

Greetings St. Ethelreda Parents,

Wow! There are only 25 days left for the '07-'08 school year! This has been a year that we will never forget. We have had some good days and some sad ones. But through it all, we have learned to trust in Jesus and learned to trust in God name. We have been blessed to be a pillar of strength for each other and our students when needed. We just pray, pray, pray.

Our first community Open House was a success thanks to all of you who attended. I am sure you received words of wisdom on parenting from Dr. George Smith. He commented that you were a great group of parents who were willing to listen and ask questions. He hopes that you enjoy his book and asks that you contact him if there is ever a need.

We had a great time with our Dads and Granddads who came for "Donuts for Dads." The guys had an opportunity to sit and discuss how they can become more involved in the school and the community to keep it safe for everyone. They have made plans to begin meeting on a regular basis.

Our Grandparents received the royal treatment on Grandparents' Day. This year we added something new. All grandparents were photographed with their grandchildren. Many of you asked about purchasing the pictures. We will send a picture proof home with the grandchildren for your approval. You will have to send the proof back with the payment for the picture package. The proofs should be here by the end of the week.

The Leadership Class is sponsoring a "Mothers' Day Prayer Breakfast" on Friday, May 9. All Mothers, Grandmothers and Aunts are cordially invited for a morning of prayer and reflection. A continental breakfast will be served. The students are planning this special day to show their love and appreciation for Mothers. Invitations will be sent home.

The Transportation Reimbursement form must be filled in by June 14. This applies to families who live more than one and a half miles from school.

Personal checks are not accepted after May 1 for '07-'08 finances.

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH.....

- 11...First Communion at the 11:00 Mass at St. Kilian for Catholic second graders. Congratulations Nathan St. James!
- 12...All students will be promoted to the next grade for the morning hours. This will give the students a sneak preview of the next school year and an opportunity to meet the teachers.
- 14...May Crowning will take place after our school Mass. This is a service in which we honor Mary, Mother of Jesus, who symbolizes all Mothers. Progress Reports will be sent home for all students.
- 19...Muffins for Moms! All Moms and Grandmas are invited for muffins, coffee and stimulating conversation with other Moms and Grandmas. You will also have time to visit the classrooms.
- 20...The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered to our Catholic students in seventh and eighth grades. The Mass and service will be held at St. Kilian at 7:00 P.M. The school choir is asked to sing and everyone is invited to attend this special service.
- 21...Ribbon Day for the Class of '08. The eighth graders will be pinned with their preliminary graduation ribbons. We are hosting this ceremony in the Harold Washington Assembly Hall at 10:00. Parents, family and friends are asked to join in on this celebration.
- 23 and 26...No School...Memorial Day Holiday.
- 29...The 4th and 5th graders are going to Shedd Aquarium. The preschool, kindergarten, 1st, 6th and 7th graders are going to the AFC Theater to see "OZ". This show focuses on character development by exploring universal themes such as wisdom, benevolence and courage. Throughout this musical, each character experiences an event that ignites self reflection about belief systems and moral values. In addition, "OZ" teaches students the importance of believing in themselves and to be grateful for what they already have.
- 30...8th grade class trip to Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio. Please be here at 3:45 A.M. Bring money for breakfast, snacks, games, DVD's, a swimsuit and towel. Hopefully it will be warm.
- REGISTER NOW...STOP BY THE FINANCE OFFICE TO SIGN YOUR CONTRACT AND MAKE THE JUNE PAYMENT.