

August 23, 2007

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to what promises to be a very positive and exciting school year. As you may well know, 2007-2008 is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Cosgriff School and the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Ambrose Parish – a good reason to get involved in the many school and parish activities planned throughout the year.

**Please read the following:**

- Cosgriff has an outstanding faculty and staff team this year made up of new and veteran teachers and aides. Please introduce yourself to the new faculty and staff.
- Each month this year the students will learn and practice an important social skill and character education life virtue. Classroom teachers will help students incorporate these important skills and virtues into their daily lives.
- The social skills for September are “Looking, Listening and following Instructions”, see attached sheets. Information explaining the values and social skills will be sent in the brown envelope on Thursday.
- The character education virtue for the month of September is “Respect”. This virtue/value is strongly reflected in our school-wide rules and mission statement. We will learn about showing respect for ourselves, others and school property.
- Many of you have toured our new 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classroom area, which is a tremendous addition to Cosgriff. A sincere thank-you to Lana and Bob Martino for their donation to cover the costs of all the construction, computers and televisions. Their generosity is appreciated so very much.
- Thank you for your patience with the construction on the south side of the school. This area will soon be a safe, age appropriate and up to date playground for the 2, 3 and 4 year olds. It is a NAACP regulation that a play area be located within close walking distance to the classroom. A special thank-you goes to Phil McCarthey and his sister Maureen for donating the needed funding to construct this new play area.
- Thank you to all parents who have donated age appropriate toys and classroom equipment for the early childhood program.
- **In order to conserve paper this year the principal’s note will now be placed on the Cosgriff web site ([www.Cosgriff.org](http://www.Cosgriff.org)) every Thursday. If you wish to receive a paper copy please tell your child’s teacher and one will be sent home.**
- Please welcome our new office secretary, Debby Fleisch, she is working hard to get the school up and running and provide TLC for your children each day. Mrs. Marron and Mrs. Kern will be working part time, as we really need extra office assistance.
- Our school gym is in tip top shape and ready for use. When you want to schedule a volleyball practice call the office for a day and time. Extended day has the gym reserved for one hour after school all year, Mon-Thurs. 3:15-4:15, Fri 12:15-1:15.
- We need someone to serve lunch on Wednesday’s from 11:15 AM to 1:00 PM, call the office @ 486-3197 if you can help. (This is a paid position).

- **The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual J.E. Cosgriff Art is Everywhere Festival**

Mark your calendars. The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Art is Everywhere Festival will be held on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. The Art Festival Committee is currently sending out invitations and contracts to interested artists. If you or someone you now would like to participate in this year's Festival, please contact Erin Bonk @ 588-0336 or [erinbonk@yahoo.com](mailto:erinbonk@yahoo.com). New and Creative art including jewelry, paintings, photography, metal, pottery, wood, textile, paper, glass and sculpture is welcome. This is a fabulous way to show and sell your artwork while benefiting J.E. Cosgriff Memorial School.

- Please remember that next Wednesday is a formal dress uniform day for the back to school Mass on Wednesday, August 29 @ 8:45 AM, parents are invited.
- School picture day is Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, the packets were sent home today with this newsletter. Please return your picture form and check by picture day. The students dress for that day will be Sunday best, no shorts, and no jeans.

Please feel free to stop by or call for an appointment if you have questions or concerns. Thank you for your hard work and dedication.

Betsy Hunt  
Principal

August 29, 2007

Dear Parents,

Our first school mass was very successful and applicable to the beginning of the school year. Father Bill spoke about the feast day of St. Augustine and the great significance of St. Ambrose who was St. Augustine's primary teacher of the Catholic religion. Father Bill spoke about the great importance of parents, teachers and students. The sixth grade lead the mass with song and the eighth grade ushered and assisted with the readings. Our next school mass is September 27<sup>th</sup>, 8:45 AM, please plan on joining the students.

**Please read the following:**

- When your child has forgotten a lunch or homework:

There will be 3 bins outside of the office for cold lunches that have been forgotten.

#1 – 1<sup>st</sup> lunch – K, 1, 2 grade

#2 – 2<sup>nd</sup> lunch – 3,4,5 grade

#3 – 3<sup>rd</sup> lunch – 6,7,8 grade

Please enter the front door and drop your child's lunch in the proper bin. The bins will be taken to the lunch room where your child can retrieve his/her lunch.

Another bin will be present in front of the office and it will say HOMEWORK, please drop your child's homework in the bin and it will be placed in the correct teacher's mail box.

This new procedure will allow for a quick drop off for you and fewer disruptions in the classrooms.

- We will be sending invitations out very soon for the Grandparent brunch on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please send the names and addresses of Grandparents, favorite Aunts, Uncles or a dear family friend, especially if Grandparents do not live in SLC. Send names and addresses to [kaylasmith@cosgriff.org](mailto:kaylasmith@cosgriff.org) **by September 7<sup>th</sup>**.

- The first Jr. High dance for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students was scheduled for September 14<sup>th</sup>, that is the same date as the Judge High School homecoming. In order to support the activities at Judge the Cosgriff Jr. High dance has been changed to **Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 9:00 Pm, modest dress is required.**

- School pictures are Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, students may wear dress up clothes (no jeans) and comfortable shoes for recess.

- The first H S A meeting is September 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM in Vaughan Center.

- The first School Board meeting is September 27<sup>th</sup> in Goslin Hall @ 7:00 PM.

- Please note; on the school calendar October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> are parent teacher conference days. Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, is a regular school day, it is also the Fall Festival and our annual King's English Book Fair which will be open until 10:00 PM that evening.

Father Bill asked that we stay with the new schedule as much as possible.

One extra day, March 20<sup>th</sup>, was added to our short Easter vacation. Please plan your vacations accordingly.

Thank You  
Betsy Hunt  
Principal

September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Dear Parents,

This past Tuesday marked the beginning of the first 2 year old toddler class at Cosgriff. Melanie Mancini and Mary Dolan were there to greet this eager and playful group of students. The new playground for 2, 3 and 4 year olds, on the south side of the school, will hopefully be finished soon.

**Please read the following:**

- Parents of Kindergarten and 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students have been asked to participate in a U of U research study on friendship. An explanation of the study has been sent home as well as a consent form for parents. Please return the consent form right away if you would like to participate in this study.
- The first School Board meeting is September 27<sup>th</sup> in Gosselin Hall @ 7:00 PM
- The first H.S.A meeting is September 10<sup>th</sup> in the Vaughan Center @7:00 PM
- Students are expected to wear formal dress on all school mass days, for special assemblies, guest speakers and when individual classes celebrate the mass. For example: the 8th grade celebrates the mass on October 2<sup>nd</sup> so that grade is expected to wear formal dress that day.
- The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance has been changed from September 14<sup>th</sup> to September 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 9:00 PM in the gym. Admission is \$4.00 and one can of protein food (i.e. tuna, chili, etc), or \$5.00.
- Cosgriff School will participate in an international service project for the month of September. It is the Themba South African Appeal, to help build a residential high school, an orphan support center and a performing arts center in South Africa. K-8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be asked to fill small boxes with coins or dollar bills and turn them in for a special "hope bracelet." The sixth, seventh and eighth grade will attend a special concert at the Capital Theater on September 27<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 AM starring Erin Bode and the Themba Girls Choir. This will be our international service project for the school year. Please support this important effort.
- September is Green Ribbon month. This is a program that focuses on pedestrian safety. Please put a green ribbon on your car antenna after you have pledged to drive slowly in school zones and residential areas, to educate your children on pedestrian safety and to get involved in your community to make streets safe for children. Cosgriff students will participate in special Green Ribbon activities from September 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>. Cosgriff students will wear a green ribbon after they take a pledge to walk on sidewalks, look both ways before crossing the street, crossing at crosswalks and to walk with a buddy.

- A note from Mr. Huntzinger:

On Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup> we will hold an altar server training for new servers (those who have received their first communion). Lunch (pizza) will be provided after school and then we will proceed to the church for the training which will end at 2:00 PM. Students who wish to attend for the refresher course are also invited to attend any of the 4 listed times and dates in the bulletin ( September 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> 2:20 – 2:00 PM and September 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 10:00 – 11:30 AM). Thank you!

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- Several parents have expressed concerns over the continued danger and congestion in the parking lot before and after school. A small committee met and the following was recommended for student safety;
  - Pull to the back of the school before allowing your child to exit the car in the morning. At least 3 cars can pull up to the back of the school if all cars pull forward.
  - Children should have back pack in hand and be ready to get out of the car in the morning.
  - Instruct your child to stand in the back of the school and watch for you as you drive up – after school.
  - Please watch for children walking to extended day and through the cars.
  - Parents please do not park on the brickwork on the north side of the church, when people drive or park on the bricks they break and then costly repairs have to be done.
  - Finally a “turn right only” sign will be put up as you exit the parking lot, this should help with the flow of traffic – thank you for your cooperation and support.

Betsy Hunt  
Principal

September 20, 2007

Dear Parents,

The annual Oktoberfest will be Saturday September 22, after the 5:00 PM Mass, in the school gym. Please bring the whole family and support this fun family event. Thank you to Michael Hilton for chairing this activity.

Please read the following:

- The Home and School Association (H.S.A.) is an integral part of Cosgriff School. They are the support staff between the faculty and parent community. Our H.S.A. officers for the 2007-2008 school year are:

President: Linda Holyoak  
Vice President: Barb Schmiett  
Secretary: Lori Zuti  
Treasurer: Catherine Romero  
Past President: Anne Morgan

H.S.A. works hard all year to support and improve the school by hosting Mentor Family Night, the Grandparent Brunch, selling used uniforms, providing lunches and dinners for parent/teacher conferences, Books and Bagels, Innisbrook, and many more activities. The H.S.A. fundraisers help support the general school expenses as well as special request from teachers such as curriculum materials, classroom equipment and updated computers.

It is a tradition at Cosgriff to employ professional, certified teachers and skilled reading aides. In addition students are taught by a certified specialist in the “special” core classes of P.E., Art, Music, Technology, Foreign Language, and most recently Church Liturgy and Music. Because H.S.A. and many other parents work so hard to support the complex educational components of Cosgriff, we are able to offer a very high quality liberal arts education for our students.

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and students we would like to extend a sincere “thank you” to our H.S.A. officers and parents for working so hard to make Cosgriff a great school and community.

