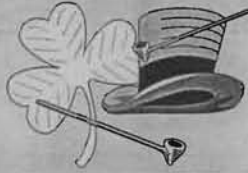


St. Patrick School

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The Leprechaun Lookout

A Weekly Administrative Newsletter

January 20, 2012

Preschool Progress

In looking at last year's *Leprechaun*, I noticed that at this time last year, there was an article related to plans to move forward on opening a preschool. We have come a long way! The old office area and eighth-grade classroom have been remodeled and the new preschool rooms and kindergarten classrooms stand in place. Inside classroom furniture and fixtures are ready to be used by preschool students. The outdoor play areas are ready. I have hired both a preschool teacher and director.

Mrs. Eugenia Gomez is our director. Mrs. Gomez has her BA & MA in Early Childhood education. She has been involved with preschools as teacher and director for the past 28 years. Eugenia served as the director of All Saints Episcopal for seven years. These past seven years she has worked with Neighborhood House Association. Mrs. Priscilla Lugo will serve as our preschool teacher. Priscilla comes to us from St. Jude's preschool, where she worked as a teacher for eight years. Prior to that Priscilla was a classroom aide, Art Teacher, and Six to Six teacher. Her experience spans a period of twenty-eight years. We welcome Eugenia and Priscilla to the St. Patrick's family.

Yesterday we passed the Fire Marshall's sight inspection. We now await the arrival of Social Services to check us out! The children will arrive and we will begin a new chapter in Catholic education at St. Patrick School.

Box Tops Results

These are the box top totals as of 1/15/12

Grade	as of 1/15	Total
Kindergarten	0	192
Grade 1	23	607
Grade 2	22	286
Grade 3	84	492
Grade 4	0	321
Grade 5	20	461
Grade 6	18	501
Grade 7	61	411
Grade 8	19	548

Preschool Needs

Our Preschool will be opening soon! The director says we are still in need of toy donations. If you have any of the following "nearly new, gently used" items and would like to donate them to our Preschool please bring them to the school office by Wednesday, January 25.

- Farm and Zoo Animals
- Large Piece Puzzles
- Small Toy Cars, Trucks, etc.
- Dress-up Costume Items (for Drama Center)
- Dishes, Plastic Food (for Kitchen Center)

We would also gladly accept monetary contributions for the purchase of any items that don't get donated. Thank you for your past, present and future generosity!

Sports Wrap

Be sure to read how our St. Patrick teams fared this last week in the enclosed "Sports Newsletter" by Mr. Valdivia

Ice Cream Sale

Every Thursday the eighth grade will have an Ice Cream Sale after lunch. Ice Cream is \$1.00. All proceeds will go to defray the cost of their end-of-the-year field trips.

See's Candy Bars

All See's candy bar varieties must be ordered in full cartons of 6 boxes and we did not receive enough pre-orders to meet this minimum order requirement. Therefore, we will only be ordering once and only if we receive more orders. We are resending a revised One-Time Order form in today's envelope. If you want to earn Tuition Credit (\$1 per bar) selling See's bars you must send the form back by Monday, January 23. We have had to revise the order form to only include Plain Milk Chocolate, Milk Chocolate with Toffee and DARK Chocolate with Almonds. See's isn't offering the Milk Chocolate with Almonds and we had to remove the Awesome Chewy Bars due to lack of interest. Please note that you need to order exactly what you are willing to pay for because you will not be able to reorder more candy or return unsold candy.

Registration Reminder

Registration for the 2012-13 school year has begun. The re-registration form was sent home two weeks ago in the family envelope. Thank you to the many families who returned it promptly. The \$175 per family NON-refundable Registration Fee is due by February 29. If you need another form, stop by the office.

Bookkeeper Notes:

It is essential to the smooth operation of the school that every family pays their tuition and day care on time each month. As we enter the second half of our school year, our bookkeeper would like to make you aware of the following important reminders regarding families whose accounts are past due more than 10 days:

- You will be charged a \$35 every month your account is delinquent.
- Report Cards will be held until your account is paid current.
- Registration will not be completed, reserving space in the class, until your account is paid current.
- Graduating student will be unable to participate in all graduation activities until paid in full.
- You will not be eligible to apply for Financial Assistance for the next school until paid in full.
- If habitually delinquent; payment in full, or advance payment of quarterly tuition, may be required.

Financial Aid Application for 2012-13

Financial Aid applications for 2012-13 are now available. If you feel you will have need of the LIMITED funds that will be available for next year you need to:

- Request an application from the office (forms are NOT automatically sent out)
- Read all information stapled to the application as it may effect your eligibility
- If you have a child in Catholic High School you must apply for FA from their school as well
- Return the FULLY completed application by the April 16 deadline for primary consideration

Only those families who have returned a re-registration form, paid the non-refundable \$175 fee, and whose 2012-13 tuition is paid current are eligible for consideration. Our funds for next year are very limited so it is essential that you adhere to the guidelines above. Per Fr. Pedro's request, families who are the recipients of assistance from St. Jude's Parish must fill out a FA application to be considered for assistance from St. Jude's again in 2012-13.

Parent Involvement Program (PIP)

Every family needs to complete 40 volunteer hours by June 2012 to fulfill your PIP obligation for next year (80 hours to remain in or be moved to a lower Tuition Category for next school year). Your 1st semester PIP report is included in today's envelope and if you did not do at least 20 hours your tuition account has been billed. If you feel you did not receive credit for all the hours you have done so far, it is probably because you forgot to write them down and turn them in to Mrs. Laughter's attention. But it's never too late...do it today and we'll adjust your billing!