



THE SCOOP



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Governor's Cup– Junior High

Congratulations to the following Jr. High students who placed in the Governor's Cup competition last weekend. Collin Owens won 2nd place in Math, while Michelle Murrin received 2nd in Science and Luke Wormald won 4th in Science. Michelle also won 2nd place in Arts and Humanities while Alison Doepker took 5th place. The quick recall team placed 3rd. Congratulations to all the students who participated.

Woman's Retreat

It's time for the annual St. Catherine Women's retreat! It will be held Feb. 24 - 26, 2012 at Marydale and will be led by Fr. Gregory Bach. His theme is "Christ be our Light". This is a beautiful way to begin your lenten season. Do something for you and regenerate yourself for your family. Please contact Jennie Cox (441-4322), Nancy Hassman (760-3751) or Pat Brennan (781-2711) and let us know you will be joining us. Looking forward to growing spiritually with you!

Burning of the Greens

The St. Catherine Men's Group invites all parishioners to its annual Burning of the Greens on Friday, January 27 at 7:00 pm. This is a family event in the valley next to the Parish Center. The Men's Group will provide a tailgate-style grill-out, snacks, hot apple cider, hot chocolate, other age-appropriate beverages (for those 21 or older), roasted marshmallows, and a flaming good time! We have dozens of Christmas trees that we rescued for this early celebration of Candlemas, so we'll generate plenty of heat no matter the weather.

Food Pantry Item

Thanks to everyone who sent in **peanut butter and jelly** or cash this month for the pantry. Next month's item will be one can meals (ravioli, stew, etc.). Our Feeding God's Children Day for February. is **Friday, Feb. 24th.**

Please see page 2 for more important information

Catholic School's Week –Faith. Academics. Service

Catholic School's Week begins Sunday and we would love to see all our families at the 11:30 Mass and reception after. The kids will be celebrating Catholic Schools all week. **Monday will focus on Faith** and the kids will make "faith shields". **Tuesday will be Student Appreciation Day.** The kids may be out of uniform but should dress in church-like clothes. (no jeans, sweat pants, hoodies, etc.) They will have a favorite lunch, nachos. **Wednesday will focus on Academics.** It will be a Team up with God day. The students may wear the shirt they made over their uniform. There will be an academic game that day. **Thursday will focus on Service.** The Faculty and staff will be serving dinner that night to all our families. **Friday will be staff appreciation Day.**

Forester Parish Campout

As some of you may have already heard, it is once again time to make reservations for the annual St. Catherine Forester campout. The campout this year will be held the weekend of Friday, June 22nd. This weekend is meant to get to know your family and fellow parishioners even better in a fun filled environment. Each year our attendance grows and we hope that you and your family join in the fun. Once again the campout will be held at Versailles State Park in Loop A. The park is located in Versailles, IN which is located less than an hour from Ft. Thomas. If you don't like camping you can still come and join us for Saturday. You can make reservations by going to <http://www.indiana.reserveworld.com/Campgrounds/Search.cfm>. If you would like more information or to RSVP, contact Jennifer Farney at 859-441-6240 or at stcatherineforesters@gmail.com. If you make a reservations, please let Jennifer know what site number so that we can plan group activities.

Calendar of Events

January 27	Burning of the Greens
January 29	CSW Mass and reception at 11:30 am
January 29-Feb. 3	Catholic School's Week
January 30	Registration for 2012-13 Begins
February 2	Family Dinner Night 5:30—7:30
February 4	Love Boat

PTO Recap

Here's what you missed at this week's PTO meeting. Doug Lonneman gave an informative overview about the upcoming school registration and open house. He also discussed a new School Management System that the diocese is looking into for all schools to manage students' records and grading information. Cathy VanLierop provided an update on Love Boat. Volunteers are still needed. Please contact Cathy or Vickie Smith to sign up. Beth Williams discussed spirit Wear. She found an affordable vendor to provide St. Catherine's sportswear. More information to follow soon. Lisa Myers gave an update on the school wellness council. Mark your calendars now for the next PTO meeting, Tuesday, February 28th. Remember if you attend at least 5 meetings this year, you will be entered into a drawing at the May meeting for \$100 off of next year's tuition.

From School Wellness Council

One of the things that the School Wellness Council has been discussing for a couple of months now is a breakfast program here at St. Catherine. It is part of the national guidelines for wellness. We have several questions concerning such a program including, "Is there a need for such a program at St. Catherine of Siena?" A recent hand count of students revealed that one day last week, 13% of the students did not eat breakfast. You may feel this is significant, or you may not. Attached to the scoop today are two articles that I found very insightful in regards to this subject. I hope you do too. If you have any questions, concerns or input about a potential breakfast program at St. Catherine, please forward them to me at lisamymyers@insightbb.com. The next School Wellness Council meeting date is changed to February 7th, the first Tuesday of the month, due to Valentine's Day being on the second Tuesday.

Love Boat News

IT'S ALMOST HERE! DON'T MISS THE BOAT! Love Boat 2012, will dock for our European Tour next Saturday, Feb 4th. Come join us for an evening of food, drinks, music, and fun. We will have basket raffles, sign-up parties, dollar envelopes, and our major split the pot raffle where you can win 50%, 7% or 3% of the total prize. If you have not yet purchased your tickets, don't delay -- they are \$30 in advance, but \$35 at the door! You may send your reservation form to the school or parish office or drop it in the collection basket at Mass. If you don't have a reservation form, please contact Cathy Van Lierop at 441-5536 or stanleyvanlierop@fuse.net . We look forward to greeting all of you at the Love Boat.

Raffle Tickets Attention Students! Want an Out of Uniform Day? Love Boat Split the Pot Raffle tickets sales have been a bit sluggish, so if we, as a school, can sell a total of 800 raffle tickets by Thursday, Feb. 2nd, Mr. Lonneman has agreed to give the kids an out of uniform day! In the December 16th Family Folder, each family received 10 tickets to sell. If you have sold tickets, but not yet turned in the money and ticket stubs, please do so by Thursday. Remember, for every 10 tickets sold, a student will be entered into drawing for a \$100, \$50, or \$25 Scrip card of their choice.

Love Boat Sign Up Parties - the Sign Up Party team has worked hard to offer a variety of parties for this year's Love Boat. There are parties for kids, parties for adults, and parties for both! Each party has a limited number of slots, so be sure to come early to the Love Boat and sign up for the party of your choice before it sells out! To give you an idea of what's available before you come, take a look at the attached flyer.