



Thursday Newsletter

January 28 2010

Weekly Calendar

FRIDAY, JAN. 29

9 am - 4 pm Book Sale - Gym

SATURDAY, JAN. 30

9 am - 4 pm Book Sale - Gym

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

SUNDAY, JAN. 31

Ushers & Greeters at Masses
9:30 - 1:30 Book Sale - Youth Ctr.
9:45 KC Breakfast, WCFF
10:00 - 1:00 QPS Open House
2:00 - 4:00 First Reconciliation
Retreat, Gathering Area

MONDAY, FEB. 1

NO HOT LUNCH!

Casual Dress Day
Val-o-Gram Sale Begins!
8:30 Prayer Service
All-grades lunch in gym

TUESDAY, FEB. 2

Casual Dress Day
Read-Around in Gym

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 3

All-School Mass at St. Joseph's,
*except for Pre-K. Pre-K will re-
main on campus.*
Bingo

THURSDAY, FEB. 4

Casual Dress Day
2:00 Staff v. 6th Grade Volleyball
6:30 - 8:00 Family Dance!

FRIDAY, FEB. 5

No School

Leadership Team to Raise Money for Haiti

Every year the students undertake a service project during Catholic Schools Week. This year, the Leadership Team has chosen to raise funds for relief efforts in Haiti. Here is their message:

"Most of you have heard of the earthquake in Haiti. So, the school and parish would like to help. We are collecting loose change for Catholic Relief Services until February 4. If you would be so kind as to donate, please give the change to your child's classroom teacher. We will add the donations to the parish's donations. Thank you for helping out Haiti."

Signed, QPS Leadership Team

Andrew Arreola, Madison Barnes-Nelson, Denver Bogat, Mariah D'Cruz, Tayden Goodeill, John Jablonski, Emma Phillips, Jane Thurston, Alyssa Walsh and Johanna Willburn

QPS Open House This Sunday -- Bring a Friend!

Join us at this Sunday's Open House, from 10 am until 1 pm. If you have family or friends who might be interested in sending their children to QPS, please bring them along -- the more the merrier! Enrollment for current school families will begin March 1. It will open to parish families on March 22 and to the general public on April 5.

We need a few more parents to help out by giving tours. Please e-mail Kathleen Fish, kathleen@qpsalem.org if you're interested. Thanks!

Welcome Mr. Stitt

Please join us in welcoming Mr. Will Stitt, who is substituting for Mrs. Wiegall while she is on maternity leave. Mr. Stitt has a degree in Music with a minor in Music Education from Western Oregon University. He lives in Keizer with his wife and 16-month old son. They attend St. Edward's and enjoy spending time with their extended family, hiking and camping.



Val-o-Gram Sale Starts February 1!

Val-o-Grams will go on sale outside of the 3rd Grade classroom on Monday, February 1. All proceeds are donated to the Pimpollo orphanage in Oaxaca, Mexico.

The cost of each Val-o-Gram is \$1 and includes a personalized message and a "Smencil." For the uninitiated, a Smencil is a scented pencil. They are very popular with the students.

First Reconciliation Retreat

Sunday, 1.31, 2-4 pm

The child preparing for the sacrament and a parent attend the retreat. Please bring a finger food snack or bottle of juice to share for snacks. If you have child care needs for younger siblings, please RSVP to Tricia, 503.364.7202, x. 17.

Thank you!

Scrip Scoop

Here are some reasons to love Scrip --- just in time for Valentine's Day!

♥ See's Candy discount goes to 10% -- the retail price per pound is \$16.10 and with Scrip you get a pound for only \$13. Go wild!

♥ If you're not already a member, you can get a 20% discount for a new COSTCO membership *or* a membership upgrade. But wait -- there's more! You also get \$50 worth of product coupons when your membership is activated, including 4 *free* items.

Mrs. Hansson will submit the next Scrip order on **Monday, February 1**. Orders are due at 8:30 Monday morning. Orders are placed the first of every month. In other Scrip news, Shell cards now net the school 2.5%, while Chevron is down to only 1.5%. We've attached a copy of your Scrip status -- if you'd like to buy out, you may do so at any time. If you have any questions, please call the school office.

Special Thanks

We are grateful to Christy Johnson and Michelle Howe for covering the front desk while Mrs. Hansson was at a conference in Portland. We are also thrilled and grateful to have Ron Hostetler and Mega Gunawan serve as 'traffic control' at the crosswalk before and after school. They are out there rain and shine with unfailing good cheer.

Lego Robotics

The Lego Robotics Club has been meeting for 10 weeks now and the students are putting the finishing touches on their creations. They will demonstrate the amazing feats that they have programmed their robots to perform after school today at their last club meeting. There are 20 fifth and sixth grade students in the club and they worked in pairs to build the robots.

3rd and 4th grade students will have the opportunity to participate in Lego Robotics after Spring Break. Mrs. Craig will send more information home in the near future. The club meets two Thursdays a month after school.

Living Stations

Living Stations give students the opportunity to act out the stations of the cross. Students present the stations several times throughout Lent, usually at the end of the school day. Students who sign up to participate will practice during lunch recess. If your child is interested in this, please sign and return the enclosed permission slip. This is a wonderful Lenten meditation and we hope you will be able to join us.