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Why Catholic School?

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Dates To Remember:

- Monday January 22:
Market Day Pickup, 5:00 to 6:00 PM Cafeteria
- Friday January 26:
*Fourth Friday;
Avon Fundraiser Orders Due*
- Sun Jan 28 – Fri Feb 2:
*Catholic Schools Week –
"The Good News In Education"*
- Friday February 2:
12:30 Dismissal – Faculty Meeting
- Saturday February 3:
High School Registration
- Monday February 5:
*ACRE Testing, Grades 5 & 8
All students in these grades must be present*
- Friday February 9:
PG Executive Board Meeting, 8 PM
- Tuesday February 13:
*50/50 Drawing ONLY –
NO Parents Guild Mtg*
- Monday February 19:
*SCHOOL CLOSED –
Presidents Day*

Why Catholic school, anyway? On the one hand, it's expensive. There's always a committee that needs you, and there's always something you're being asked to buy or sell! But the upside is priceless. Read what 8-year-old Danny Dutton, who lives in Chula Vista, CA, wrote for his third grade homework assignment, to "explain God." Then ask yourself again if Catholic school truly makes a difference in our children:

"One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn't make grownups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way he doesn't have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.

"God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times besides bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because he hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in his ears, unless he has thought of a way to turn it off.

"God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting his time by going over your mom and dad's head asking for something they said you couldn't have.

"Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Chula Vista. At least there aren't any who come to our church.

"Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work, like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of him preaching to them and they crucified him. But he was

good and kind, like his father, and he told his father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said O.K.

"His dad (God) appreciated everything that he had done and all his hard work on earth so he told him he didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So he did. And now he helps his dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important.

"You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time.

"You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God!

"Don't skip church to do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong. And besides the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway.

"If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know He's around you when you're scared, in the dark or when you can't swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids.

"But...you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and he can take me back anytime he pleases.

And...that's why I believe in God."

*--Thanks to Christine Coons
for sending in this essay*

From The Principal



Every year, the 7,589 Catholic schools throughout the United States spend a week celebrating Catholic Schools Week. Assumption is no exception. Starting at the 5:30 PM Mass on Saturday, January 27th and continuing through Saturday, February 3rd, the school will celebrate "The Good News in Education" through a variety of activities and programs.

Students will speak at every Mass on the weekend. An Open House sponsored by the School Advisory Board will be held on Sunday, January 28th from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Students will welcome prospective families, neighbors and friends to a continental breakfast and tour of the school. The day will also feature registration information and the opportunity to speak with the Principal and Parents Guild members.

A second Open House will be held on Wednesday, January 31st from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM. Prospective parents may sit in the classrooms to observe instruction in progress.

While the Wednesday session is reserved for prospective parents, our current school families will have a number of other opportunities throughout the week to visit.

A calendar of events will be sent home before Catholic Schools Week begins. The children are preparing special presentations in various classes, and the Student Council will sponsor spirit-building activities. Student Appreciation Day is Tuesday, January 30th.

The highlight of our week will be the Catholic Schools Week Mass on Thursday, February 1st at 10:00 AM. All are invited to attend.

Bergen County Prosecutor John L. Molinelli, Esq., has been named our Distinguished Graduate for this year. He will be honored at a dinner celebrating Catholic Schools Week on the evening of February 1st.

Our celebration will end with Teacher, Staff, and Volunteer Appreciation Day on Friday, February 2nd, and high school registration for our eighth graders on Saturday, February 3rd.

We hope you'll take this opportunity to help us spread the "good news" about Catholic education. Our school parents are our best advocates. We look forward to seeing you, and please invite others to join you when you visit.

--Aileen Carlin Giannelli, PhD

More "Good News"...

We have just learned that one of our previous Distinguished Graduates, Mark Janeczko, has been named to the bench for Wood-Ridge. We congratulate Judge Janeczko for this great achievement!

Tricky Tray 10: "A Night To Celebrate"



Admission Tickets

Date: Thursday March 8 at 6 PM
Place: Fiesta, Wood-Ridge NJ
Price: \$35.00 per adult, includes dinner, soft drinks, coffee/tea, one sheet of Level 1 tickets. Cash bar.
DUE: Each ticket sold by February 20 will earn a \$3.00 credit toward your financial obligation.

