



Dear Parents,

February 16, 2012

I am fully aware of the fact that I have not been consistent with my part of the communiqué this year and will not bore you with excuses, but will just mention the fact that additional tasks associated with a Middle States Evaluation obviously makes a joke out of the hours in a day.

This time next week we will be thoroughly involved with the team visit to SCS and so I might just have to make this 'connection' with you a little longer than usual. To add to this confession, I somehow misplaced pieces of information that should have been included in past messages that did get sent out to you. So much for resolutions that I made for the new year.!!!

### **Re-Cap of CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK AT SCS**

Our school proudly displayed the 2012 National theme for CSW.

All of us are very familiar with this theme because it is the motto of our school. I truly believe these three words encompass everything a Catholic school should deeply cherish. One of the students asked me if the theme was copied from our school!

The words of our logo were very visible to all who drove past our school, but when you entered the building you couldn't help but admire the artwork of Mrs. Karen Massimillo who graciously gave of her time to set the tone of this annual celebration with her artwork.

We began our celebration of CSW on Friday with a beautiful liturgy prepared by Mrs. Krieg and her students in 8B, and celebrated by Msgr. Lubeking. Five third grade girls performed a beautiful liturgical dance as they presented the Offertory gifts.

Students in our eighth grade did the readings at the Mass and Kindergarten messengers invited the congregation to come visit our school. Those readers and greeters were as follows:

*8<sup>th</sup> Grade Readers*

Mallory Burlington  
Matthew Liddy  
Colleen Duddy  
Michael Gowen  
Elizabaeth Clark  
Clare Peropat  
John Eckel  
Alexis Blewitt  
Elizabeth Clark

*Kindergarten Greeters*

Breanna Cies  
Claire White  
David Seeley  
Vianna Schibell  
Alexandra Presutti  
Michael Child  
Hope Masonius  
Daniel Nguyen  
Katharine Gowen

I also want to thank the parents who adjusted their schedules to volunteer to greet parishioners at the church doors as representatives of SCS. A million thanks to all!

Mrs. Kelly McEvoy (our favorite dance instructor) for giving her time to prepare our dancers for this special mass. All present witnessed these little angels leading us in prayer, and I thank Grace McEvoy, Amanda Marasco, Cecilia Peters, Jamie Queen and Kelly Housen for sharing their talent with us.

The activities held during the remainder of the week had a different focus beginning with a PEP RALLY on Monday afternoon and early morning breakfast for faculty and staff on Tuesday morning, as well as a buddy activity in the afternoon when all the ‘buddies’ finalized the blessed bookmark for their parents. I am sure that you appreciated receiving this gift.

On Wednesday we remembered our faithful volunteers and those who frequently come to our school to help out. A thank you goes out to those who assist us every day. To do this we sent these friends a little note of thanks and a certificate to Dunkin Donuts.

The week came to an end with an exciting game of “Knock ‘em Down.” The name of the game might cause some concern but...it was an exciting game between the two 8<sup>th</sup> grade homerooms.

There were obviously many hands working in the background and many extra hours of work to make the weeklong activities get accomplished. I do thank everyone who helped in any way to assist. We know what the word “teamwork” means!

## **YOUR PRESENCE IS REQUESTED**

There has been such an unusually poor response to our request for your presence this Sunday afternoon (19<sup>th</sup>) in our school gym to welcome the Middles States team to our school.

Our faculty and staff have worked very hard since last year to complete a self-study and now a team of educators will spend three days visiting our school to validate the work we recently completed.

Appreciating this is a holiday weekend, we are hoping that families who will be in the area would consider joining for this Prayer Service. It is our chance to show our visitors the true spirit of our school.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday at 4 p.m. in the school gym!

## **ANGEL PROGRAM**

For the past few years we have sent invites to all children who were baptized.

These children also receive a little note of Welcome to SCS from the sixth grade students. This means that 85 little folks and their parents were recipients of a beautifully decorated *Angel* invite in the mail.

My thanks to Mrs. Erin Quinn for coordinating this project for us during the Christmas rush. It was truly a perfect time for time for Angel messages.

## **FIRST RECONCILIATION**

Several weeks ago 56 second graders received their First Reconciliation, and everyone was very calm and prayerful at the service. This is always a very special time for little folks and the first step before receiving their First Communion in a few months.

A while ago I was looking at a Religious catalog for something in particular and I came across a small plaque that I found to be just perfect for our students on this 'special day.' The plaque read, "It's hard to say I'm sorry but God always forgives." I thought these words to be right on target for every age... not just

those who just received this sacrament for the first time. Actually, to keep these words in mind each day would surely make our lives more peaceful.

I thank Mrs. Diane Bykow and Miss Tara Mackown, for doing such a wonderful job in teaching our children each day. They are a great team and their efforts are appreciated.

### **ELKS NATIONAL FREE THROW CONTEST**

SCS participated in the local Elks foul shooting contest during Physical Education class. There are 2 divisions, one for boys and one for girls in age categories 8-9; 10-11; and 12-13. Contestant age groups are determined by their ages as of April 1, 2012. The foul shooting event was at Manasquan Elementary School.