- The Innisbrook fundraiser is in its final days and many students have already claimed their 1<sup>st</sup> prize after selling 15 items. Be sure to send in the coupon with your child as soon as he/she reaches that goal. Thank you to Jenny Maffuccio for chairing this event which is always a very profitable fundraiser for Cosgriff. We depend on the Innisbrook fundraiser to offset some general school expenses and help with the purchase of classroom materials, equipment, books, computers, etc. Please be generous with you support.
- **Correction-** Picture retakes are Tuesday October 23rd, not Tuesday September 25<sup>th</sup>.
- September 24<sup>th</sup> is National “Family Day”. We will have our first school family activity on Monday afternoon. Families are encouraged to eat dinner together as a way of celebrating this day. Statistics show the more children and teens eat dinner with their families, the less likely they are to smoke, drink, and use illegal drugs. For this reason, the National Center on addiction and substance abuse at Columbia University created Family Day in 2001; please see [www.CASAFamilyDay.org](http://www.CASAFamilyDay.org).
- Please read the important flyers on vaccinations sent home in your child’s homework folder.

- Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth grade student choir will sing at the 12:15 Mass on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please attend to hear and support our students.
- Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> is our all school Mass @ **8:30 AM** to celebrate the feast day of St. Vincent de Paul.
- September 28<sup>th</sup> – no classes due to Professional Educator Day.
- This past week all students received a small “Themba” donation box. Help your child earn money for this important South African service project. All boxes are due the first week of October.
- Student art showcase entries will be accepted October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3:00 – 4:00 PM, don’t forget! It is going to be a really fun event this year. All entries will be exhibited at the Art Festival on October 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Mardi Gras class projects – we still need project leaders for grades k, 1, 5, 6 and 7. Please call Carolyn Dean @ 272-1704 or e-mail [zimmydean@comst.net](mailto:zimmydean@comst.net) if you are interested in participating in this fun project.
- Thank you for trying our new “Right Turn” procedure in the parking lot. There are always a few glitches when a change is made in parking and routines. Please give this new procedure a little time before passing judgment. Some residents on the nearby streets have noticed an increase in traffic and ask that all drivers proceed cautiously and slowly down Ramona, Emerson, and other nearby streets.
- Thank you to all parents who have continued to donate new and slightly used books to classrooms and our library. Our students are direct beneficiaries of your generous contributions.
- All students are eligible to receive a “Tiger Paw” certificate during the school day for outstanding work, effort, kindness, respect, tolerance, and a positive attitude, etc. We have Tiger Paw drawings every Friday to reward students with useful and desirable prizes. If you have access to hats, balls, bookmarks, trading cards, gift certificates, water bottles, sport team memorabilia, or want to make a small monetary donation, please send them into the office.

Thank you for your hard work and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Betsy Hunt  
Principal

September 13, 2007

Dear Parents,

The month of September has been one of new beginnings at Cosgriff. Our two, three and four year old programs are off to a great start. The seventh and eighth grade students have certainly settled in upstairs in their new “penthouse”, leaving more breathing room for the other grades on the main floor.

Please read the following:

- The new 2007-2008 Cosgriff student/parent directories will be printed soon. If you have an upcoming change in your address or telephone number please call the office right away. Business and personal ads are for sale in the new directory, these ads offset the printing cost of the directory. The cost is \$50.00 per ad, contact Lori Cook to place an ad, 487-4561, lorcook@comcast.net.
- Invitations for the Art Festival are in the homework folder today. Please plan on attending this traditional, fun fundraiser and e-mail Kayla Smith if you would like an invitation sent to other family members or friends. ([kaylasmith@cosgriff.org](mailto:kaylasmith@cosgriff.org)).
- September 17-21<sup>st</sup> is Green Ribbon week at Cosgriff. Please read and sign the green ribbon pledge that your child brings home. Tie a green ribbon on your car for the rest of September to show that you are doing your part to support pedestrian safety.
- The Mardi Gras committee has been working diligently to get ready for this important fundraiser on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Parent volunteers working in solicitations need your help. Contact one of the following parents if you re able to get a donation in any of the following categories: **restaurant/entertainment**, Lee Cotter, Melanie Smith, Barb Schmiett, Ali Brusa, **childrens**, Janis Sprung, Beth Walz, Monica Frederick, Pat Nord, Kori Hazel, Mika Barber, Linda Holyoak, **sports**, Lisa Boullion, Emily Jones, Hope Jensen, Amy Paul, Shauna Appel, Chalaine Koszinowski or **home and garden**, Gwynne Freeman, Mary Matheson, Tracey Mapstone, Wendy Crawley, Merry Osbourne.
- The art festival committee is looking for a very talented volunteer to help with calligraphy. Please contact Lori Cook if you can help in this area.
- The Halloween parade will be October 31<sup>st</sup> @ 1:45 PM. If it is a nice day the parade will be outside. All students including Pre School are invited to participate. Students will go to their respective classrooms after the parade for a “relaxing, calm” party. More details to follow.
- Just a reminder – the annual Book Fair will take place on October 20-26<sup>th</sup>. You can purchase all of those great Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas books at

the fair. This is the main fundraiser for our school library. Thank you to Linda Paoletti for organizing this annual event.

- The emergency backpacks in all classrooms need to be updated and middle school classrooms are in need of emergency supplies and backpacks. Please call 486-6933 if you would like to help with this project or have access to medical supplies that could possibly be donated to Cosgriff.
- An update on school masses – formal dress is required for class or school masses, (only the class attending mass wears formal dress).

Sept. 27 – All school mass 8:45 AM  
Oct. 2 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade 10:00 AM  
Oct. 4 – 7<sup>th</sup> grade 10:00 AM  
Oct. 17 – 6<sup>th</sup> grade 10:00 AM  
Oct. 18 – All school mass 8:45 AM  
Oct. 19 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade mass @ Cathedral  
Nov. 1 – All School mass 8:45 AM  
Nov. 14 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade mass 10:30 AM  
Nov. 15 – 4<sup>th</sup> grade mass 10:30 AM  
Nov. 20 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade mass 10:30 AM  
Nov. 28 – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade mass 10:30 AM  
Dec. 4 – 1,2,3 grade mass 8:45 AM  
Dec. 7 – 4, 5 grade mass 8:45 AM  
Dec. 12 – Middle school mass 8:45 AM

Thank you for your dedication and hard work.

Betsy Hunt  
Principal

October 4, 2007

Dear Parents,

October is filled with special events and important meetings ~ mark your calendar with the following dates:

Oct. 6 ~ Arts Festival 6-10 PM  
Oct 8-12 ~ SAT testing at school  
Oct 18 ~ All school mass – Feast of St. Luke  
Oct 19 ~ 8<sup>th</sup> grade mass with Bishop Westor at the Cathedral  
Oct 23 ~ Make up/ retake picture day  
Oct 24 ~ Parent, teacher conferences 4-8 PM  
Oct 25 ~ Parent Teacher Conferences 1-8 PM (half day of school)  
Oct 21-26 ~ Book sale with library  
Oct 26 ~ Fall Family Festival 6-9 PM in the social center  
Oct 31 ~ Halloween parade 1:45 PM

Please read the following:

- SAT testing is Oct 8-12, please make sure your child is on time each day and that he/she has had a good nights sleep and a healthy breakfast.
- At the H.S.A. meeting this past week there was much discussion about non uniform jackets and sweaters. Please note the final decision as a result of this meeting.

Students may wear non uniform jackets to school, at recess, and then when they leave to go home at the end of the day. School sweatshirts, sweaters, vests, & fleece jackets and vests are allowed to be worn in the classroom, lunchroom, halls and church. Non uniform items including heavy parkas are to be worn outside only. If a student is chilly in the classroom he/she should have an extra Cosgriff sweatshirt at school. Hooded non uniform jackets are acceptable before school and out at recess for protection from the wind and rain. It is always easiest just to wear the school uniform and all students are strongly encouraged to do so.

- Kevin Andrews, the African Themba representative spoke to students this week. He happily announced to students that the \$1,000.00 Cosgriff students raised in September for the Themba project would help send at least twenty students to school in South Africa, thank you for your generosity.

- The character education value for October is **RESPONSIBILITY**. Teachers will be talking about several types of responsibility which students encounter; school, family, moral, community and personal responsibility. Please reinforce accountability/responsibility at home and with school studies as we work hard

together to help our children develop this important value.

- The social skills we will discuss and practice during October are: **Interrupting appropriately and engaging in conversation.** The steps and rationale for these social skills are in the Thursday take home folder. Please review and practice these important life skills over and over with your child!
- The annual school art auction is this Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-10 PM & Sunday from 11-2 PM in the Social Center. Ask friends and family to join you for this elegant sale and dinner. Workers are needed, please call Lori Cook, 487-4561.
- Keep November 3<sup>rd</sup> open for the beer and brats dinner after 5:00 PM mass.
- The Grandparent brunch was upbeat and enjoyable for all who attended, thank you to H.S.A. and other kind parents that worked on this brunch. A special thank you to Cosgriff students and teachers for the welcome cards, angels and other decorations and also for providing the outstanding entertainment. And a special thank you to our eighth grade class for assisting at the brunch as greeters, servers and guides.
- The parent teacher conference request form is in the homework folder – please fill it out and send it right back to school.
- Information placed in teacher mailboxes in the faculty room should always be presented to the administration for approval. Today several teachers discovered a very opinionated article about homework in their mailboxes. Please contact the office/principal for approval regarding literature intended for the faculty.

Thank you  
Betsy Hunt

Principal

October 11, 2007

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your generosity, support and hard work at the annual art auction. It was a most successful and enjoyable affair. A special note of appreciation and thanks to the following helpers and art committee;

**Art Auction Chairs**

*Lori Cook*

*Erin Bonk*

*Tammy Clark*

**Grid Artists**

*Kathleen Brown – Sales Chair*

*Camille Fauth*

**Gift Shop**

*Amy Pernich*

*Beth Walz*

**Admissions Chair**

*Charlotte Oliver - Chair*

*Jody Pond – Co Chair*

**Hall Clean up**

*Oscar Bourg*

**Decorations**

*Robin Harmston*

*Julie Neville*

**Food**

*Greg Neville*

**Children's Art**

*Craig and Carolyn Dean*

**Silent Auction**

*Hope Jensen*

**Accounting**

*Gary Jensen*

Thank you to the many parents who assisted on the above committee. These events would not be possible without the hard work of our tremendous parents.

Please note the following;

- Students may wear non uniform jackets to school, at recess, and then when they leave to go home at the end of the day. School sweatshirts, sweaters, vests, & fleece jackets and vests are allowed to be worn in the classroom, lunchroom, halls and church. Non uniform items including heavy parkas are to be worn outside only. If a student is chilly in the classroom he/she should have an extra Cosgriff sweatshirt at school. Hooded non uniform jackets are acceptable before school and out at recess for protection from the wind and rain. It is always easiest just to wear the school uniform and all students are strongly encouraged to do so.

