

Dear Parents,

History was made on Tuesday, November 4, 2008 and we were all a part of it! The 44th President of the United States of America is Barack Obama, the first African American to be elected to this office. We have truly come this far by faith. We are asking your help, Parents, to assist us in a major project to commemorate this historical event. We are going to cover the walls of the Harold Washington Assembly Hall with pictures and headlines. Each student is asked to bring in pictures, headlines, news articles, magazines covers, internet photos, etc. to make their own personal collage. Each class will put the collages together to cover one wall of the assembly hall. This is where your assistance is needed, Parents. Assist your child/children with cutting out this information and sending it to school. We are going to cover the walls on Friday, November 14, and you are invited to join us. All students are also asked to wear their Obama shirts, caps, buttons, etc. again this Friday. A special notice was sent home this past Friday. This is history and we want our students to do something special to remember this historical event. Thank you for all that you are doing to teach them a very valuable history lesson.

Thank you to all who were able to meet with your child's teacher to discuss academic progress. You and your child's teacher working together will help to ensure your child's success. Keeping the lines of communication open will also let your child know that you are aware of everything, even if he/she doesn't give you graded papers, inform you of homework or projects or get test or the assignment notebooks signed when requested by the teacher. Our students need to know that we, the village, are here to push them to their highest potential if it is a 'C', we will accept that and continue to love them for doing their best in that particular subject.

November Highlights

- 15: Carson Community Day. Purchase a Community Day booklet for \$5.00 and receive a \$10.00 coupon along with 8-20% off coupons. See Mrs. Owens in the office for a booklet. All proceeds benefit our school.
- 16: This month the 6 graders are readers at Family Mass. We expect everyone to be at Family Mass, from preschool through 8th grade. The school family that prays together (once a month) stays together. Mass begins at 11:00am at St. Kilian Church, 88th and May.
- 17 and 21st: We are a school family that cares about each other. That's what a family does, looks out for its brothers and sisters. This week we are collecting non perishable food items and winter coats (slightly used, clean), gloves, boots, hats, etc. for our school families and people in the community. Please send food items not only to help make a Thanksgiving dinner but also to be enjoyed in the days following. Cans must not be dented and must have labels on them.. Winter clothing has to be clean and wearable. Students who participate will have a dress down day on Monday and Friday.
- 20: Silver Bells orders will be ready for pick up at 3:00. This is the Market Day fund raiser.
- 22: From 10:00 – 12:00 we will be giving away food and coats to all who are in need.

- 24: Regular Market Day/Pie orders will be ready for pick up at 3:00
- 25: Lunch money is due for December.
- 26: There is no school for kindergarten through 8th grade. However, the preschool is open and all day care will be available. Both programs will close at 5:00 today. Please pick your child/children up on time.
- 27: Happy Thanksgiving from your St. Ethelreda School Family.
- 28: No school for anyone!

Cheerleader practice is every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3:00 – 5:00 for girls in 3rd – 8th. We welcome our new coaches: Coach Murray and Coach Nash.

Reminders:

Dress for the weather. We have recess everyday unless it is raining, snowing or the temperature is below 20 degrees.

On days when it is raining, snowing or the temperature is below 20, the students will be allowed to enter the building before the bell rings.. NOT SOONER THAN 7:30am unless they are enrolled in the Before/After School Care Program.

EVERYDAY IS A DAY OF THANKSGIVING

Take the time to thank the Lord for all the blessings he has given you.