







December, 2009 Newsletter

Dear Cardinal Shehan School Family,

The faculty and staff at Cardinal Shehan School all sincerely pray that you and your loved ones greet the upcoming Christmas season with ease of heart and mind.

As we do every year, we will be celebrating the coming of Jesus with  **Advent Prayer Services. These Services are scheduled for December 2 , 9, and 16 at 8:30 a.m. and December 18 at 9:30 a.m.** – all in our gym. Please join us if you

can. The eagerly anticipated  **Christmas Program, *The Best Christmas Present Ever*, will be presented on Friday, December 11, 2009, at 7 p.m.** This event showcases students in Pre-K3 through Grade Four. **Students must arrive at 6 p.m. on 12/11.** Ms. Hardison has been rehearsing the students during the school day and you will, once again, be dazzled by your children's performance on December 11! One programming note: We have changed the Holiday Raffle fundraiser this year. Instead, it is the Perry Concert Raffle. There are still great incentives for the top sellers and the first prize this year is \$2,000.00! Information will be sent home so please be looking.

 *The Home School Association's Santa's Workshop, will be held from December 2-5 this year. A price list and schedule was sent home last week with your child. Also, you won't want to forget Breakfast with Santa, on Saturday, December 5 from 9 a.m. until noon. [Breakfast served from 9-11a.m.] Great Food, Great Santa, Great Shopping, Great Fun! Join Us!* 

Please also join us for our Immaculate Conception Liturgy

on December 8 at 8:30 a.m.  at St. Matthew Church.



CALENDAR CHANGE:

- **WE WILL CLOSE ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18 AT 12:30 P.M. – THERE WILL BE NO AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND NO CHILD CARE AVAILABLE.**



Reminder: The Catholic High School Placement Test will be administered to 8th grade students on Saturday, December 5 and Saturday, December 12. I sent a letter home early in November giving parents important information about testing and admissions. The test may be taken only once and it will be administered at some schools on 12/5 and at other schools on 12/12. My letter included that information. There is a \$30.00 cash testing fee.

Our Honors' and Perfect Attendance Assembly is scheduled for Tuesday, December 15. The Assembly for Grades PreK3-8 will be held at 8:30 a.m. If your child will be receiving recognition, a paper will be included with her/his Progress Report, which will be sent home on December 3.

As you may know, CSS is a member of the National Junior Honor Society. Students who have been selected based on their applications and academic achievement will be inducted. Also, Student Council representatives will be formally recognized.

IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS:

All financial obligations must be up to date in order for your child to receive his/her Progress Report. If you have made alternate, approved arrangements for payment and are current, your child will receive the T1 Progress Report.



At our two Home School Association meetings, I spoke about the improvements to our school that are GREATLY needed. I am talking about the refinishing of our gym floor,



which will be done over the Christmas break, and paid for by Ms. Joyce Flowers, the mother of 7th grader Dorien Douglas. THANK YOU, MS. FLOWERS!!! One of our grandparents is seeking to obtain funding to erect



playground equipment for our PreK wing.

The School, with the support of our HSA is working hard to raise the money to replace our



stage and window curtains in the gym, which will be a HUGE IMPROVEMENT!

The cost of this project is \$19,000.00.

Again, you can help CSS in different ways:

- **Join the HSA and support their events.**
- **Ask your employer to help CSS – many businesses donate to non-profits.**
 - **Donate if you are able, and/or ask family and friends.**

THANK YOU!!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER!:

PreK-3: Myona Wardell

PreK-4: Ayjah Brooks

Kindergarten A: Devin Miles

Kindergarten B: Aija Garner

1st Grade: Caitlin Keyes

2nd Grade: Brian Sturdivant

3rd Grade: Tyleshia Garnett

4th Grade: Taleakea Yates

5th Grade: Lindsey Bush

6th Grade: Maya Allen

7th Grade: Kenyone King

8th Grade: Sidney Johnson

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Giant A+ Bonus Bucks!!

Go to

<http://www.giantfood.com/a>

plus to register your Giant card – Tell friends and family!!!!