- Our student council community service project for October is to help fill the shelves at the Utah Food Bank. Please send canned protein food to school any day in October. Take this opportunity to talk to your child about some of the reasons why a person may need to go to the Utah Food Bank for food. The reasons may include loss of a job, an illness, mental or physical, a personal loss of a loved one, or a natural catastrophe.
- The student council will sell suckers on October 16<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Part of the proceeds will be sent to the Food Bank as a cash donation.
- Each year Mrs. Romero asks parents to help with a special knitting project in her classroom. All students knit a hat to donate to charity. Mrs. Romero needs parent knitters to teach the 4<sup>th</sup> grade how to knit on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 8:30-9:10 AM, or October 18, 1-1:30 PM. Please e-mail her [romero@cosgriff.org](mailto:romero@cosgriff.org) or call her at 486-3197 ext. 415.
- The all school mass is on Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> @ 8:45 AM. We will celebrate the Feast of St. Luke.
- Make sure you have an appointment either October 24<sup>th</sup> or October 25<sup>th</sup> for a parent teacher conference. Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth grade students are asked to attend the conferences with their parents. If you haven't sent your form back do so as soon as possible, or call Debby @ 486-3197 to schedule your appointment.
- The annual Kings English Book Fair will be going on October 21-26. You may purchase Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas books as well as teacher wish list books and many other gift books for friends and family. See the web page ([cosgriff.org](http://cosgriff.org)) for the Book Fair schedule.
- Make up/retake picture day is October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please pick up a picture packet in the office if you would like your child's picture retaken or taken for the first time.
- On October 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM we will officially open our new toddler and preschool playground. Phil McCarthey and his sister Maureen will attend a dedication to acknowledge our appreciation of their generous donation. Interested parents are invited to attend this short ceremony.
- Books and Bagels is October 25<sup>th</sup>, this event will be hosted by the Nakamura's from 7:30 to 8:15 AM. Parent's are invited to read with their child in the gym. Bagels and juice will be provided for all and coffee will be available for the parents. (The date was incorrect in the H.S.A. minutes).
- October 23-31 is Red Ribbon Week. Watch for special activities to remind all Cosgriff students to choose to be alcohol and drug free.

Thank You  
Betsy Hunt

Principal

October 18, 2007

Dear Parents,

Please note the busy school week ~ October 22-26.

October 20-26 ~ The School Book Fair! Please buy your holiday books, best sellers and a teachers “wish list” book. Invite family and friends to the book talks and book fair. A percentage of books sold go to support our Cosgriff library.

October 23 ~ Picture make up day. Students may wear a nice non uniform shirt for picture retake and then change into the uniform shirt after pictures have been taken; please pick up a packet in the office.

October 24 & 25 ~ Parent teacher conferences are now scheduled. Call the office if you have not yet received confirmation for your appointment. Sixth, seventh and eighth grade students should accompany parents to the meeting.

October 25 ~ Books and Bagels. This event will be hosted by the Nakamura's from 7:30 to 8:15 AM. Parents are invited to read with their child in the gym. Bagels and juice will be provided for all and coffee will be available for the parents.

October 26 ~ The annual “Fall Festival” is Friday evening from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. All parish families are invited. There will be dinner and many games and prizes at the festival. Call Raquel Austin @ 474-2653 or Kassi Mancini @ 274-7174 if you are able to help!

October 31 ~ The Halloween day parade will take place about 1:30 on Halloween day. The Pre-school will lead the parade through the halls and outside around the parking lot and grass area. Please try to park on the street to allow room for parents to stand during the parade. If it is really cold and raining we will enjoy the parade in the halls and gym. After the parade the students will go back to their classroom for a party.

Please note the following:

- Halloween Costumes – We are asking that students do not dress up with blood and gore as part of their costume. Students are not to bring plastic or toy weapons of any kind (this includes, knives, swords, grim reaper staff, guns etc.). Due to safety reasons students are not to wear any kind of full face mask with their costume. Parents are welcome to dress up in a costume but also asked not to wear a face mask.

- The Utah Food Bank boxes outside each classroom are waiting to be filled with healthy protein canned food. Please fill the boxes so others will have a meal to eat.

- Please read the article sent home in your child's homework folder entitled "The Perils and Promise of Praise." This is the second article sent to you regarding praising a child's intelligence vs. effort and hard work and the effects this has on a child's self esteem. Please read the article, it is for your information. A parent study night on this topic will be set up in the very near future.

- Save the Date for Cosgriff's very own Beer and Brats night - November 3<sup>rd</sup> directly following the 5:00 PM mass. Invite friends and family for a fun night out. Call Michael Hilton if you would like to help @ 484-6094

- The Mardi Gras is February 2<sup>nd</sup> and the committee has already been working diligently to make this a successful event. Program ads are on sale NOW! You may purchase a company or personal ad by calling Connie Taylor @ 583-6641.

Gold level – Full page \$500.00

Purple level – ½ page \$250.00

Green level (business card size ) \$150.00

Individual donor – any amount to list your name in the program.

The Mardi Gras committee is also hoping to offer some wonderful live auction vacations; if you have a home/condo in another state or can help with hotel/air miles please contact Lana Martino @ 583-1084.

- Finally, the dedication of our new preschool playground is Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 AM ~ we will thank Phil McCarthy and his sister Maureen for their generous monetary contribution. We will also thank Roger and Craig Dean for donating the concrete for the playground.

A special thank you also goes to Emily Bleyl and Rachael Crosswhite for all of their crucial planning, research and design of the playground.

Thank you

Betsy Hunt  
Principal

October 25, 2007

Dear Parents,

Tomorrow evening, October 26<sup>th</sup>, is the Fall Family Fun Festival. Admission is free and tickets may be purchased for food and games. Bring the family for dinner, fun and games from 6:00 to 9:00 PM in the social center. Thank you to Raquel Austin and Kassi Mancini for chairing this annual family night.

Please read the following;

- The annual book fair will be open for business Friday afternoon and evening on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Please support the school library by doing your holiday gift shopping at Cosgriff. Thank you to Linda Paoletti and her hard working volunteer staff.
- A special thank you goes to Margaret Neville for conducting the annual book talk and information night for parents and for the students during the school day. Margaret uses humor and knowledge to keep her audience in suspense and interested in buying the best children and adult literature.
- A current blue emergency card must be filled out by every family and available for reference in the school office at all times. If you have not filled a card out please do so right away. Also, if your address and cell phone emergency numbers etc. have changed call the office with the correct information. Cards are available in the office.
- All students must have current immunization information in their cumulative files. A pink immunization card should be filled out and signed by an authorized person and turned into the office by Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> for all new students, kindergarten and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students. This card needs to indicate that your child's immunizations are current. Please send in updates by November 15<sup>th</sup>, after that students not having the proper immunizations will not be allowed to attend school. We are in the process of reviewing the immunization records of all Cosgriff students, you will be notified of any problems in the upcoming week. current.
- The Halloween day parade will take place about 1:30 PM on Halloween day, October 31<sup>st</sup>. The pre school will lead the parade through the halls and outside around the parking lot and grass area. Please try to park on the street to allow room for parents to stand during the parade. If it is really cold and raining we will enjoy the parade in the halls and gym. After the parade, the students will go back to their classrooms for a party.

● **HALLOWEEN COSTUMES**

We are asking that students do not dress up with blood and gore as part of their costume. Students are not to bring plastic or toy weapons of any kind. this includes knives, swords, grim reaper staff, guns etc. Due to safety reasons students are not to wear any kind of full face mask or hood with their costume. Parents are welcome to dress up in costume but also asked not to wear a face mask.

● **RED RIBBON AND FOOD DRIVE = FREE DRESS**

Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, students may wear a red shirt to celebrate Red Ribbon week. Students may wear free dress bottoms including properly fitting Levi's in good condition if they arrive at school with two cans of food for the food bank. Many people in Salt Lake City go hungry every day so it is up to us to do our part to help them.

● The teachers and staff enjoyed an excellent Italian lunch last Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the following seventh grade parents for providing such an Excellent meal:

Francoise Ayers, Janine Daily, Tracey Thompson, Lana Martino, Hope Jensen, Virginia Collins, Camille Fauth, John Harrington, Connie Sliwinski, Margaret Neville, Allison Larson, Connie Taylor, And Gael Allegra.

● The Mardi Gras is February 2<sup>nd</sup> and the committee has already been working diligently to make this a successful event. Program ads are on sale NOW! You may purchase a company or personal ad by calling Connie Taylor @ 583-6641.

Gold level – Full page \$500.00

Purple level – ½ page \$250.00

Green level (business card size ) \$150.00

Individual donor – any amount to list your name in the program.

The Mardi Gras committee is also hoping to offer some wonderful live auction vacations; if you have a home/condo in another state or can help with hotel/air miles please contact Lana Martino @ 583-1084.

● Save the Date for Cosgriff's very own Beer and Brats night - November 3<sup>rd</sup> directly following the 5:00 PM mass. Invite friends and family for a fun night out. Call Michael Hilton if you would like to help @ 484-6094

● Mr. Huntzinger was hired at Cosgriff to strengthen and combine liturgy and music at our school masses and teach religion in the classes as needed. The essential and traditional components of Catholic school identity across the country are a school choir and the celebration of the mass with rich traditional text accompanied with song.

The 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students have been asked to sing as a choir because

most children of this age can match pitch and their voices have not begun to change. In addition they are not as self conscience as older students who have little exposure to liturgical music. I am aware that several parents have been complaining about “the choir” and changes in our masses. It should be an honor and common practice to sing the mass and take part in the readings and responses. Celebrating the mass is the primary way to build Catholic identity in a school community. It promotes understanding and involvement in the mass, which is the foundation of our Catholic faith. Please give your child support, and encouragement when he/she is asked to sing or read at mass. This participation will only enhance the understanding and meaning of the mass. Remember the highest form of prayer is song, especially when directed toward God.

We are not the Choir School, we are a very good Catholic/academic school with a choir.

The 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will sing at the 10:00 AM mass on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for all your hard work and dedication.

Betsy Hunt

Principal

November 1, 2007

Dear Parents,

Please attend the one stop dinner and fun night. Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:00 PM in the school gym is Beer, Brats & Bingo. Bring the whole family for a great evening and support Cosgriff at the same time. Call Michael Hilton if you have time to help ~ 971-8370.

Please read the following:

- The Halloween parade and class parties were fun for all who attended. Thank you to parents and teachers for the treats and fun activities.
- Today is All Saints Day, the students celebrated this Holy Day of Obligation. Parents are always welcome at all school masses. December 7<sup>th</sup> @ 8:45 AM is our next school mass.
- Thank you to Cal and Tammy Nakamura for organizing books & bagels for students and parents, it was well attended and a great way to start the day.
- Congratulations to the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball team for finishing the season in second place and bringing back a trophy.
- Just a reminder that all students should be wearing long pants to school during the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of school. Shorts are allowed 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters of the school year.
- Our character education value for November is Compassion ~ or understanding how another person feels. One important way students learn about compassion is through school involvement community service projects. It is a tradition at Cosgriff that in November we reach out to help the parishioners at St. Patrick's Parish. We will assemble boxes of Thanksgiving dinners to be distributed to families a few days before Thanksgiving. More details will follow.
- The social skill Cosgriff students will talk about and put into practice during November is MAKING AN APOLOGY. Students will understand that making an apology shows respect for another person and is a gesture made when you want to repair damage to a relationship.(Please see the handout in the homework folder). Along with making an apology students will discuss the virtue of Forgiveness one of the hardest virtues to form and practice.
- A special thank-you to Linda Paoletti and her amazing parent volunteers for hosting such a successful book fair, it was enjoyable and informative.

