

Dear Sacred Heart Parents,

It is hard to believe that the year 2010 has arrived! I hope that everyone enjoyed the Christmas break as you celebrated the coming of Jesus with your families. It is such an important season in our faith and what a wonderful opportunity for parents, as primary educators of their children, to walk through together.

Looking back at December brings many warm memories. The annual Sacred Heart School Christmas program was short, but delightful. I want to thank all of you – the students and teachers for practicing and rehearsing their parts, the parents for setting up and decorating the gym, the parents for the cookies and those also working in the kitchen that night, the parents in charge of the goodie bags for the children, Santa for his generous appearance, Sally Cady for her accompaniment on the piano, the donated Christmas trees...the list does go on and on! Please know that it is your support and generous gift of time and talent that make this event so successful!

The students had great opportunities to provide service to their local community during December. There was the bake sale that raised \$200 to donate to the parish to help with the cost of the St. John Vianney production, making cards and visiting the Orchard House, Student Council sponsored Coin Drive for the local Food Bank raised over \$600, and grades three through eight helped with the preparation of the food baskets for the Food Bank's annual Christmas Basket program.

January is already brimming with many activities including the annual carnival that will be on January 16<sup>th</sup>. You will find the work schedule for the carnival in today's Wednesday packet. All parents are required to work two shifts for two parent families and one shift for one parent families. In the event that you are unable to fulfill this requirement, pre-arrangements must be made with me. I wish to thank the chairs, Lisa and Jeff Turner, and all others who have been working to make this event a success. Please note that there is also the need for everyone to provide cakes and other goodies for the Cake Walk and Bingo prizes.

The boys' basketball season starts with practice this week and from observing the level of play during recess I know we have great talent. A thank you goes to Mr. Kevin Davidson, Mr. Frank Davidson, Mr. Shawn Suing, and Mr. Tony Cuff for sharing their talents to assist in coaching this team.

Catholic Schools Week will be January 31st through February 5th. Many activities are being planned including an Open House on January 31st, the annual Scholastic Book Fair, Grandparents' Day on Friday, February 4th, and the annual Distinguished Graduate will be announced at the school Mass that day. This is a special week to reflect on the value of a Catholic education for today's children.

I wish each and everyone a safe New Year with many bountiful blessings as we together continue to follow the path of the Lord!

Lucy Shawn,  
Principal