

February 2, 2010

You are correct! It has only been one week since the last brown envelope. However, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic School is so alive with activity that I felt it necessary to send home another brown envelope this week.

Last week, as a prelude to National Catholic Schools Week, our school community focused on service and thanksgiving. I am so proud of how the faculty, staff, students and parents united together and contributed to the success of our Christian Service Initiative. This week has been designed more toward the students and in last week's letter I detailed the dress code for each day. A recap is as follows:

Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> – Favorite Sport Team Day (Jeans allowed)

Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> – Comet Spirit Day (Jeans allowed with OLMC Spirit Wear)

Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> – Uniform (First Friday Mass)

Looking past the Catholic Schools Week celebration, our next big venture is the Auction. The auction committee (comprised of school parents and parishioners) has been regularly meeting: plotting and planning to make this Auction the best ever! And let me just say that there are new and exciting auction activities in the works!

This year's auction theme is: **Lights, Camera, Auction**. It will be held at St. Stanislaus Kostka in Wyandotte on the evening of April 17<sup>th</sup>. Right now, as a school community, we have to concentrate our efforts on collecting bid items and/or selling advertising space in the program book. Mr. Brian Becraft has bravely stepped forward to head up the Solicitation Committee and he needs everyone's help! Enclosed in this envelope is the list of classroom themes as well as a solicitation letter and advertising contract to be used as follows:

Every year, each classroom is responsible for collecting items under a specific theme to be assembled into a basket and placed up for bid. Please refer to the list of classroom themes and submit your items to your child's homeroom teacher by the end of this month. Homeroom teachers will record participation and classrooms with 100% participation by February 28<sup>th</sup> will receive a pizza party.

Obviously, large bid items such as Red Wing, Piston, Tiger, U of M and Michigan State tickets are also needed. Or, perhaps you know someone that can donate some type of service or have connections to local area businesses. A solicitation letter is enclosed. Feel free to copy it and distribute it in an effort to solicit donations for this year's event.

Finally, an advertising contract is enclosed. Advertising space in the program book the night of the event is a great way to bring in extra revenue for the event. If you know a business owner that would like to advertise in our program booklet, please copy the enclosed form and distribute it as necessary.

Our auction goals this year are lofty, but I am confident that by working together we can reach them. Please use the enclosed forms to drum up bid items and sell ads. And, if you would like to

help Brian with the further solicitation of items in a more concentrated effort, let us know! All hands on deck! Everyone is welcome to help and enjoy the rewards of our efforts!

Inarguably, the most recognized symbol of Valentine's Day is the heart. To coincide with this quickly approaching Feast of St. Valentine, the LaForest Family is selling cookbooks to benefit Children's Hospital and raise awareness of congenital heart defects. Because we are a small school community operating as a family unit, I know that you are all familiar with our little Aidan's remarkable story. I am happy that Aidan is doing well and thriving in our Kindergarten class and ask that you read the enclosed letter and help the LaForest Family in this fundraising effort.

As a final reminder, the Spaghetti Dinner/Benefit Fundraiser for Jeremy Shiveley is this Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Shiveley is humbled by the outpouring of love and support by her family at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. If you can help in any way, please do so. No act of kindness is too small. A bake sale has been added as one of the events. Baked goods can be dropped off at the school office on Friday or at the Auditorium on Saturday beginning at 11:00 a.m. May God repay all the kindness you have shown to the Shiveley family tenfold.

Tuition Assistance Applications from the Archdiocese of Detroit are now available in the school office. The submission deadline is April 12, 2010.

That's all for now. Stay warm!

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Principal