- There was a slight mix up on last week's lunch order. Student lunch was not served last Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, and many parents paid for the lunch. Just subtract the cost of one lunch for December if your child paid for lunch that day and be sure to make note of it on your order form. Sorry for the mix up.
- This is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Cosgriff school. We are preparing for some very Special activities in the spring of 2008. We need your help to make our efforts successful. In the homework folder this week you will find an alumni update questionnaire. *PLEASE* take time to fill it out and help us with other alumni in the city or out of state. Jot down their e-mail or address, phone numbers, parent name, maiden name etc. Send the form back to the office ASAP, call Kayla Smith or e-mail [kaylasmith@cosgriff.org](mailto:kaylasmith@cosgriff.org). If you have time to help Kayla find former Cosgriff graduates, please contact her. We want a great turn out at the anniversary festivities.
- For the first time this year the H.S.A. is sponsoring a Christmas tree sale. You can pre order a beautiful Douglas fir for only \$40.00. Fill out the form that has been placed in your child's homework folder and return it to school right away. Friends may download the form on the website and mail it into the school with a check. The shipment is limited so place your order soon.
- If you have questions about your Innisbrook orders, please call Jenny @364-1892. Please check the boxes your children have brought home to make sure it is your order, we do have some boxes missing.
- Parent/teacher conferences went very well. Thank you for your attendance and unwavering interest and concern for your child. Parents make all the difference in a young persons education.

Thank you

Betsy Hunt  
Principal

November 8, 2007

Dear Parents,

It is with much sadness and surprise that I inform you of an upcoming change in the Cosgriff faculty.

Mrs. Katie Walcott will be moving to Del Rey, Texas the first week of December. Her husband, Eric was just notified of his acceptance into the Air Force pilot training program which requires immediate relocation. Mrs. Walcott has made such tremendous accomplishments in just three months as a first year teacher. Her dedication and extraordinary effort has greatly benefited our first grade students. She has been a very positive and energetic addition to the faculty. We will all miss Mrs. Walcott and wish her much success and happiness.

Please read the following;

- Parents, please help with the following school concern. The office is receiving several calls per day from parents asking to relay a message to a son/daughter via the classroom teachers. It is disruptive to a class when Mrs. Fleisch interrupts and then again when the teacher relays a message to a student. Please, Please try to make after school arrangements before morning drop off. There are always emergencies which is understandable. Just try to do your part to solve this problem. Thank-you.
- The Cosgriff Beer, Brats and Bingo night was both fun and successful. Hopefully the net profit of \$1,400.00 will be applied to some much needed school improvements in the boys and girls restrooms. Michael Hilton was the master mind behind this smooth running family evening. Thank-you Mr. Hilton for your hard work and generosity. A special thanks also goes to his wife Michelle and the many kind parent volunteers.
- Every year, St. Patricks Church counts on the Cosgriff community to provide several Thanksgiving dinner gift boxes for families in need. Each grade has been asked to donate different dinner items, (please see the flyer in the home work folder or the website), to be placed in the gift boxes and delivered on November 16<sup>th</sup>.  
In addition, all students are asked to donate \$2.00 (or more) for turkey coupons to be placed in each gift box.
- Basketball sign up forms for boys and girls grades 3-8 are in the office.
- Please call Kayla Smith @ 486-3197 or e-mail [kaylasmith@cosgriff.org](mailto:kaylasmith@cosgriff.org) if you attended Cosgriff or you know the names and addresses of other Cosgriff graduates. We need your help right away.
- The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class at Cosgriff along with all the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in the Diocese have the privilege of attending mass at the Cathedral on November 9<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 AM. The mass will be celebrated by Bishop Wester. In addition our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will take a guided tour of the Cathedral before mass begins.
- The Mardi Gras committee has procured some exciting vacations to be

auctioned off at the Mardi Gras. Please be generous and donate Sky Miles to help complete these great vacations, call Lana Martino @ 583-1084.

- The decoration committee for Mardi Gras includes the following people:  
Lynn Kestle – Chair 933-4940  
Rhonda Dodson, Francoise Ayers, Claire Zanolli, Ann Marie Wright, Linda Smith.  
The committee is in the planning stage. They are collecting fabric, especially Tulle, in traditional Mardi Gras colors, (gold & purple) If you would like to join the Committee or have decorating items to donate call Lynn Kestle.
- Spirit wear is now available; the order form is online @ [cosgriff.org](http://cosgriff.org) or can be picked up in the office. You can purchase sweatshirts, baseball hats, beanies, blankets and bags with the Cosgriff logo in time for the holidays. Orders are due by Friday November 16<sup>th</sup>.
- The boy scouts are sponsoring Turkey Bingo on Sat. Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM in the Social Hall. Please attend for a fun night of bingo and prizes.

Here are the results of our Innisbrook fund raiser.

Total sales ~ \$29,284.81  
Top seller for the school was Max Koszinowski with \$1,302.00  
Top sellers in each class;  
Pre School – Zachary Petrogeorge, Kindergarten, Mrs. Gobar – Pauline Simonson, Mrs. Austin – Hailey Warden, 1<sup>st</sup> grade Mrs. Black – Max Koszinowski, Mrs. Walcott – Brighton Forsgren, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Mrs. Zuchetto – Alexandra Whittemore, Mr. Weyher – Ellen Thompson, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade – Nathan Howard, 4<sup>th</sup> grade – Erin Sleater, 5<sup>th</sup> grade – Emily Thompson, 6<sup>th</sup> grade – Jared Maffuccio, 7<sup>th</sup> grade – Jenna Thompson, 8<sup>th</sup> grade – Zoe Bourg.

The person that guessed the closest number on the MP3 paper was Patrick Humlicek, he guessed 972 and the total was 990.

The teacher with the highest selling class was Ms. McCormick, her class also was the middle school class with highest total sales, they will have a free dress day as a prize.

A special thank you to Jenny Maffuccio – chair person and the following parent volunteers ~ Beth Hanlon and Krista Thompson for help in totaling the sales, Linda Holyoak and Rhonda Dodson for helping to pass out all of the merchandise.

This was a great sale, thank you to all the parents and students that participated.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to Cosgriff

Betsy Hunt

November 15, 2007

Dear Parents,

Tomorrow, November 16<sup>th</sup>, our Cosgriff students will assemble over thirty Thanksgiving food baskets for families in St. Patrick's Parish. This special project allows our students to think about others who cannot afford dinner on Thanksgiving or any other day for that matter.

Thank you for sending in specific items to fill these baskets. Your generosity is always appreciated ~ we still need one or two dollars from each student to purchase turkey certificates.

Please read the following;

- Tomorrow is Judge High red and gold spirit day. Students may wear red and gold to show their support for the bulldog football team who will play in the State Championship game @ 6:00 PM on Friday evening at Rice Eccles Stadium.

PLEASE NOTE

- Upcoming Masses and prayer services for November and December.

November 15<sup>th</sup> ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Mass 10:30 AM

November 20<sup>th</sup> ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Mass 10:30 AM

November 21<sup>st</sup> ~ All school prayer service 8:45 AM  
12:15 dismissal

November 22-23 ~ No school

November 25<sup>th</sup> ~ School Choir 12:15 Sunday Mass

November 28<sup>th</sup> ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Mass 10:30 AM

December 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Mass 10:30 AM

December 7<sup>th</sup> ~ 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Mass 10:30 AM

December 12<sup>th</sup> ~ 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Mass 10:30 AM

December 20<sup>th</sup> ~ All school Christmas program – 7:00 PM

December 21-January 6 ~ No school

- Students are to wear formal dress on Mass day.
- There will not be an all school Mass during the month of December.

- Congratulations to our eighth grade students. On November 9<sup>th</sup>, the eighth grade students attended a special diocesan mass celebrated by Bishop Wester. The students arrived early at the Cathedral to take part in a special tour. Deacon Lynn Johnson, tour guide, made a call to my office after the tour. Deacon Johnson spoke very highly about the conduct and courtesy of our eighth grade students. He said that our students took notes, asked intelligent questions and behaved in a very appropriate and respectful manner. Thank you to our eighth grade class for representing Cosgriff School in such an honorable manner.

- Included in the homework packet today is a school lunch survey. Please fill it out and return it to school, thank-you.

- The students at Cosgriff have earned a school dance because they met the Innisbrook fundraising goal. A DJ will be here on November 21<sup>st</sup> @ 11:00 AM for an all school dance.

- Parents, Mardi Gras auction highlights;

\*\*\*\* Washington D.C. trip for a family of four \*\*\*\* donated by Paul and Lisa Cisneros. Look for more details to come . . . You will visit famous sights, inspiring monuments and museums & cafes along the trendy streets of Georgetown. This will be an incredible trip to enjoy with your family.

\*\*\*\* Johnny Lujack signed football and photograph. (1947) Heisman Trophy winner/ Notre Dame star QB. The Irish were National Champions. Chicago Bears All-Pro. Elected to National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame (1960).

\*\*\*\* Football clinic for up to 15 kids, 4-8<sup>th</sup> grade. Coached by Jonathan Crosswhite, quarterback of the University of Utah from 1996-1998, and Troy Malsom, trainer at Foothill Personal Training and former strength coach at the University of Utah. The 2 hour clinic includes speed and agility training, position fundamentals, technique drills and instruction. Appropriate for all skill levels, beginners to future NFL superstars.

\*\*\*\* Please send in new small toys or use school items (under \$3.00) as prizes for the students as they sell raffle tickets for the Mardi Gras. There will be a box in the office where the toys can be dropped off. Tickets and information regarding Mardi Gras raffle tickets will go home with the students mid-December. Any questions call Alyson Auer (486-1750).

- The next Principal's letter will be written for Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.

All families, faculty, staff and administration at Cosgriff have been very blessed. Let us give thanks for all that we have and always remember those less fortunate.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Betsy Hunt

Principal

November 29, 2007

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school after a much deserved and needed fall break – the faculty, staff and students are looking forward to the blessed season of Advent. Starting December 3<sup>rd</sup> and every Monday during Advent, all students and faculty will pray as a community in the gym at 8:15 AM. This has been an Advent tradition for several years.