Contact: Patsy Baghdo 201.939.3557
Buy early...Tickets usually sell out!



Basket Wrapping

Volunteers are needed to wrap prize baskets.
 Dates are tentative & subject to change, depending on how many prizes are collected.

- Saturday February 3 (Class Mothers: Please come this day to wrap your class's Theme Baskets. Flyers will be distributed next week.)
- Saturday February 10
- Saturday February 24
- Saturday March 3 if needed

Contact: Stacey Drotos
 201.438.5665



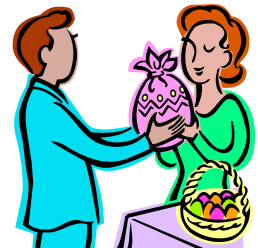
Chance Books/ Raffle Tickets

1st Prize: \$500. Amex Gift Card
2nd Prize: \$250. Macy's Gift Card
3rd Prize: \$125. Shop-Rite Gift Card

Price: \$10.00 per book of ten tickets. One book has been sent home to each family. Additional books are available upon request.

DUE: Each book sold by February 21 will earn a 100% dollar-for-dollar credit toward your financial obligation.

Contact: Jean.Setzer@verizon.net



Donations for Credit

Every family is encouraged to donate a gift item or basket.

For items valued at \$50.00 or more, a credit of \$7.00 will be earned toward your financial obligation. You may donate up to 4 items, for a total credit of \$28.00.

Please attach a completed Basket/Gift Donation Form to your item and give it to any Board member. Extra forms are available from Chris Lamendola 201.288.4723.

10th ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM AD RATES:

Full Page.....\$100.00
 Half Page.....50.00
 Quarter Page.....25.00

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From The President

Happy New Year! I can't believe how fast the time has gone by.

I would like to bring some information to everyone about the fundraising to date. It seems we've been doing well, but the fact is that the profits are down from last year in every sale. Only the 50/50's are on track.

We appreciate the fact that finances are tight when you're paying tuition for a Catholic education. We're asking everyone to please put in a little extra effort on the last three big fundraisers of the year. Those are the Tricky Tray, the Easter sale, and the candy bar sale.

I don't mean to put a damper on the enthusiasm that everyone has shown this year. We just don't want to have to face the possibility of raising the financial obligation next year. While this is not what we want to do, we have a responsibility to our children to keep giving them the best educational experience possible.

Together, we can meet our profit goal this year. We're not that far off, so please do what you can to help achieve it. The board appreciates all your effort.

--Frank Materia

**January
50/50
Winners**

Laura Leider \$1,121.75
Janet Calvitti \$320.50
Sabata Guerriara \$160.25

On Sale After Masses: Grocery Gift Cards

Shop-Rite and Stop & Shop gift cards will be sold before and after every Mass this weekend, January 20th and 21st.

This is our NO-BRAINER fundraiser! All you have to do is purchase gift cards from the Parents Guild...SPEND NOT A PENNY MORE than what you already spend to feed your family...and our school earns 5% ON EVERY CARD!

If every school family bought just one \$100. gift card every month...that's over \$8,000. CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL!

Please bring cash or checks payable to Assumption School Parents Guild to church this weekend...or use the form below to order at school. Thanks for helping us reach our profit goal.

------(Tear Here)-----

Grocery Gift Card Order Form

YES! I want to help raise EASY MONEY* for our school...WITHOUT SPENDING AN EXTRA PENNY!

Family Name _____ Child's Name and Grade _____

Address _____ Phone Number _____

Please deliver to my home _____ Leave in safe place (where?) _____ Send home in child's backpack _____

SHOP-RITE GIFT CARDS

(How many?)(Subtotal)

\$50.00 _____ \$ _____
\$100.00 _____ \$ _____
Other (specify) _____ \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____



STOP & SHOP GIFT CARDS

(How many?)(Subtotal)

\$50.00 _____ \$ _____
\$100.00 _____ \$ _____
Other (specify) _____ \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Send order forms & checks (payable to Assumption School Parents Guild) to:

Laurie Blanco 201.288.7820
(for Shop-Rite cards)

Tom Sarracino 201.896.8248
(for Stop & Shop cards)

***We earn 5% on every gift card...and it doesn't cost you any more than you already spend on groceries!**