



# THE SCOOP



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## Paper work

All paperwork should have been turned in by now. If you have anything missing, you will have the form in your hard copy family folder today. Please ask your youngest child for the folder. Thanks

## Reconciliation

Fr. Stef, again this year, will be giving the children a chance to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Any child in grades 3-8 will have the opportunity to go to Reconciliation during their recess on Wednesday or Thursday of next week. Please talk to your child about this and encourage him/her to take advantage of the wonderful graces received from this Sacrament.

## Secret Angels 2011-2012

We are still looking to fill more Secret Angel spots for the new school year. If you have never been a Secret Angel, it's a great and rewarding way to express your appreciation to the faculty and staff. As a Secret Angel you will be assigned a faculty/staff member to surprise with small gifts, treats or notes throughout the year (monthly, or whatever schedule suits you) and when the school year comes to a close, you reveal your identity—it's that easy! Secret Angels have been around for several years and our teachers/staff still marvel in the "surprises" and thoughtfulness! If you would like to be a Secret Angel this year, please send Anne McSwigan an email (pamcswigan@mac.com). "Special deliveries" start in September, so please respond by September 8th.

## Food Pantry

This month the items that will be collected for the food pantry are personal hygiene products. Please send your family's item(s) to the school lobby at your convenience. Our next "Feeding God's Children" day will be on Friday, Sept. 23rd.

## PTO Recap

If you couldn't make it to this week's PTO meeting, here is what you missed. Doug Lonneman discussed how St. Catherine will be applying for the Blue Ribbon School Award this year. This would be a great honor for our school! He also handed out a homework information sheet and discussed it with us in great detail. (The document is attached.) If you have any questions with regards to homework, please see your child's teacher. They would be happy to discuss it with you. For those who missed this year's Open House, the theme for the 2011-2012 school year is a puzzle "With God All of the Pieces Fit". Also at this week's meeting, Lisa Myers discussed plans for the Wellness Council and Kelly Glaser discussed plans for the Colts Get Fit program for this year. More information regarding both will follow soon. Mark your calendars now for the next PTO meeting which will be held on Tuesday, September 27th. Hope to see you there!

## Cricut Machine

The school has recently purchased a Cricut machine to use in cutting things out for bulletin boards and to decorate classrooms. If anyone is familiar with the machines and has any cartridges that they do not use, please consider donating them to the school. If you are a creative person and would like to help teachers with bulletin board decorations or cut things out with the machine for teachers to create games with, please let us know. Thanks

## Calendar of Events

September 4 NCC Fireworks Fest 4:00  
September 5 NO SCHOOL—Labor Day  
September 7/8 Reconciliation 11:30-1:00  
September 12 8th Grade Explore testing begins

*Be sure to see page 2 for more information*

### **Room Parent Donations**

Once again this year we will be collecting money from every student for teacher gifts for Christmas, birthdays and end of the year gifts. Your money can be given to your room parent, or sent in through your child to the main office. Please make checks payable to your specific room parent. We are asking for at least a donation of \$12.00 again this year. If you would like to give more, it would certainly be appreciated. When you give this money you are getting 3 gifts for your teacher for only \$12.00 - that would be almost impossible to do on your own! Room parents will combine all donations and split the money between those 3 events. All of your shopping is complete! If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Lorenz or your room parent.

K-AM - Julie Rafferty, K-PM - Carrie Carnohan , 1st - Tina Smith, 2nd - Angie Poynter & Becky Pangallo, 3rd - Amy Dietz, 4th - Helen Brune, 5th - Catherine Ampfer, 6th - Amy Dietz , 7th - Kelly Johnson, 8th - Caroline Kaelin

### **Backpack**

There is a backpack power point attached to the family folder today. Please look at it if you have older kids who are having trouble carrying their books home. It will explain the proper way to load and carry books. The teachers will be going over the power point with the kids this week or next.

### **Booster News**

Attention all parents - The Boosters Sports Sign-up Form needs to be completed and returned to the school office by Friday Sept. 16. It is attached to this family folder for your convenience.

If you do not get the Boosters newsletter, please email them at [boosters@stcatherinecolts.com](mailto:boosters@stcatherinecolts.com). They distribute an informative flyer each week regarding upcoming events.

### **International Speaker Coming to St. Catherine**

Sunday, September 11, at 7 pm at St. Catherine of Siena, Wayne Weible, international speaker and best-selling author, will speak on the phenomenon of Medjugorje. He has become personally acquainted with all of the visionaries there, and for 25 years he has lectured on Medjugorje and has authored 8 books on the reported apparitions of the Blessed Mother including "Miracle at Medjugorje" which has sold over 100 million copies. It was events there that led him to convert to the Catholic faith, however he emphasizes that the message is for all faiths. Wayne has been a guest on the Oprah Winfrey and Mother Angelica shows. Those who arrive early can join our students as they lead us in the rosary prior to Wayne Weible's talk.