Please read the following;

- There was a mass schedule error in the November 15<sup>th</sup> letter. The St. Nicholas mass for K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade is Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 AM.
- Upcoming masses and prayer services for December;
  - December 4<sup>th</sup> ~ K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Mass 10:30 AM
  - December 7<sup>th</sup> ~ 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Mass 10:30 AM
  - December 12<sup>th</sup> ~ 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Mass 10:30AM
  - December 20<sup>th</sup> ~ All school Christmas program – 7:00 PM
  - December 21 ~ School dismissal 12:15
  - December 22-January 6 ~ Christmas recess
  - January 7<sup>th</sup> ~ School resumes
- Please share your Christmas blessings with others. There are some Cosgriff families and St. Ambrose parish families who are in need of Children's toys and clothing and other Christmas gifts. Please call Mrs. Hunt @ 486-6933 if you would like to make a special donation for a family in need. A Smiths Marketplace or Target card would be purchased to help with food, clothing, toys, etc. Thank-you for your kindness.
- The student council is heading up the community service project for December. Please see the flyer in the Thursday homework folder.
- The social skills we will learn and practice in December are: Giving a Compliment, and Receiving a Compliment. Please read the information in the Thursday homework folder and practice these important skills at home.
- The Character Education Christian value for December is Caring/Giving. Our School service projects for December make it easy to Care & Serve others when we offer a kind word or gesture, forgive another person as well as help with physical needs such as food & clothing. Students will discuss and put into practice the many facets of caring/giving at school. Please do the same at home.
- There is an H.S.A. meeting on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:00 in the Vaughan

Center.

- Mardi Gras  
Live/silent Auction Bulletin;  
Chicago Bears Fan!! Brian Urlacher signed helmet \*2005 defensive player of the year, he has led Chicago in tackles 5 out of his 6 seasons, 956 career tackles, the most for a Bears player in his first 6 NFL seasons.  
  
3 nights in Seattle;  
Shop, dine, visit the Space Needle, museums, sports arenas and harbor excursions. Stay in a studio suite at the Residence Inn at the Marriott Redmond Town Center.
- Keep your calendar open for the Cosgriff Christmas program, December 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM.
- The second quarter of school ends on December 21<sup>st</sup>. Although this is the holiday season, students are expected to be diligent about homework assignments, quizzes, tests and attendance. Upper elementary and middle school students should expect culminating project and assignment deadlines as well as final tests and examinations between the 17<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of December. report cards and honor awards will be given out on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Thank-you for all your hard work and dedication,

Betsy Hunt

Principal

December 6, 2007

Dear Parents,

December is the time to share your Christmas blessings with others. There are a few Cosgriff and St. Ambrose parish families who are in need of assistance this holiday season. Please call Mrs. Hunt @ 486-6933 right away if you are able to make a donation.

Please read the following:

- All students received a St. Nicholas medal today as a remembrance of the feast of St. Nicholas.
- As our dear Katie Walcott moves to Texas she will be replaced by Mrs. Gina Kiechle, (pronounced “Key-chull”), Mrs. Kiechle earned a Bachelors degree in education from the University of Wisconsin with a dual certification as a teacher of the deaf. Mrs. Kiechle has substituted at Cosgriff several times this year and knows many teachers and students even before she officially takes over on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Please welcome her to Cosgriff.
- The faculty and staff is saddened by another upcoming change. Mrs. Tess Dunn will be leaving Cosgriff at the end of the December. She has accepted a position as academic principal at the Gateway Academy, a special private school in Salt Lake. Mrs. Dunn has been inspiring to many middle school students as she has presented a very challenging social studies, religious and Latin curriculum. Good Luck Mrs. Dunn, we will really miss you at Cosgriff!
- Mr. Jim Larson will now step in as 8<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom teacher. Mr. Larson is very familiar with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation traditions and the routines of the school year. Thank-you Mr. Larson!!
- Send those clean/new or slightly used gloves, hats, coats etc. in children or adult sizes to school by tomorrow December 7<sup>th</sup>. Refer to the community service flyer for items needed for next weeks collection. Thank you.
- Flu shots will be available for children and adults on December 12<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30 in the library, see the flyer sent home in the Thursday folder for more details.
- A letter was sent home on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> regarding a security issue with our Power School server. Please note that a new server will soon be installed and Power School will be up and running, hopefully by next week. Thank you to Karen Smith for her quick and accurate detection of the Power school problem.
- December 12<sup>th</sup> @ 8:45 AM ~ 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will attend mass to celebrate the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Formal dress is required

for students attending mass.

- Students, registration forms and payments are due by December 14<sup>th</sup> for the ski/snowboard program starting on January 11<sup>th</sup>. Questions? Call Kay Bush @ 582-5565.
- As a result of the school lunch questionnaire a small group of interested parents will research other healthy lunch items as possible choices for school lunch. Chef Tom has made some positive healthy changes on the lunch menu for January, such as; fewer sugary desserts, more fresh fruit and vegetables (salad, Green beans, carrots) and a more even combination of protein, carbohydrates & starch in each lunch. We will now also be serving 1% milk.
- Mardi Gras ~ the next meeting will be December 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00.
- A red envelope was sent home today with each student. These should be returned by December 20<sup>th</sup> with coins/dollar bills to be donated to the Utah Food Bank. This is an excellent opportunity for your child to forego a snack, treat, toy, movie and give that money to help those who need a simple meal.
- SAT results have gone home with your child this week. If you have questions about this assessment please call your child's teacher or Mrs. Hunt.
- Several middle school students will be involved in Mock Trial competition in January and February. The team is in need of an attorney coach who has some time to help prepare the team for competition. Please call Trish McCormick if you can help – 486-3197 ext. 418.
- Before and after school the traffic on 2300 East continues to be congested and backed up to the 2100 South light. Please pull up quickly and circle around to the playground equipment area and if you do not see your child at a glance, proceed out and circle around again. Neighbors have called to say that they must wait several minutes to drive past the church entrance, (remember they are also taking their children to school). If you are north bound please do not stop in the middle of the street to allow the south bound cars to turn left into the parking lot, this causes all other commuters to stop and wait and is creating congestion.

Thank you for your support.

Betsy Hunt

Principal

December 13, 2007

Dear Parents,

December 20<sup>th</sup> is the last day for you to assist a Cosgriff or St. Ambrose parish family with much needed food, clothing and toys this Christmas. Please call Mrs. Hunt @ 486-6933 right away if you are able to make a donation.

Please read the following;

- In an effort to help families in need ~ students may wear free dress on Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup> for the small fee of \$5.00. Students may wear nice jeans, sweats, and sports sweatshirts. Your child is welcome to donate more than \$5.00 all of which will be used to purchase much needed food, clothing and toys in the form of gift cards. Please be generous.
- Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup> is the last day to donate toiletries and baby necessities for the YWCA, the collection barrel is located outside the main office.
- If you are a STAR volunteer, please at the library.
- All interested volunteers, please attend a Mardi Gras meeting tonight, December 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM in Gosselin Hall.
- Mardi Gras Update!!  
**RAFFLE TICKETS!!!**  
Raffle tickets are being sent home today with your student. A \$1.00 donation for an opportunity to win: 1<sup>st</sup> prize ~ \$2,000.00; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize ~ \$500.00 Albertson's gift certificate; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize ~ Wii Play System. Winners will be drawn at Mardi Gras. You need not be present to win. GOOD LUCK!
- Mark your calendar now for the annual Spaghetti Dinner!  
The dinner will be held on January 19<sup>th</sup>, directly following the 5:00 PM mass. Chief Chef and organizer Kathleen Brown welcomes volunteer help and all spaghetti lovers!
- **Toddler/Preschool Parents**  
Mark your calendar – January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008 – 11:15 – 12:15 Pm for a *Brown Bag Lunch* with your child. This is your chance to make friends, visit and learn more about upcoming events at Cosgriff and to ask pertinent questions. The lunch will be held in the Vaughan Center, coffee, juice and water will be provided.
- In the Thursday folder today you will find a fridge calendar for January, February, and March. Please post this so that you will know about important Upcoming events.

Thank you for all your support.

Betsy Hunt

Principal

December 20, 2007

Dear Parents,

Thanks to your continued generosity, “free dress” and the kindness of friends outside of the Cosgriff community, several families will enjoy a warm meal, new clothing and toys this Christmas season.

Please read the following;

- The annual Christmas performance is this evening @ 7:00 PM in the church. A special thank-you goes to Mr. Asman and Mr. Huntzinger for creating and directing this performance. Much appreciation goes to all Cosgriff students for their hard work and participation and to the many parents who support our annual program.
- We are not able to mail the Mardi Gras raffle tickets this year to members of the St. Ambrose Parish. If you know of friends or parishioners who usually receive tickets please inform them that the tickets will be available in the back of the church after mass and in the school office. Encourage friends and family to support the raffle ticket sale.
- **Faculty changes for 2007-2008**  
Mr. Brent Schmidt has been hired to teach 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Latin, 6<sup>th</sup> 7, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies. We are very fortunate to have Mr. Schmidt join our middle school team. He has a Bachelors degree in history and classics and a Masters degree from the University of Utah in ancient history and is currently completing his PhD from the University of Colorado – Boulder. Mr. Schmidt has experience teaching several foreign languages and history on the middle school and college level.
- Mr. Mark Brenneman, a Cosgriff parent and University of Utah professor has agreed to teach our 8<sup>th</sup> grade religion class. Mr. Brenneman has both a Bachelors and Masters degree from San Francisco State University, he also received a second Masters degree in Systematic Theology from St. Johns University in Minnesota.
- Melone Mancini and Mary Dolan, our two courageous toddler teachers will not be with us after December. Aly Auer, a dedicated parent, will assume one position and we are currently seeking one more teacher for the toddlers.
- Catherine Hawkins has accepted a full time teaching position in the Salt Lake District. She has been working two jobs for financials reasons. This new position will give Ms. Hawkins the opportunity to be employed at just one job. We will miss Ms. Hawkins and thank her for her excellent performance as our 4<sup>th</sup> grade language arts and social studies teacher.
- Your tolerance and patience with so many faculty changes, yet again this year, is appreciated so very much. This is a challenging time for education in Utah, with teacher shortages and sharp competition in salary and retirement benefits. These issues have a direct effect on teacher interest and tenure, especially in the parochial schools. Please know that every effort will be made to employ only the most qualified teachers for our Catholic school students and community ~ Thank-you.

May you have a relaxing and enjoyable vacation. God bless you and keep you safe.

Betsy Hunt

Principal



January 10, 2007

Dear Parents,

Welcome back and Happy New Year to all students and parents at Cosgriff school. Thank you for your wonderful Christmas cards and gifts, your thoughtfulness was appreciated very much.