You can also enroll in Take Charge of Education at Target to benefit CSS.

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Claire's

Delivery is scheduled for

December 16 from Noon

until 6 p.m.

Please make sure you pick up your order



as we do not have any refrigeration.

Artists of the Month



Pre-K 3: Adia Brown

Pre- K 4: Nala James

Kindergarten: Charna Williams

1st: Brandi Swinton

2nd: Sydney Paschall

3rd: Kristiana Dyson

4th: Alyssa Holder

5th: Taj Molen

6th: Edmund Savage, Jr.

7th: Londun Dingle

8th: LaShaia Davis-Johnson



School Consultant's Corner

Family Time

Do you feel that the only time your family is truly together is when you're in the car, shuffling children from one activity to another? Are meals together eating from bags from a drive-through? Is the only time that you enjoy "down time" when it follows the chaos of getting home, doing homework, getting baths, and finally bed--long after the pre-determined bedtime? As we prepare for this holiday season, the intensity of these hurried feelings is likely to intensify. The idea of a simple holiday spent with family creating warm memories seems so difficult when we are financially strained, overbooked with holiday events, and our extended family is spread across the country. Despite these challenges, it is imperative that families designate time to spend together, truly enjoying the presence of one another.

Strong families spend time together. This holiday season, you are encouraged to find ways to spend true quality time with your family. Creating family rituals can do this. Family rituals provide families with time to give each other the attention that is truly needed. It is a simple time set-aside on a regular basis for a family get-together. To ensure that the ritual occurs, make it predictable and do not allow other commitments to interfere with the designated time. Family rituals allow you to share experiences with one another, reconnect and support each other. There are countless benefits of setting aside this valuable family time.

By spending pleasant, positive time together, families build up a reserve of good feelings. When trouble comes, it is shared with the family and resolved. If the problems are not balanced by shared pleasures, people may, over time, associate family life with unpleasant instead of pleasant things.

If there is one holiday checklist that you complete this holiday season, let it be this one:

Maintain a strong family

<input type="checkbox"/> Talk together	<input type="checkbox"/> Family ritual time
<input type="checkbox"/> Plan together	<input type="checkbox"/> Laugh together
<input type="checkbox"/> Work together	<input type="checkbox"/> Worship together
<input type="checkbox"/> Play together	<input type="checkbox"/> Celebrate individual strengths
<input type="checkbox"/> Eat together	<input type="checkbox"/>

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News and reminders of interest to you:

- **December 2-5 – Santa's Workshop**
- **December 2 – Advent Prayer Service, 8:30 a.m.**
- **December 3 – Progress Reports distributed.**

- **December 5 – Breakfast with Santa – Breakfast served 9 – 11; games and fun in the gym, 10 – noon; High School Placement Test.**
- **December 8 – Immaculate Conception Liturgy – 8:30 a.m. at St. Matthew Church.**
- **December 9 – Advent Prayer Service, 8:30 a.m.**
- **December 11 – Christmas Program, 7 p.m.**
- **December 12 – Catholic High School Placement Test for 8th grade students.**
- **December 15 – Honors' and Perfect Assembly, National Junior Honor Society induction, Student Council recognition, 8:30 a.m.**
- **December 16 – Advent Prayer Service, at 8:30 a.m.; Claire's Delivery, noon-6 p.m.**
- **December 18 – Advent Prayer service at 9:30 a.m.; 12:30 p.m. dismissal begins the Christmas holiday – NO AFTER CARE OR AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.**
- **January 4, 2010 - School resumes.**

**A REMINDER ABOUT FUTURE
HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (PTA) MEETINGS:**

<p>MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!! <u>HSA GENERAL MEETINGS (ALL 6:30 p.m.):</u> <i>Wednesday, January 13, 2010</i> <i>Tuesday, April 15, 2010</i></p>

As always, thank you so much for your continued involvement and support. Please keep all those in spiritual, physical, and financial need in your prayers. Your Cardinal Shehan School family wishes you and your families a most spiritual and most glorious Christmas and New Year!

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