

Dear Parents,

This is my saying for this year: “God will open the gate in 2008 and flood us with blessings.” I truly believe this and will pray every day for my St. Ethelreda Family. God always answers prayers in due time.

On Christmas day, Mr. David Baldwin, our band instructor, passed unexpectedly. Mr. Baldwin had been the band instructor from 2004-2005 and had just come back to begin the band this school year. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Mr. Carter has been in and out of the hospital all during the month of December. Presently, he is in Ingalls Memorial Hospital and is asking for our prayers to see him through this ordeal. In the absence of Mr. Carter, Mr. Tyrone Pittman has graciously stepped in to continue our music curriculum and to work with the choir. He is no kin to Ms. Pittman.

Please keep Marquell Davenport, a seventh grade student, in your prayers. Marquell had corrective surgery on her legs January 8 and will be out of school for the remainder of this school year.

Friday, January 11, was Ms. Pittman’s last day of employment at St. Ethelreda School. She is returning to college to work on her Masters. In the interim, I will take her place and teach English and Reading to the junior high students until I find a qualified teacher for this position. Learning will continue to take place.

Mrs. Morrow, our Title I teacher, is on sick leave for six weeks due to surgery. She is being replaced by Mrs. Pearlita Brown, another CPS teacher.

Twenty-six out of a class of thirty-one eighth grade students took a Catholic High School entrance exam on January 12. They will receive the results on February 15. We wish them the best of luck..

Congratulations to Dontrell Cornelius, Tiffany Hill, Ashlee McGrown and Queen Harrell. They are finalists for a Daniel Murphy Scholarship to high school which will pay their tuition for all four years.

Hats off to our science club, Eagle Explosion! They are going to the state competition this weekend to compete against 63 other schools in the First Lego League competition. The big event takes place on this Friday and Saturday at the Forest View Education Center in Arlington Heights. It is open to fans on Saturday. We have a fan bus departing from the school at 7:00 a.m. and returning around 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$15.00 which includes a tee shirt. If you would like to join us, please call the office and inform Mrs. Clay.

There is no school on Monday, January 21, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Students in kindergarten through eighth grade will receive their reports cards on January 23.

Our all school skating party is on January 25. If you have never attended a St. Ethelreda skating party, you don't know what you are missing.

There will be a Booster Club meeting today, Wednesday, January 16, at 6:00.

The PTO will meet on Wednesday, January 30, at 6:00.

The basketball games are on the monthly calendar. All games are played at St. Columbanus, 71st and Calumet. There is an admission fee of \$1.00.

Thank you to all who turned in Ultra Store receipts. Mrs. Frazier, PTO chairperson, will share the results as soon as she hears from the store manager.

If your child is asthmatic, sign up for the Asthma Van. Doctor visits and medication are free to you.