Please read the following;

- A special congratulations goes to Mr. Asman, Mr. Huntzinger and all Cosgriff students and teachers for an outstanding and well rehearsed Christmas program. It was definitely a shining star in the Christmas season.
- Cosgriff parents know the true meaning of GIVING especially as we move into the Mardi Gras season. The Mardi Gras is in desperate need of *new* silent and live auction items, “hard” items in particular – such as outdoor camping or sports equipment, bicycle (cruzer, road bike), scooters, set of tools, new children’s toys or play ground equipment, hats, hand bags, jewelry, pottery, art work, clothing, etc. We need items that will display well and create high bidding competition. Please see the Mardi Gras flyer that went home in the Thursday folder for more information.
- If you have recently changed your address or telephone number please call the office right away. We would like to print an update to the school directory and include new addresses and telephone numbers of all new Cosgriff families. Please call Debby @ 486-3197 with any changes, blue cards will also be updated.
- Call the front office by 8:30 AM if your child is ill and will be out of school for the day.
- Please read the Mardi Gras flyer sent home in the Thursday folder.
- Our six week Friday ski program starts tomorrow, Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. A special Thank you goes to Kay and Duane Bush for organizing this fun program. 89 students have signed up to ski this year.
- Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, Cosgriff will host the first of two open houses for the 2008-2009 school year. The open house will be held from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Please encourage all interested families to attend. The next open house will take place on January 29<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM. Please call if you have time to help out at these open houses ~ 486-6933.
- Plan on attending the annual Family Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM.

- The Character Ed Value for January is Perseverance – The act or habit of continuing to strive in spite of difficulties and staying committed to something no matter how long it takes or what obstacles appear. Please refer to the term perseverance when you encourage your child to continue working hard in school, at sports, in music lessons, at cleaning his/her room etc.
  
- All parents of kindergarten students plan on attending “Kindergarten Night” on Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM in the school library. This important meeting will allow parents to acquire information and skills to support reading, writing and math instruction at home. This meeting is for parents only – please.
  
- One of our school families, the Seversons, is in desperate need of transportation to school for two daughters in Kindergarten and first grade. The Severson family lives at 2016 Stratford, approximately 2600 south and 2000 east. Call Rachel Severson @ 485-0901 right away if you can help.
  
- The Student Council community service project for January is to collect new or slightly used winter wear ( hats, coats, gloves, sweaters, boots, socks) for adults and children. All items will be donated to The Road Home. In addition, the 7<sup>th</sup> grade will host a bake sale and all proceeds will be a part of the contribution.
  
- On Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, during Catholic Schools Week we will host our annual student – parent lunch. The menu will be lasagna, garlic bread, salad and dessert. Please note that the menu has changed from what was originally on the hot lunch menu sent home for January and the waffle sticks on the original menu will not be served because of this special event. Please fill out the lunch order form that will be sent home with the Thursday folder and return it to school, the deadline to RSVP is Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will not be able to accommodate any late orders so please make sure you return your form ASAP. Lunch will begin at 11:15 AM.

Thank You

Betsy Hunt  
Principal

January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Dear Parents,

All families are invited to the annual spaghetti dinner on Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM in the school gym. This is a perfect opportunity to enjoy delicious food, great company and plenty of fun for all. Thank-you to Kathleen Brown and her committee for organizing this annual event.

Please read the following;

- Mardi Gras Committee – Mark your calendar for a meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:00 PM in Gosselin Hall.
- Send in all lunch orders and payment for the parent/child lunch on January 31<sup>st</sup>.  
All School Mass @ 8:45 AM  
Parents visit classrooms 10:00 – 11:30 AM  
Parent/student lunch 11:30-1:00 PM
- The deadline is here to place an ad in the Mardi Gras program~ call Connie Taylor @ 583-6641.
- Pre-buy your Mardi Gras tickets on-line at [www.cosgriff.org](http://www.cosgriff.org), in the school office or in the gathering space after mass. This will expedite your admission to the Mardi Gras.
- Purchase your spot on the Mardi Gras 39ers Board for \$100. You could win \$1,000. Contact Kathleen Brown at 466-1863 reserve your spot.
- Parent Teacher Conferences are February 6<sup>th</sup> 4:00 – 7:00 PM and February 7<sup>th</sup> 1:00 – 7:00 PM. The sign up form for conference times was sent home in the Thursday packet, please send it back to the school office right away with your preferred day and time. Please note that the Kindergarten thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade conferences are only available on February 6<sup>th</sup> 4:00 – 7:00 PM and February 7<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 – 4:00 PM.
- The JE Cosgriff open house will take place January 29<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM, starting in the school library. Please inform all interested parents and potential students about this important date.
- There is no school on Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Please continue to send warm coats, hats and gloves to school for your child to wear at recess. The days are still very cold, and please check the lost and found for coats etc. that may have been left at school.

- The Student Council urges all families to clean out the closets and send new or slightly used clean winter wear to school, (hats, gloves, coats, sweaters, boots, socks) for adults and children. All items will be donated to The Road Home.
- Please remember to send in your 2008-2009 registration forms as soon as you can, they went home last week in the Thursday folder. This form is to be filled out for students already attending Cosgriff. It is important to receive this information as soon as possible, as we are trying to determine openings in each class for 2008-2009. This form is due by February 8<sup>th</sup>.
- If you have a family member (sibling) who will be entering Cosgriff for the year 2008-2009, you must submit a Cosgriff application form, available online, (also sent home Thursday in the homework folder). This must be filled out and returned to Cosgriff by February 8<sup>th</sup>, the \$50.00 registration fee will be required at that time.

Thank you for your effort and hard work!

Betsy Hunt

Principal.

January 23, 2008

Dear Parents,

Thank you for attending the annual spaghetti dinner. Over 400 children and adults were in attendance. A special thank you goes to Kathleen Brown and her tremendous crew-Tina Stark, Kathy West, Gary Jensen, John Steffen, Michael Hilton, Stephanie Nakamura, Patty Shiramizu, Mary Ann Newton, Colleen Dietrich and all the other fabulous cooks and servers. Also, thank you to the eighth grade servers and the clean up crew-Paul Shiramizu, Grant Luttmer, Paul Oliver, Richard Stark, Tom Bonk, and the many kind parents who pitched in to help at the dinner.

Please read the following:

- The Cosgriff Open House will take place Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the library.
- Please return the 2008-09 form indicating whether or not your child will be returning to Cosgriff. It is important that these forms are returned by February 8<sup>th</sup> as we have many new families on the waiting list.
- If you would like to donate last minute live or silent auction items for the Mardi gras call Lana Martino right away @ 554-3943.
- Joan Ryan is the parent to call if you are able to help set up or work the evening of the Mardi Gras on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. 486-6595.
- Turn your request form in for parent teacher conference (February 6 or 7). The school year is moving quickly and it is very important to keep updated with your child's academic progress. Please make every effort to attend these conferences.
- Catholic Schools Week is January 28-February 1<sup>st</sup>. Parents are invited for Mass @ 8:45 AM, Classrooms from 9:45 – 11:30 AM, and lunch 11:30 – 1:00 PM on Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. Be sure to send in your lunch order and check by Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at the latest.
- Traditionally all Catholic Schools support a special community service project during Catholic Schools Week, "Operation Rice Bowl" has been selected for Catholic Schools Week as well

as the month of February, Contributions support programs overseas and in the U.S. Please read the flyer sent home in the Thursday folder for more information – Your child will receive a special collection box on Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. This should be turned in by February 29<sup>th</sup>, hopefully filled with change and dollar bills.

- Thank you to all parents who attended Kindergarten Night. Hopefully it was worth the time and effort. Much appreciation goes to the kindergarten teachers, Raquel Austin and Danielle Gobar and the aides, McKenzie Marsing and Kassi Mancini and also to Holly Dean our special education director and Karen Smith our computer Technology teacher for a very timely and informative presentation.
- A special Thank you to the parents that provided lunch for the teachers and staff on January 18<sup>th</sup>. It was delicious! Thank you to Michael Hilton, Lori Zuti, Raili Jacquet, Agnes Jones, Barb Schmeitt, Tonya Nilson, Lisa Bouillon, Caroline Cheeseman, Gwynne Freeman, Lee Cotter, Ronda Dodson, Eric Dunlap and Kristi Thompson.

Several schools in the Salt Lake area are taking the “No Idling Pledge.” This is an easy way for all Cosgriff parents to help protect the lungs of our children. Emissions are most concentrated in parking areas located next to playgrounds and sidewalks where our students play and wait to be picked up.

PLEASE DO THE FOLLOWING;

1. When you drive in the parking lot and park before or after school turn your car motor off immediately.
2. Turn off your car motor if you wait for more than 10 seconds in the front or on the side of the school.
3. Drive through the parking lot quickly and pick up your child.

DID YOU KNOW

Idling your vehicle for more than 10 seconds uses more fuel than restarting your engine. Idling your vehicle for 10 minutes uses as much fuel as it takes to travel 5 miles.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication.

Betsy Hunt  
Principal

January 31, 2008

Dear Parents,

Just a reminder of some very important dates and activities ~

Saturday, February 2 - 6:00 – 11 PM, the annual Mardi Gras in the St. Ambrose Church Social Center. A few tickets may still be available at the door.

Wednesday, February 6 – Parent Teacher Conference – 4:00 – 7:00 PM.  
Thursday, February 7 – Parent Teacher Conference – 1:00 – 7:00 PM.  
Appointments have been sent home if you did not receive yours, please call the office right away – 486-3197. Student progress reports will be discussed at all conferences.

Please read the following;

- Hopefully, all students have enjoyed Catholic Schools Week. A special Thank you goes to the H.S.A. for providing a delicious faculty breakfast and organizing the parent/student lunch today.
- To conclude Catholic Schools Week, we have guest speakers tomorrow, Feb. 1. Sister Germain, Daughter of Charity, will speak to the lower grades about her Vocation and the importance of attending Catholic school. Judge Christine S. Decker will address the middle school about the importance of a Catholic education, hard work and choices made in middle school and high school.
- There will be an H.S.A. meeting on Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup> in the Vaughan Center @ 7:00 PM.
- Cosgriff students will enjoy bingo and a snack on Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> (Fat Tuesday) from 2:15 – 3:00 PM. This will be a “School Family” activity.
- Students should have received their box to fill for operation “Rice Bowl”. Students should be encouraged to make small sacrifices during Lent in order to fill the rice bowl box by February 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Included in the folder today is a “No Idling” flyer. Please do your part to stop air pollution by following the instructions on the flyer.

- Cosgriff is going to conduct its first Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser for The American Heart Association during the week of February 8-14<sup>th</sup>. Every student will be given a jump rope and asked to reach jumping targets for fitness and the AHA. The H.S.A. needs 3 parent volunteers (in addition to yard duty) February 11, 12, 13, and 14<sup>th</sup> to record the number of jumps each student does each day. Call or e-mail Lori Zuti to sign up as a counter. E-mail; [shuzuti@comcast.net](mailto:shuzuti@comcast.net), phone; 359-1227. Please plan on helping.

- Class pictures are scheduled for Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. The uniform for the picture will be formal dress. The order form is in today's homework folder. The order for class pictures must be placed and paid for by picture day.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication,  
See you at the Mardi Gras!

