

 **Share the Peace in your Heart.** 

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER- Weekly News for February 14, 2012

February Theme: KINDNESS & LOVE 

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

SLE of the week: St. Euphrasia students are CATHOLIC LEARNERS who realize that learning requires effort, study skills and self motivation.

This week, the students are celebrating St. Valentine's Day by wearing red and participating in the Jump/Hoops for Heart event. Thank you to Mrs. McCarron for coordinating this yearly tradition. I am proud to tell you that as of Valentine's Day, our school community raised over \$1850 to help fight heart disease. All monies donated will be given to the American Heart Association. Thank you, St. Euphrasia School, for your generosity and backing of this heart healthy cause!

Last week, our annual financial PTC meeting was held. Thank you for attending the meeting and participating in the discussion afterwards. I have included a recap of your comments at the end of my comments. The essential "take away" from the evening is that all members of our school community need to help us celebrate our successes and help to "get the word out" about St. Euphrasia School. I am grateful that so many attended and that information about technology decisions could be explained to you. It is important for all to understand the school administration's commitment to upgrade resources in a fiscally responsible manner. Your "ambassadorship" has already had an impact. Families who have been referred are calling daily. It is an exciting opportunity to meet all of the new families and children.

At the Feb. 6 meeting, Msgr. Gehl announced that an "anonymous donor" generously gave a large amount of money to the parish. Fr. Jim let us know that he is donating some of the money to beginning our Kindergarten Playground (\$10,000!). And, this past Sat., the St. Euphrasia Women (SEW) held their annual Valentine's Tea. SEW has offered to donate ½ of the proceeds (from the tea) to fund the playground. At the event, Fr. Jim also won the 50/50 Raffle. He commented that he would donate all of the money won to the playground fund, if people matched it dollar for dollar at the tea. My public thanks to all who donated and to Fr. Jim for encouraging people's generosity. The event was able to raise in excess of \$2000. Everyone in the parish is working hard to make the playground a Summer of 2012 reality! Please look for (and support) our upcoming events to help raise the funds for the playground. The first one planned is an E-Waste Day. This event is planned for the end of March. Don't throw your used or outdated technology (also entertainment items) until then. You can drop them off at St. Euphrasia and achieve the goals of recycling and helping to fund the playground. Start (or continue to save) monitors, keyboards, old cell phones, old towers and hard drives, TV's, video equipment and much more. Look for detailed information about this next week's news. More to come . . .

Have a blessed week and Happy St. Valentine's Day!

Mrs. Blair

St. Mary Euphrasia Quote of the Week:  "The spirit of love, simplicity and thankfulness are the life and soul of our *Mission*. With that you have everything and God will continue to send down on you the dew of blessings."



KNIGHTS BEAR is awarded to Mrs. McKenna this week for helping to coordinate the First Sacrament program (and the recent 1st Penance workshop) for over 100 children. The Knights Bear is awarded to Gr. 6, 7, and 8 next week for their support and generous volunteer spirit helping with the recent SEW Tea and the 1st Penance workshop.



CONGRATULATIONS.....

- To Grades 2 & 3 for remaining in 1st place in the Archdiocese for First in Math.



THANK YOU....

- Thank you to so many of our middle schoolers (over 20 of them!) who were waiters at the SEW Valentine's Day Tea this past Sat. It was great to see so many student Knights helping at a parish event.
- Thank you also to the 7th graders who helped with the 1st Penance Workshop.



First In Math

Class of the Week: Grade 2

Player of the Week: N. R. in Gr. 1

Note: Gr. 2 is #1 in the Archdiocese, 11th in Calif., and 32nd overall in the U.S.A.; Gr. 3 is #1 in the Archdiocese of LA and 8th in California.

As promised . . .



Here is a recap of the comments received from the **Feb. 6 PTC Meeting** discussion groups:

What was your reaction to the presentation this evening?

- Appreciated the amount of information given and the thoughtfulness of the presentations
- Appreciated the in-depth info about technology upgrades and the careful approach to spending money
- Liked the challenge to "be ambassadors"
- Information was overwhelming and somewhat expected
- Presentation should have been more direct about tuition cost going up; repetitive financial information
- Raise the referral fee (from \$100-\$200)
- Appreciate the options to decrease tuition
- Liked Dr. Baxter's information and national statistics

Discuss what you think has worked for marketing and getting the word out this past year:

- *Positive comments about the parish events and involvement (trunk o' treat, faith nights, Christmas tree event)*
- *Continue to make our school visible in the community (community events, parades)*
- *Food trucks needs to be more consistent (1x/mo)*
- *Suggested events: Mother's Day or Father's Day events, Mother/Son or Father/Daughter event/dance*
- *Display items (Proud Mom/Dad shirts, license plates)*
- *More community events to bring people in (blood drive)*
- *Street banners, flyers, visiting preschools have all helped this past year*
- *Billboard displays*
- *Can we try postcards?*
- *Talking up our academic values and HS acceptances*

What are your ideas for technology upgrades? Discuss the 1:1 program.

- *Our table likes the small group approach for computers vs. the 1:1 for all students*
- *Is it affordable? Research grants for this*
- *E-books suggested*
- *What about leasing options?*