



April, 2010 Newsletter

Dear Cardinal Shehan School Family,

It is with a very heavy heart that I write to you this month. During my time at Cardinal Shehan, I have made so very many special relationships with students and parents, which has been so very rewarding for me. I took this job to be of help to children; I pray I have been. I have received countless sentiments of disappointment and encouragement from many parents. I want our students to look positively on this change, because that is what is best for them. I will help Sr. Rita Michele as best I can with the transition. My gratitude to you for your love and support is enormous.



We continue in our Lenten observance and prepare for the divine Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ! Easter is the highest holy day in the life of the Church, and we have been glorifying our Lord through weekly Stations of the Cross, at CSS and at St. Matthew's. All of our students show their reverence for Our Lord with their obedient silence. Our final prayer service will be on March 31 at 1:30 p.m. in the Church. If you are able, please join us! Remember, we close for Easter break at 3:00 p.m. on March 31 and that school resumes on April 12, 2010.



You will recall that because of the snow, we were not rehearsed enough to perform at the Perry Concert, so it was postponed. The new date is Friday, April 16, 7 p.m. We were not able arrange to return to Goucher College, but we have a very suitable new venue for this year: St. Matthew Church! Please join us to be entertained by our Tiny Tots and Cardinal Shehan School Choirs and our Tiny Tots, Beginners and Advanced Dancers. Tickets are still only \$10.00 and proceeds benefit our Endowment Fund which provides Tuition Assistance for our families. A form has already been sent home to order tickets but you can call the office and we will be



Home School General Meeting

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 6:30 P.M.

- Detective Smith will speak about Internet Safety for our children.
- The HSA has invited representatives from the AoB to speak to parents about their decision to replace me, but we have not gotten a response yet.
- NEWS to share about upcoming BINGO!



PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR SPRING PRODUCTION,

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

May 14 and 15

CSS TUITION ASSISTANCE

PSAS (Private School Aide Service) Forms will be available in our school office on April 12, 2010. You can also apply online, at www.psas.org. The deadline for application is MAY 10, 2010. YOU MUST BE REGISTERED IN ORDER TO APPLY. I should hear from PSAS by May 26 and I will inform you asap after that date. You will hear from me as to awards.



RAFFLE TICKETS, our final fundraising opportunity for the year, will be sent home on April 12. Drawing will be on May 15, at our spring show. There are incentives!

- **For families, the highest seller will receive 1 month of tuition (\$499) and the second highest seller will receive ½ month of tuition (\$250).**
- **Families who sell \$75 or more will qualify for a special drawing; that winner receives 1 month of tuition.**
- **Students who sell 75 or more tickets will receive a TAG Day.**
- **The homeroom with the highest number of tickets sold will receive a class party.**
- **All tickets must be turned in by May 14.**

8th Grade Events' Reminders:

- **Graduation Pictures, May 11,**
- **9 a.m.,**
- **All Day Retreat, May 25 at Beachmont Christian Camp**
- **Farewell Liturgy, May 26, 9:00 a.m. and lunch**
- **Trip to Hershey Park, May 27**
- **Graduation at St. Matthew, May 28, at 7 p.m.**
- **A reminder that ALL obligations must be fulfilled for students to graduate.**

School Consultant's Corner

An Electronic FREE Spring Break

How will you fill your students' time during spring break? I challenge your family to beat the statistics this break by turning off the electronics in the home and rediscovering the true joys of reading, family dinner, nature, sports, and free public attractions. Below are a few statistics that may motivate you to take this challenge:

Television Statistics *Compiled by TV-Free America* <http://www.tvturnoff.org/>

- the average American watches more than 4 hours of TV each day (or 28 hours/week, or 2 months of nonstop TV-watching per year).
- Number of minutes per week that parents spend in meaningful conversation with their children: 38.5 **vs** the number of minutes per week that the average child watches television: 1,680
- Hours per year the average American youth spends in school: 900 hours **vs** the hours per year the average American youth watches television: 1500
- Number of murders seen on TV by the time an average child finishes elementary school: 8,000

Who knows, your child just may discover a new interest, passion or form a new friendship. The benefits of an electronic free week are endless!

Mrs. Lester, LCSW-C

School Consultant

Tuesday/Thursday 9am-3pm

Congratulations to the STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH!



PK3: Chase Wilkerson

PK4A: Jayla Richardson

KA: Chaunna Lane

KB: Hakeem Adebowale

Gr. 1: Jaida Belton

Gr. 2: Saul Nixon

Gr. 3: Kristiana Dyson

Gr. 4: Alyssa Holder

Gr. 5: Joshua Jackson

Gr. 6: Isaiah Smith

Gr. 7: Sandra Oliver

Gr. 8: Jordan Thompson

Please bookmark the following April dates:

- April 1 -11 - Easter Break
- April 12 - School resumes; raffle tickets sent home
- April 14 - Burger King night, Loch Raven & Taylor, 5-8 p.m.
- April 15 - Home School Association General Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- April 16 - 10th Annual Faye Wilkes Perry Concert, 7 p.m.
- April 29 - 4th Grade to *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*
- April 30 - May Crowning

***With the Peace of Christ,
Paula Redman***