




JUNE, 2009 Newsletter

Dear Cardinal Shehan School Family,

It is with enormous gratitude and pride that I write this last Newsletter of the 2008-2009 school year - Gratitude for your support and devotion to CSS – Pride in our students and teachers for all that they have accomplished this year. I also borrow (undeserved) glory for all of the Home School Association's activities this year, so very successful because of the hard work of the Executive Committee and your participation. Over the summer, we will be working to enhance the programs at CSS even more. Please feel comfortable to call me at any time for any reason. I always welcome conversations with parents.



PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF OUR NEWS AND INFORMATION

On June 2, students in PreK-3 through Grade 7 will participate in **Move Up Day**. This is a mini-orientation to what students can expect next year when they return.  We know that all students have some anxiety about their next school year and we want to prepare them and ease their concerns. Please ask your child about his experience!



On Friday, June 5, our Kindergarten will celebrate the end of their school year with a ceremony at 10 a.m. in our gym. Students should arrive at school at a special time, 9:30 a.m. and report to their classroom. Please refer to Mrs. Davenport's letter for further details. I remind parents that the Kindergarten students will return on June 8 and 9 to conclude the year with the rest of the school. Dismissal on those days is 12:30 p.m.



Summer Programs available at CSS: If you are interested in the Summer Programs offered at CSS, be sure to register as soon as possible. Please visit our website at www.cardinalshehanschool.org for information about Y.A.T.T.A.S. and the REF camps that will be available at CSS this summer.





HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION NEWS!

- With your support, the HSA has been able to purchase lab tables and stools to outfit the Middle School Science classroom! Materials and supplies to supplement experimentation will also be ordered over the summer.
- The first meeting of the Fathers' Club occurred on May 21. About 8 Dads and one Grandfather attended. We are just beginning. These selfless supporters have already volunteered to paint the Science classroom over the summer!
- There will be a summer meeting of the Fathers' Club. **PLEASE LET MRS. REDMAN KNOW IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO BE A PART OF THE FATHERS' CLUB – We are very open to all ideas!!!**


I want to express my deep, deep gratitude to the Home School Executive Committee: Ms. Valerie Grays, Ms. Kendra Whye, Ms. Lisa Hicks and Ms. Yolanda Winkler. These devoted women have planned, organized, and managed all the Home School events this year. They deserve our greatest appreciation.

SUMMER PLANS You will be receiving **supply lists** in the final Progress Report, and other important information, including **math packets and reading lists**, for most of the students. **It is so very important for students to maintain their skills over the summer break!** All young people experience learning losses when they do not engage in educational activities

during the summer.  Research shows that students typically score lower on standardized tests at the end of summer vacation than they do on the same tests at the beginning of summer vacation. On average, students lose approximately 2.6 months of grade level equivalency in mathematical computation skills over the summer months. Studies reveal that the greatest areas of summer loss for all students, regardless of socio-economic status, are in factual or procedural knowledge [Cooper, H., Nye, B., Charlton, K., Lindsay, J., & Greathouse, S. (1996). The effects of summer

 vacation on achievement test scores: A narrative and meta-analytic review. *Review of Educational Research*, 66, 227-268.] **Require your child to spend time EACH DAY reading, and working on math 2-3 days a week, for a period of ½ hour.**

Also, please continue to drop off cans and paper over the summer! You can either leave them at the front entrance OR you can drive around to the back

of the building and deposit the cans in the bin  (or leave them on the ground next to the bin)! Also, there is a paper recycling bin (large green and yellow). Please bring your paper recycling as well. We appreciate your efforts!



Be looking online at the beginning of July for 2009-2010 Calendar information! Or call the office – Summer Office Hours: M-TH: 7:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Friday: 7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.. The office will be closed on June 11 and 12.

CSS 20th Anniversary Closing Liturgy is scheduled for Saturday, June 13 at 5 p.m. at



St. Matthew. Please join us if you are able.

Calendar News and Reminders :

- June 1 – 1st TAG Day for Race for Education.
- June 2 – 8th Grade Retreat; Move Up Day for all; 2nd TAG Day for Race for Education.
- June 3 – Farewell Liturgy, 9 a.m.; Graduation practice and 8th Grade luncheon; 3rd TAG Day for Race for Education.
- June 4 – 8th Grade to Hershey Park.
- June 5 – Kindergarten Celebration, 10 a.m.; 8th Grade Graduation, 7 p.m. in St. Matthew's Church – students report at 6:30 p.m. to the Church Hall.
- June 8 – Grades PreK 3 & 4 and Kindergarten Field Day; 12:30 Dismissal.
- June 9 – Grades 1-7 Field Day; Progress Reports distributed; 12:30 Dismissal; Last Day of School.

Congratulations to the STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR MAY!



PK3: Ava Hastings

PK4A: Miles Cuffie

PK4B: Corynne Moss

K: Nimesha Dean

1: Devin Venable

2: Kayln Howard

3: Brandon Knight

4: Deondre Curtis

5: Brennon Fitzgerald

6: Justin Moutrie

7: Brittany Levine

8: Melese Pounders

Remember that God's greatness is everywhere. Relax, enjoy your summer and enjoy one another. I remind you to please call me or stop by this summer with any comments, questions, or concerns, or just to visit, for any reason.

*With the Peace of Christ,
Paula Redman
Principal*