Betsy Hunt

Principal

February 7, 2008

Dear Parents,

If you were there, you would know that the annual Mardi Gras was an exciting evening and a tremendous success. From check-in to check-out, it was smooth and organized. The decorations were fabulous; the food delicious, and the live and silent auction items were tremendous! A sincere and heartfelt “thank you” for countless hours of hard work goes to the following individuals:

Lana Martino	Auction Chair
Katrina Rougelot	Live and Silent Auction
Kayla Smith	Chief Assistant, Development
Lynn Kestle	Decorations
Jim Larson	Head Chef
Carolyn Dean	Class Projects
Joan Ryan	Volunteer Coordinator
Lori Cook, Tammy Cleverly	Raffle Baskets
Renee Strand	Check Out
Mike Marron	Beverage
Leslee Marks, Kathy Alderson Peifer	Admissions
Kathleen Brown	39ers
Doug & Katie Morgan	50/50
Rochelle & Tommy Randazzo	Gaming
Christino Padillo	Cleanup ALL evening
Connie Taylor	Advertising
Vicki Bourg/Melanie Elizondo	Parish Support
Mr. David Asman	Master of Ceremonies
Bob Martino	Honest feedback and moral support!!!!

Please note the attached list of many parents and friends of Cosgriff and St. Ambrose who contributed to the success of the Mardi Gras.

\*\*\*Pre-registration forms for next school year are due by **FEBRUARY 8**. If we do not have these forms in the office along with a pre-registration check, it will be assumed that your child(ren) will not be attending Cosgriff 2008-09.

The character value that students and teachers will discuss in February is **FRIENDSHIP**. Students will learn that true friends offer loyalty and trust to one another. They try to make each other better people and lift each other up. Being a friend does not always

require doing what your friend wants you to do. Rather, it requires doing what you believe is best for your friend.

The Social Skill we will practice is Working Together – Individuals who work together, look and listen to each other, show interest and use kind words. Please read and talk about the attached social skill.

February 12 are class pictures; be sure to send in picture forms with payment by then. Formal dress is the attire for the day.

On February 19, kindergarten students and all new students will have an initial hearing screening. If you would like to request a hearing test for your child, please call Debby in the office, 486-3197.

The Holy Season of Lent began yesterday on Ash Wednesday. During these 40 days of fasting, it is important to encourage your child to **do** instead of **give up**. **Do** something kind for a sibling or friend; **do** a chore when asked; **do** pray more frequently, **do** fulfill your school responsibilities. Lent is a time to reflect and act in a humble and Christian manner.

Uniform update: For the 2008-09 school year, the uniform will remain the same. We will not be switching to the Lands End green shirts for the boys. The only green polos allowed will be from Dennis Uniforms.

Please take some time to look through the school lost and found and the ski program lost and found for many warm and wonderful items belonging to your children.

We appreciate parents participating and attending Mass with their child(ren). Mass in the church is very sacred; please refrain from bringing in refreshments.

We are in need of one more person for yard duty. This is a paid position; Monday through Thursday from 11:50am-1:00pm. Please call Mrs. Hunt if you are interested.

Father Bill was witness to a terrible car, bus traffic jam on Redondo Avenue at 3:15 on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. He soon realized the reason for the problem was that cars were parked on the north side of the street where it says “**No Parking 8-4:00 PM**” **PLEASE** do not park on the curb to pick up your child, the street is too narrow and other cars and school buses cannot get through.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication.

Sincerely,

Betsy Hunt  
Principal

February 21, 2008

Dear Parents,

The seventh and eighth grade Science Fair projects were judged today. The awards ceremony is this evening @ 6:30 in the Social Center. All parents and students are invited to view these outstanding projects @ 6:00 PM. Thank you Mr. Larson for your hard work and encouragement to all Science Fair participants.

Please read the following;

- SAVE THE DATES – Cosgriff Summer School. Monday – Thursday, June 2-26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, for students entering kindergarten through eighth grade. Classes will consist of reading, math, science, writing, foreign language, art, music, PE, dance and more.
- The Catholic Relief Service Rice Bowl is due February 29<sup>th</sup>. This is a part of our Catholic Schools Week effort.
- Good luck to all of our boys and girls basketball teams that will be competing in the playoff games the next two weekends. All students are invited to wear a gold or green “spirit” top to school on Friday, February 22. A tournament schedule was sent home today in the Thursday folder.
- New “spirit wear” hats and beanies are available to purchase. An order form is in the Thursday folder. These hats would be perfect to wear in the St. Patrick’s Day parade on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- It is time to register for the annual Kid’s Marathon and fitness program. Once a month during the months of February, March and April we will be hosting a Mile Marker event. Your child should bring their Progress Poster to show us what they have completed. At the event each Kid’s Marathon participant will not only receive a free fitness prize but will also be engaged in fun activities. Last year we had the second greatest percentage of students sign up and participate in the Kid’s Marathon (1K walk/run). This year, the school that has the greatest percentage of school participants will receive a trophy presented by Channel 13’s Big Buddha one week prior to the race. The registration deadline is April 1, 2008. Race date is April 19<sup>th</sup> (same day as SLC marathon). Register today and help your child stay fit. The cost is \$12.00 per student and for each registered participant the race will donate \$2.00 back to Cosgriff. Register online @ [www.saltlakecitymarathon.com](http://www.saltlakecitymarathon.com); be sure to mention you are with the JE Cosgriff School. If you have questions please contact Amiee Horman @ [ahorman@divinesports.com](mailto:ahorman@divinesports.com) or Brett Allen.

- There was a miscommunication in the school directory regarding dismissal time on March 19<sup>th</sup>. School will be in session until 3:15 PM that day. Spring vacation will be March 20-24<sup>th</sup>. Classes resume on Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.
- We have had several students go without hot lunch when they have paid for it. Some students just take a lunch without paying, others lose their check and order form. Lunch tickets are given to students each day, they are to turn them in at the lunch window in order to receive a lunch. Please make sure your child pays for his/her hot lunch. Thank you.

Thank you for all your support.

Betsy Hunt  
Principal

February 28, 2008

Dear Parents,

Please keep your child home if he/she complains of an intense sore throat, headache, stomach ache or diarrhea. Strep throat and influenza A have been going around the school. It is passed from child to child and to faculty. All children need to receive a medical check if symptoms persist.

The upcoming weekend is another busy one for Cosgriff students. Several 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will compete in the Diocesan Science Fair on Saturday at St. Vincent school, open visitation is at 1:00 PM. On Saturday & Sunday, several boys and girls teams will compete in the final basketball competition for the season. Family and friends are invited to both the Diocesan Science Fair and the basketball games.

Schedule

Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys @ Juan Diego – 12:30 PM  
Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys @ Juan Diego – 4:15 PM  
Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys @ Juan Diego – 1:00 PM  
Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls @ Juan Diego – 4:45 PM  
Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys @ Juan Diego – 6:00 PM

On Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade mock trial team will compete against another Utah team, good luck to: Liz Barrows, Lindy Hughes, Kyra McComas, Emily Strand, Connor Liston, Andrew Maguire, Ryan Dean, Seamus Apel, Sarah Villereal, and Erin Dugan.

Thank you to Cosgriff teachers Trish McCormick and Melinda Black and parent Jed Dietrich for coaching the mock trial team.

Please read the following:

- Special thanks to all the parents who have made the effort to turn off their vehicles when dropping off and picking up their children. Thank you for making this a part of your daily routine. (Please read the attached flyer).
- Tomorrow is the last day to turn in the Catholic Relief Service collection box. Any extra donations will gladly be accepted for this important cause.
- There has been a gradual increase in students who are tardy for school. Now that the weather is warming up please make sure that all middle school students are in the parking lot and ready to walk into the school by 8:10 AM. All other students should be ready to walk in the doors by 8:15 AM.
- Included in the take home folder is a calendar for the 2008-2009 school year. It may vary slightly as we try to fit the calendar to our school needs. In March you will be asked to fill out a diocesan questionnaire. This will

be your opportunity to offer input and suggestions for the 2009-2010 calendar. Thank you for your patience with this matter.

- All Cosgriff families are urged to attend Stations of the Cross @ 6:00 PM on March 14<sup>th</sup>, followed by the “fish fry” in the Social Center.

- **Catholic Tuition Subsidy Reminder:** For those seeking the reduced Catholic rate for tuition in Catholic schools, the deadline for yearly contributions is March 31, 2008. **The tuition contribution year runs from April 1 to March 31 each year.** The required yearly contribution is \$250.00 per family. If you are unsure about your contributions, contact the parish office @ 485-5610.

- Individuals and families are needed to help construct the St. Patrick’s Day float for the parade on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Decorating will take place in the teacher parking lot area on March 14<sup>th</sup> @ 5:15 PM. Families are then encouraged to attend the fish fry in the social center @ 6:30 PM. H.S.A. President Linda Holyoak ( 943-3009) and Vice President Barbara Schmielt (485-6038) encourage interested volunteers to call them right away.

- The lost and found pile is growing larger by the day. Please take a moment to claim your child’s clothing. The lost and found items are in the hall by the gym.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication!

Betsy Hunt

Principal

March 6, 2008

Dear Parents,

**Please note some important dates and events in March, 2008.**

March 7 ~ End of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter  
March 8 ~ First Reconciliation for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade  
March 10 ~ No school – teacher in service day  
March 12 ~ 4<sup>th</sup> grade mass, 10:30 AM  
March 13 ~ Report cards given out  
March 14 ~ Honor awards (given out in each classroom)  
5:15 – 6:30 Decoration of St. Patrick’s Day parade float in  
Parking lot  
6:30 PM – Fish Fry in the Social Center  
March 15 ~ St. Patrick’s day parade  
March 17 ~ School “Family” activity – 2:00 PM  
March 19 ~ All school mass – 8:45 AM  
Feast of St. Joseph – formal dress  
Ballet West – school assembly – 2:00 PM  
School dismissal – 3:15 PM  
March 20 – 24 ~ Spring break  
March 25 ~ School resumes  
March 27 ~ Math night – K-8<sup>th</sup> grade – 6:30 – 8:00 PM

**Please read the following:**

- Congratulations to the Science Fair winners, the boys and girls basketball teams and the Mock Trial team.

Science Fair;

In the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Sierra Pond took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Medical/Behavior category, Taylor Aragon placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Medical/Behavior, Tony Martino placed 4<sup>th</sup> in Engineering and Patrick Neville placed 4<sup>th</sup> in Earth Science. In the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Connor Liston placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Physical Science, Christian Stark placed 4<sup>th</sup> in Physical Science, Kyra McComas placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Environment Science and received the Overall Environmental Science Award. Elisabeth Barrows placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Environmental Science. Lindy Hughes took home several awards including 1<sup>st</sup> place in Earth Science, Overall Earth Science award, Overall Eighth Grade Award, and was named 2008 Diocesan Young Scientist of the Year.

