



SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL

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February 11, 2010

Dear Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s)

February Update:

Catholic Schools Week Concludes

Last week we concluded Catholic Schools Week with a beautiful family liturgy. We were honored that Bishop John Dooher joined us to celebrate this annual Mass during which he gave the children a day off. I have chosen Easter Monday, April 5th as "Bishops Day Off." I hope you will enjoy this day together with your children.

The liturgy was the final highlight of a series of weeklong events including Grandparents/Special Persons Day, Teacher Appreciation Day, Student Appreciation Day and our annual Open House. Throughout the week prospective students and their families came through our doors. We received a record number of applicants this year, a testament to our reputation and to, our school families. My thanks to all of the parents who gave tours and assisted with our special events and liturgy.

School Cancellation

The children had an unexpected day off this week in anticipation of a major storm that arrived much later than forecasted. The day preceding the storm, Braintree's superintendent informed me that he was releasing his students at noon. To accommodate the change in schedule, the bus company informed us we would need to release our students at 10:00 A.M. In response, I made the decision to cancel rather than hold school for two hours. School cancellations and delays are announced through our Connect-Ed system. Please be sure that our office has updated home and cell numbers for your family. We also post cancellations and delays on our web site.

Development

On February 4, our director of development, Ms. Kathleen Cummings, was the guest speaker at the Braintree Rotary. She was well-received as she spoke about the history and current happenings at Saint Francis of Assisi School. Ms. Cummings was honored to accept an invitation for membership in the Rotary.

50th Anniversary Gala

It will not be long until our community comes together for our Anniversary Gala. Ms. Cummings has asked every family to participate in making our auction a success by asking at least one business for a contribution. A number of families have already responded and I thank you for your efforts. For those who have not yet done so, please make this a priority. Ms. Cummings is tracking participation by class and the class with the highest percentage will receive a dress-down day and pizza party!

Wishing you and your family a safe and fun- filled vacation,

Mrs. Vittoria DeBenedictis



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