

## **FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER**

### **Dear Parents,**

#### **I want to share some good news with all of you!**

The Big Shoulders Fund and the Archdiocese of Chicago has announced an Emergency Scholarship Fund.

In order to qualify, you must have been laid off or terminated from your job from August of 2008 through January 24, 2009. A Big Shoulders Common Application with a letter attached was given to every student on Thursday, February 5. This application and proof of lay off or termination must be returned by Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to our Eagles Cheerleader Team. They were in two cheer competitions and won a participation trophy, a spirit trophy, individual medals, ribbons and key rings.

Last month our school choir sang at Holy Spirit Catholic Community for their two Sunday Masses. The students sang beautifully. They received many compliments for their performance, their appearance and their behavior. We were very proud of them.

Our Eagle Explosion Lego Science Club went to the Midwest Regionals and won an award for Robot Technical Design. They built their robot with the motor in backwards and wrote their program backwards as well.

The February Calendar was sent home last week. Do you have yours posted on your refrigerator? Did your child give it to you? The calendar, along with the Monthly Newsletter, is posted on line before the notices are sent home.

Congratulations to the O'Ambassador Club. Their first fundraiser, a bake sale, raised over \$465.00. This money will be sent to the children in Kenya to help purchase school supplies and food.

Have you seen our basketball teams in action yet? We have 5 teams K-2 (season has ended); grades 3 and 4 (Sunday games); grades 5 and 6 (Friday evening games); grades 7 and 8 (boys; Saturday morning games) and grades 5-8 (girls – Sunday afternoon games). All games are played at the St. Columbanus gym, 71<sup>st</sup> and Calumet. Come on out to a game and cheer our Eagles on to victory.

#### **There are some important events/meeting coming up:**

- 11<sup>th</sup>: Our 4<sup>th</sup> graders will participate in the 2009 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). By completing a state-of-the-art assessment in reading and mathematics, our 4<sup>th</sup> grade students have the opportunity to make the Nation's Report Card more truly representative of our country's education program. The Booster Club will meet at 6:30 today. All parents whose child/children participate in any of the school's sports programs are members of the Booster Club. Your help and ideas are needed. Please plan to attend the meeting.
- 15<sup>th</sup>: Family Mass...3<sup>rd</sup> graders are the readers. Where is everyone on Family Mass Sundays? I see more students and parents at athletic events than Sunday Mass. Why? EVERYONE is expected to attend Family Mass once a month. When students don't come, 80% say their parents wouldn't bring them. When asked if they went to another church, less than half say yes. We need to take our children to church on Sunday.

- 18<sup>th</sup>: Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) will meet at 6:30. There are new initiatives for the upcoming year you would like to be involved in.
- 21<sup>st</sup>: The Food Pantry will be open from 10:00 and 12:00 the third Saturday of each month. This service is a community outreach program for people in the community as well as our own school family members.  
The Booster Club is sponsoring their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Post Valentine's Day Steppers Set from 8:00 until 2:00 at St. Kilian gym, 88<sup>th</sup> and May. There will be smooth music, a raffle for Bulls tickers and a money hat, free food and a good time had by all! All Athletes' parents were given tickets. If you would like to buy tickets in advance, call the office. All proceeds help our sport program.
- 25<sup>th</sup>: Ash Wednesday Mass will be held at 9:00 in the Harold Washington Assembly Hall. Ashes will be distributed before Mass to those who have to leave early.  
Progress Reports for K-8.  
The 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents will meet at 6:30 today.
- 16,26,27 There is no school for kindergarten through grade 8 on the 16<sup>th</sup> (President's Day) the 26 and 27<sup>th</sup> (Professional Development Days). Preschool will be open and all day care available on all 3 days.

Congratulations to all the following students who made Honor Roll or Principal's List the second quarter.

<b><u>Honor Roll</u></b> <b><u>List</u></b>	<b><u>Principal's List</u></b>	<b><u>Principal's</u></b>
Kayla Matthews Rhodes	Elijah Williams	Ayanna
Kintrell James	Antoine Jackson	Franklin Wisseh
Bryan Howard Gregory	Ashley Frazier	Stephen
Demaija Ellerbe Victoria Gentry	James Jackson	
Trey Davis	Khalil Tigues	A'Nisa Kilpatrick
Zachary Burgess	Tenia Jackson	Aliya Rhodes
Brya Draper	Chante Johnson	Erin Stanford
Felicia Peoples	Briana Ritchey	
Kendyl McClellan	Jordan Rogers	
Kaylin McKinney	Victoria Frazier	
Shawn Rucker	Alana Arrington	
Nia Jackson	Zachari Blue	
Akin Austin	Bria Davis	
Joy Cooper	Kinta James	
Takira Daniels	Ashley Moore	
Devin Draper	Nasir Ricks	
Honesty Hatcher	Kayla Simpson	
Johnathan Rheams	Jamila Sutton	
Alante Martin	Kennedy Hannah	
Luke Rattler	Chanel Berry	
Christopher Winters	Christopher Bronson	
Kanjial Grimes	Curtis Howard	

Rayan Burgess  
Courtney Johnson  
Terrance Roberts  
Deja Starks  
Brandice Wheatley  
Janae Simmons  
Nadjeda Smith  
Raeshawn Pierce  
Mariah Wimberley  
Gevonte Clark  
William Bronson  
Jovan Goolsby

Demitrius Linear  
Trayonne Ware  
Angela Whiting  
Dejah Wimberley  
Robert Gholston  
    Kierra Harris  
    Virginia Williams  
Ebony Crusoe  
Kayla Haywood  
    Lydia Edwards  
Jenna Perryman  
    Alyssa Jones