Winners: Chris & Diane Finney, Paul Kvederis, Roberta Schiegg, Sharon Reese-Schuck, Marge Kirsch, Joyce Cardello, John Bewalski, Mark & Jody Ruth, Barb Geary, Kevin Rigby, Tom Teague, Dottie Matchett, Kay Cortopassi, Steve & Karen Sakowicz, Bob Sontag, Mark Connell, Renee Paulic, Judy Wertelet, and Larry Johnson.

## Girls Scouts

Last week a request went home from our Girl Scout troop asking for food donations, in particular peanut butter, to be brought in this week. Melanie Connell, the troop leader, will be picking up the food this coming weekend. The troop's goal is to collect 100 jars of peanut butter. If each family bought 2 jars, they would easily meet their goal. Won't you please consider helping out if you have not already done so? There is a plastic tote in the front hall into which the students can drop their donations.

## Moving into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

We are going to be implementing a new program in our middle school classrooms. Some of you may have heard the words "The Cloud" thrown around in conjunction with computers. We are moving towards the use of "The Cloud" here at St. Katharine Drexel School. Our first step is to have the middle school students begin using Google docs for some school assignments. They will be taught to use the features which are very similar to MS Office Suite, but everyone will have access without the need to purchase anything. In the Family Folder is a form that we are asking you to read, fill it out, and return it by Friday of this week.

## Did You Know...?

*This section will be to inform new families about the way things work or what we have to offer AND to remind returning families about the same things.*

Did you know that the procedures outlined below are designed to help parents and guardians resolve school-related issues in a direct and professional manner. You can help insure a quick solution to your concerns by adhering to this procedure.

**Step 1:** A telephone call to your child's teacher is the recommended first step, followed up by a note explaining your concern to the teacher.

**Step 2:** The teacher will either resolve your concern during the telephone call or respond to you in writing.

**Step 3:** If a parent feels that the concern has not been resolved, a conference may be requested with the teacher.

**Step 4:** If after meeting with the teacher, the parent remains concerned that the issue has not been resolved, a conference with both the principal and teacher may be requested.

**Step 5:** After meeting with the principal and teacher, if the parent is not satisfied, the parent may submit the concern in writing to the Pastor.

We hold the welfare of our students as our highest priority; therefore, every decision made to address parents' concerns is done so with the child's best interest in mind.