

Dear St. Ethelreda Family,

Your generosity in giving for our food and coat give-away was very overwhelming. During these times when everyone is experiencing some financial difficulty, you still put the needs of others before your own needs. Your example of sharing and caring teaches your child, our students, a very real life lesson. We were prepared to help 100 families and we accomplished that goal by 12:00. Our students brought in over 500 non perishable food items to help us reach this goal.

Because of the dire need in our community and our school families, we are going to do this again on Saturday, December 13, from 10:00-12:00. We are collecting non perishable food, coats and new toys. There is a need for baby and children's winter clothing. We are offering free holiday haircuts for the first 20 boys. Mr. Antoine Jackson, father of Tenia and Antonine, Jr., is a licensed barber and is offering his service. There will also be a surprise visitor.

This is an opportunity for our eighth grade students to earn service hours. Also parents, we can use your help if you can spare a couple of hours. December is short, yet busy month. The calendars were given out on Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. If you don't have it, check with your child. During these next few weeks, we are preparing for the birth of Jesus during this Advent season. We are stressing to the children that something very special happened on December 25. While waiting for that special day, we are being good and doing good. We want them to understand that when they do good for others, good things (God's blessings) come to them when they least expect them.

Have you ordered your fruit yet? This is our biggest fund raiser of the year and our third year sponsoring it. The fruit really is delicious and makes great Christmas presents. If every child sells one item, we will reach our goal. Orders must be in by Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Thank you to all who participated in the Silver Bells fundraiser sponsored by Market Day. These fundraisers help us to make the necessary repairs that are needed in our building. Although the fundraisers are not mandatory, every little bit helps, along with tuition payments.

### **December Highlights**

3<sup>rd</sup> Last chance to order fruit for the holidays.

5<sup>th</sup> Tuition due!

5<sup>th</sup> Dress down day for bringing in something for a baby or a toddler, for example, baby powder, baby wipes, diapers, clothes, a rattle, a toy, etc.

8<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Dress down for each day you bring in a new toy.

10<sup>th</sup> Progress Reports for K-8<sup>th</sup>

12<sup>th</sup> NO SCHOOL for K-8<sup>th</sup>...Teachers Retreat. Preschool will be open and all day care available.

15<sup>th</sup> Financial exclusion...tuition must be current through December.

Parents, I don't like calling you regarding your tuition anymore than you like answering my phone call. In order to keep our school self sufficient, you must pay your tuition on time. Look at it this way. If ten families are behind \$1,000.00 our school budget will be \$10,000.00 in the red. If that continues for the next month, and 17 families fall \$1,000.00 behind, well, you get the picture. If it is easier for you to pay your tuition in two payments for the month, then by all means, write a note to inform us and we will expect you to pay bi-weekly. Financial exclusion means keep your child/children home until your tuition is paid up-to-date. We don't want the child/children to miss school; however, we have monthly obligations to meet as well. And, we want to keep our doors open.

18<sup>th</sup> Lunch money for January must be paid.

19<sup>th</sup> School will be dismissed for EVERYONE, preschool through grade 8, at 12:00. THERE IS NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE FOR ANYONE TODAY.

21<sup>st</sup> Family Mass at St. Kilian...11:00. Fifth graders are readers at this Family Mass.

Our All School Christmas Program will begin at 3:00 in the Harold Washington Assembly Hall. We are asking the students to report to their classrooms by 2:30. We are working with all of the students during music class to make this a program to remember. However, when students don't show up on performance day, it leads to great disappointment for their classmates, their teacher and especially, the music teacher. Please make a special effort to have your child here.

Congratulations to the following students who achieved Honor Roll (4.0-4.4) or Principal's List (4.5-5.0) status the first quarter.

**Honor Roll**

**Principal's List**

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

Zachary Burgess  
Myaa Greene  
Bryan Howard  
Kintrell James  
Kayla Matthews  
Trey Davis  
Demaija Ellerbe

Ashley Frazier  
Elijah Williams  
Antoine Jackson

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

Mariah Lawrence  
Biaje Benson  
Janae Clark  
Kailyn Davis  
Brya Draper

James Jackson  
Felicia Peoples  
Brenae Scott

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

Nia Jackson  
Kendyl McClellan

Tenia Jackson  
Jordan Rogers  
Victoria Frazier  
Chante Johnson  
Briana Ritchey

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Bria Davis  
Kinta James  
Nasir Ricks

Zachari Blue  
Kennedy Hannah  
Amir Ivy  
Ashley Moore  
Kayla Simpson  
Jamilla Sutton

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Alante Martin  
Luke Rattler  
Trayonne Ware  
Christopher Winters

Demitrius Linear  
Chanel Berry  
Christopher Bronson  
Jarad Harvey  
Curtis Howard  
Alexus Walters  
Angela Whiting  
Dejah Wimberly

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Deja Starks  
Dajaniria Ferguson  
Rayan Burgess

Virginia Williams  
Terrance Roberts  
Kierra Harris  
Robert Gholston

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Gianna Green  
Janae Simmons  
Nadjeda Smith

Ebony Crusoe  
Lydia Edwards  
Kayla Haywood  
Destinee Lawrence

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Gevonte' Clark  
Carl Frazier

William Bronson  
Anisa Kilpatrick  
Ayanna Rhodes  
Victoria Gentry  
Aliya Rhodes  
Alyssa Jones  
Stephen Gregory  
Jenna Perryman  
Franklin Wisseh  
Erin Stanford

**The Administration, Faculty and Staff wishes all of you a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year! Classes resume on Monday, January 5, 2009 for everyone.**