Representing SCS was Kate Hegel & Cole Kozlowski in the 8-9 category. Maggie Stapleton & Michael Robedee in the 10-11 category. Megan Peropat & Charles Barreda in the 12-13 category. Maggie Stapleton won in her age category and advanced onto the next round on Sat. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. Maggie came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. To the other students, a job well done and we are very proud of your accomplishment in participating in this "Hoop Shoot" event. Congratulations to all and for making SCS proud!

Submitted by: Ellen Meixsell

### **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**

The Super Bowl is over and the Giants have won.! Of course, we have many happy fans. As we mentioned, SOUPER BOWL OF CARING, a youth working program across the nation helps to fight hunger and poverty each year at the time of the Super Bowl, by collecting cans of soup to give to those who are in deep need. The SOUPER BOWL OF CARING collects the cans and gives them to various hunger-relief charities. The youth has raised more than 81 million dollars in food since it began in 1990.

This year, SCS has participated in the SOUPER BOWL charity event. You were asked to bring in 1 can to support the charity and to fight world hunger in the United States. You have made a difference by bringing in just a single or more soup cans and we collected 405 cans of soup that will be delivered to Asbury Park. Thank you for making this event a successful one and helping those who are in need. As always, we can count on SCS students. You are the best!!  
Chairpersons- Colleen Duddy/Kelsey Patrick 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Representatives

Submitted by:  
Ellen Meixsell  
S.C. Moderator

## **Father Daughter Dance Wrap-Up**

The Father Daughter Dance held this past Friday night on February 3, 2012 was a huge success! All of our SCS girls looked beautiful and danced the night away! Congratulations to Ava O'Shaughnessey, Lauren Caswell, Kate McGuinness, Carolyn Downey, Alexa Fuda, and Caitlyn Hammonds for winning gift baskets. Congratulations also to Mr. Michael Wood for winning the 50/50. Thank you to all of the volunteers who made the night so wonderful. Special thanks to Mrs. Trish Stapleton and Mrs. Kara Theobald for chairing the event.

## **Change for a Change**



As is our tradition at SCS, we will be holding a fundraiser for SCS students to support projects at our sister school in Uganda, St. Kizito School. This year we would like our children to raise funds to help paint the classrooms at the St. Kizito School.

Beginning Ash Wednesday and continuing through Lent, each SCS classroom will have a paint can for the collection of loose change. Please stop by the cafeteria when you are in the school to see a display tracking the fundraising efforts. Sr. Carole is hoping that the children can raise \$3,000 for the project. Thank you for your support. Please direct any questions to Kristy Shea 732-241-9389 or [kristyshea@me.com](mailto:kristyshea@me.com).

## Uniform Exchange

The Uniform Exchange will now be open the first Tuesday of every month from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Please feel free to drop off uniforms and shop for new ones at this time. Thank you.

## Virtus Training Opportunity

There will be a Virtus training session on Thursday, March 1st from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the basement St. Margaret's church. If you are interested in taking the class, please register at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) You do not need a user ID or password, just click on "Registration".

\*Please note that you can visit the VIRTUS website at: [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) for additional sessions and information. You do not need a user ID or password, just click on Registration and search under the Trenton Diocese. Please pre-register for any session online and email Jennifer Cremen to receive the fingerprinting paperwork, or if you have any questions or require any further information, please contact Jennifer at 732.618.6019 or [jennifercremen@yahoo.com](mailto:jennifercremen@yahoo.com).

## Spring Sports

Spring Sports registration will be coming up in the next few weeks. In the upcoming weeks please make sure to check the school website and Communiqué for details.

## FUNDRAISER

### **PIZZA DAY TO SUPPORT 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CLASS** **8<sup>th</sup> Grade thanks you for all your help this year** **Friday, March 16th, 2012**

The lunch includes pizza and bottled water

One form per child

Return form to Main Office (8<sup>th</sup> Grade Fundraiser) with Payment (Cash only)

Please return form by Tuesday, March 13th and include

Name and Homeroom on Envelope

Please remember to pack a brown bag lunch that day if you are not ordering pizza. Pizza will be the only hot lunch served that day.

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Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom \_\_\_\_\_

1 Slice of Pizza and Water \$3.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Slice \$1.50 \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions please contact: Karen Peropat 732 774-3776

# **8<sup>th</sup> GRADE FUNDRAISER**

3 fun baskets you can win!!!!!!

Tickets will be available for the **kids** to

**PURCHASE MARCH 26-30TH**

**WINNER(S) WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON FRIDAY MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>**

**Tickets will be sold each morning in homeroom**

Tickets will be \$1.00 a chance or \$5.00 for 6 chances

You have to be in it to win it!!

Baskets will be on display every Morning in the front of the gym.

**1. Summer time Basket:** Body board for surfing, towels, beach toys, gift cards to surf shops( Inlet Outlet and Sunstation) and lots more!

**2. Lets Go Shopping Basket:** Girl and Boy Wallet filled with Gift cards to Monmouth mall, Freehold mall, food court gift cards and lots more!

**3. Sports, Sports and More Sports:** Gift cards to Simonetti, karate gear, tickets to play Time America in Freehold, and lots more!

UPCOMING 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FUNDRAISER EVENTS:

MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup> LAST PIZZA FUNDRAISER

CLASS TRIP TO NYC WED APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>