



The Principal's Page

September 28, 2011

St. Katharine Drexel School

"Fear always springs from ignorance."—Ralph Waldo Emerson

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SKDS

- September 28** **Mid-Quarter Reports—check online**
Athletics Meeting – 6:30 PM @ Nativity Gym
- September 29** **Dress Down for Technology--\$1.00**
- September 30** **6:30 PM Girls' Volleyball at home**
- October 2** **SKDS sponsors Donut Sunday at Nativity after all masses**
- October 3** **6:30 PM Girls' Volleyball at St. Sylvester's**
- October 4** **6:00 PM Night at the Races meeting**
7:00 PM Council Meeting
- October 5** **9 AM Mass—7th grade prepares**
1:45 PM Magazine Sale Kick-off
6:30 PM Girls' Volleyball game at home
- October 6** **Penguins Opener—dress down with Pen's shirts or colors**
- October 7** **Teachers' In-service Day—no school**
- October 10** **School Picture Day**

Mid-Quarter Grades

Today is the day to check your child's mid-quarter grades online. Those who do not have access to the online grade book will receive a hard copy in the family folder today. It is hard to believe that we are half way through the first quarter, which means we are about 1/8 of the way through the year!

Food Drive for St. Winifred Food Pantry

Don't forget to send in your donations by Friday of this week. Any child bringing in two or more items will receive a dress down day in a couple of weeks. I will give a pass with the date printed and also notify you in the family folder next week.

Bowling Reminder

There will be no bowling this Saturday, October 1, 2011.

Chimbote Mission Ambassadors

You may remember from last year that we did a lot of fundraising for the Chimbote Mission. This year we will be one of the schools presenting our project to the Bishop and attendees at the Chimbote Dinner on October 13th. It is with great pleasure that I announce our two Mission Ambassadors will be Morgan Shepard and Caitlin Kirsch. They will be representing our school and talking about the activities that took place last year. In addition, we will be sending Terrence Ahlin and Allyson Podrasky to do Dr. Bowes' radio show in the near future to discuss our project and activities.

New Program Being Offered

In your family folders today, and posted on the website, you will find a flyer for our new Toddler Time Class. This will be for children who were two by September 1, 2011 and an adult buddy. Because we want to keep this program affordable at \$30.00 per month, we need at least 5 children enrolled. If you have a two-year-old or know someone who does, please share this information. We would like to start the program next Wednesday. Please call the school for more information or to register. If you know of a business in which you could post the flyer, please print one and do so or send it as an e-mail to anyone that may be interested.



Are You...

- ✚ An active, energetic, articulate individual?
- ✚ Politically savvy?
- ✚ Knowledgeable of computers, especially email?
- ✚ Strongly committed to Catholic issues and see your service as ministry to the Church?
- ✚ Willing to devote the necessary time and resources to complete the actions necessary to pass or defeat legislation?
- ✚ Aware of the importance of school choice, tax credits, and other issues to the Church and the wider community?

Then you just might be the person who would volunteer to be our Political Action Representative. We are in need of someone willing to take on this position and I must name someone by Friday. If you are interested, would you please give me a call?

Tuition Reduction Raffle

Don't forget to send in your money for this month's tuition reduction raffle. Anyone can win, but not unless you enter. You received the old Fun Fair raffle tickets at the beginning of the month to use for this purpose. The drawing will take place this Friday. Wouldn't you like to get the call telling you that you won?

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.

Upon returning to school from an absence, a student must submit a written excuse to his/her homeroom teacher as required by state law. If this excuse is not submitted within three days following the absence, the absence will be classified as unexcused.

Parents and guardians of students who acquire excessive absences will be required to provide documentation from a physician indicating that the absences are related to an existing medical condition. After 10 absences with no documentation, the parent will be required to have a doctor's excuse for each absence.

Parents are asked to call the school office by 8:30 AM when their child will be absent or significantly tardy. Please do not rely on a sibling to give the office this information. Students are marked tardy at 8:25 AM. A note is needed to explain the reason for being tardy.

PINK OUT VOLLEYBALL GAME

There is a flyer in today's folder about purchasing a paper Volleyball to benefit the American Cancer Society and the National Breast Cancer Foundation. If you choose to purchase one you can place your child's first name on the volleyball or the first name of a person you know who has been affected by cancer. Extra volleyballs will be attached to the Principal's Page if you want more than one. This is sponsored by St. Sylvester's Volleyball Team and paper volleyballs will be displayed during our away game on Monday October 3rd. This is OPTIONAL.

Completed Volleyballs must be returned to Coach Serafini by Friday.