Congratulations to the St. Ambrose/Cosgriff Basketball teams who played in the PARA tournament championships this past weekend. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls and the 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys team took 1<sup>st</sup> place, while 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys took 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Congratulations on a great season!

The Cosgriff Mock Trial Team won the most points at their first competition at the Matheson Court House on Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. We wish them good luck at their next competition on Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.

- **UNIFORM REMINDERS**

Students may wear uniform walking shorts the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters of school. Please read the attached note on uniform requirements. Pay special attention to uniform shoes, socks, belts, and Cosgriff sweatshirts and gym clothing. Students are expected to comply with the uniform regulations.

- The Character Ed. Virtues that students will discuss in March are Honesty ~

saying or doing what is true, and Integrity~ standing up for what one believes is right, living by the highest values.

- The Social Skill for learning and practice in March is Resolving a Disagreement This important social skill is used when two or more people have different ideas about a topic or how to solve a problem. Please talk about this months Character Ed. Value and Social Skill at home.

- Your help is needed Monday – Thursday at lunch recess – 11:50 -12:50 PM. We depend on parents to help supervise all students. If you have signed up for a specific day and cannot keep the commitment first try to get another parent in your place, second call the office ASAP if all else fails.

- Volunteers are needed to help assemble the St. Patrick's day float. Call Linda Holyoak right away if your family is available on Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, from 5:15 to 6:30 PM @ 943-3009.

- Last year, Maggie Rose Boehly was an aid in our preschool. In January of 2007 she entered the Peace Corp and was placed in Rundu, Namibia. In a recent e-mail, she listed many of the items which are desperately needed in Namibia, Africa, especially for school age children. The student council and the administration have decided to support this important cause.

A list of items is attached and can also be viewed on the school webpage. A package will be sent to Maggie Rose at the end of March and hopefully again in April.

Please feel free to mail a package to the address listed in the flyer, this would help defray the mailing costs for Cosgriff.

- It is that time of year when H.S.A. seeks new members for the Board, room parents and chairs for the many projects during the school year. If you would like to “serve” in some capacity during the 2008-09 school year please fill out the attached “Board Interest” form and return it to the school right away.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication

Betsy Hunt

Principal

March 13, 2008

Dear Parents,

Many of you already know that Mrs. Alisa Brough, 6, 7, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade language arts teacher, will no longer be working at Cosgriff. Mrs. Brough and her husband, Dan, have been trying to adopt a baby for several years. Finally on March 9<sup>th</sup> they received a newborn baby girl. Mrs. Brough has chosen to stay at home to raise her new daughter, Anna Jane. We wish the Brough family all the best. Mrs. Brough will be greatly missed as she was a very devoted, hardworking, and an outstanding middle school teacher. Mrs. Jennifer Romney will assume the position as long term substitute starting on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

Please read the following;

- Students and parents have had questions regarding acceptable uniform outerwear.

PLEASE NOTE

The Cosgriff green sweatshirt, navy blue pull over or button down sweater, sweater vest, fleece jacket or vest should be worn to school on cool days. If a student is still cold outside, a non-uniform rain jacket, fleece or other heavier jacket, (not a sweatshirt) may be worn over the school sweatshirt as outerwear. Hooded non uniform jackets or parkas are acceptable over the school uniform sweatshirt etc. Please try to support the school uniform policy, you send an important message to your child when you help them follow the school rules.

- Many parents have inquired as to possible changes in faculty and staff for the 2008-2009 school year. This is what is known so far;

Miss Black has decided to venture into the public school system.

Mrs. Kiechle (1<sup>st</sup> grade) is a long term substitute teacher for just this year.

Mrs. Stepan will soon have her second child and has moved to Syracuse, Utah. She has decided to stay at home with her children.

Miss Romney will be a long term sub for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade – only for this year.

Mrs. Austin intends to return to higher education for her Masters but will remain at Cosgriff on a part time basis as our literacy coach and specialist.

There will be a possible shift in our Toddler program teachers. All other teachers currently teaching at Cosgriff plan on returning. Within the next few months there will be a search for excellent teachers in the following grades;

Pre School – (for a second session of 3 and 4 year olds)

Kindergarten

1<sup>st</sup> grade – 2 teachers

3<sup>rd</sup> grade

Middle school – language arts

If you know of a very well qualified, certified teacher who enjoys working hard and would be interested in Cosgriff, please have him/her call Mrs. Hunt @ 486-6933

- Students should have received report cards today. Third quarter honor awards will be given out in class on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

- All interested persons are needed to help decorate the St. Patrick's Day float on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 PM. The float will be located in the faculty parking area of the St. Ambrose parking lot. Of course, all families are invited to wear green and walk by the float in the parade on Saturday starting @ 10:00 AM.

The St. Ambrose is entry # 50, please refer to the take home flyer or webpage for

more information.

- The all school mass will be March 19<sup>th</sup> @ 8:45 AM. We will celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph. Formal dress is required of the students.
- On March 19<sup>th</sup> students will enjoy a special assembly/demonstration put on by Ballet West. students will learn about the history of ballet and some of the most popular ballets.
- Student “families” will work together on March 17th to assemble pre school games for the Project Head Start. Thank you to Mrs. Bush for organizing this activity
- Please be generous with donations for students in Rundu, Namibia Africa. A care package will be sent off at the end of March. Please see the flyer.
- March 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:00 PM is Cosgriff math night. All students K-8 will be teaching parents new ways to solve problems, innovative math techniques and some challenging math games. All parents are welcome. Just go to your child’s classroom.
- Congratulations to Mr. D. He was chosen as one of five outstanding elementary school staff members in the diocese. Thank you, Mr. D for 22 years of hard work and devotion to Cosgriff school.
- The deadline for FACTS applications is April 4<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure your form is complete And turned in if you choose to request financial assistance for 2008-2009.
- **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED**  
Please consider serving on the H.S.A. Board for the 2008-2009 school year as vice president. This job would entail serving one year as vice president, one year as president and one year as an advisor.  
If you are interested in knowing more about the job of “Room Parent” or would like to volunteer as one, for next year, please call Barbara Schmiett @ 485-6038. Parent involvement and leadership are essential for Cosgriff to continue to grow as a strong caring school community.

Thank you for all your hard work and dedication.

Betsy Hunt

Principal

March 19, 2008

Dear Parents,

The St. Patrick's day float was a hit thanks to Mike and Tiffany Cavanee, Rick and Lisa Bouillon, Barbara and Skip Schmiett, Lindsay and Bill Holyoak, Mike Clark, Paul and Heather Simonsen, several other hard working parents and students, the infamous Mr. David Asman and his band of fine student musicians who performed in the parade. Thank you.

Please read the following;

- The faculty enjoyed a traditional corn beef and cabbage lunch on St. Patrick's day. Thank you to Tracey Mapstone, Holly Dean, Kim Marron, Merry Osborne, Caroline Cheeseman, Michelle White, Teresa Prior, Kristin Bonacci, Gini Collins, Michelle Gosselin, Monica Fredrick, and Marie Jaskowski.
- Please note, a new "fridge" calendar for April is in the homework folder today. You can also access the calendar on the school web page. Please keep track of our very busy schedule.
- Several Cosgriff students received awards in their respective divisions in the 2008 Junior creative Poetry Contest – Congratulations!  
Unit 3 Division C  
Emmi Mancini – Second Place  
Jack Keller – First Honorable Mention  
Jenna Thompson – Second Honorable Mention  
Nick Steffen – Third Honorable Mention  
  
Unit 3 Division B  
Gabi Prior – First Place  
Douglas Gosselin – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Madeline Osborne – 3<sup>rd</sup> Honorable Mention  
Tom Marron – Special Recognition
- In the Utah's "Letters about Literature" competition, Lindy Hughes, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, won 1<sup>st</sup> place for her letter to the author of The Book Thief. Her letter will go on to the national competition and represent the middle school level for Utah. Congratulations Lindy!
- Thank you to all parents who are willing and able to volunteer at the school. Each family is expected to volunteer 20 hours per year on a school related activity or project. If you have volunteered, please make sure to turn your hours into the office, the TIP form is on the webpage. Recess duty from 11:50 to 12:50 is an excellent way to fill those hours. A family is expected to pay \$10.00 per hour for the volunteer hours not completed by the end of the year.
- The Mock Trial team won a second round on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations team way to go!
- Several students and classes will be asked to perform at a special luncheon for former teachers, students and administration on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Also, for the fourth quarter, several grades have been assigned research projects on a famous person, country, to perform class plays and other presentation in April or May. The consensus of the teachers at a recent faculty meeting was to postpone the student talent show until the 2008-09 school year. We are a bit backed up this year, thank you for understanding.
- Plan on attending math night on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 8:00 PM. Your child will be ready to teach you the latest math skills and techniques. Kindergarten thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

●Thank you to the many parents who are supporting the school with regard to the uniform policy. Please remember; The Cosgriff green sweatshirt, navy blue pull over or button down sweater, sweater vest, fleece jacket or vest should be worn to school on cool days. If a student is still cold outside a non-uniform rain jacket, fleece or other heavier jacket (not a sweatshirt) may be worn over the school sweatshirt as outerwear. Hooded non uniform jackets or parkas are acceptable over the school uniform sweatshirt etc. Please try to support the school uniform policy. You send an important message to your child when you help them follow the school rules.

●*The Milk Caps Payoff!*

Thank you Maggie Kearns for cashing in all of our milk caps, ordering a bike rack and having it installed on the south side of the school. Be sure to place a lock on bikes parked in the rack, the school is not responsible for stolen bikes.

Happy Easter, enjoy your vacation and please remember that school resumes on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

Betsy Hunt

Principal

March 27, 2008

Dear Parents,

Our copy of the new April and May “Fridge” calendar was included in the homework folder last week, this calendar is also on the Cosgriff webpage. Please refer to the calendar for important upcoming events.

Please read the following;

- The students in grades K-8<sup>th</sup> are anxious to host *Math Night*, 6:30 – 8:00 PM tonight, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Just go to your child’s classroom for some exciting lessons in mathematics. A special thank you to all teachers who have worked hard to make this event possible.
- The students play very hard at recess and require close supervision. If you can help with yard duty on any one of the following days please call the office @ 486-3197, the hours are 11:45 – 12:50.  
April 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, and 30<sup>th</sup>.
- The summer school information will be included in the April 3<sup>rd</sup> homework folder, watch for it next week!

- **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED**

Please consider serving on the H.S.A. Board for the 2008-2009 school year as vice president. This job would entail serving one year as vice president, one year as president and one year as an advisor.

If you are interested in knowing more about the job of “Room Parent” or would like to volunteer as one, for next year, please call Barbara Schmiett @ 485-6038. Parent involvement and leadership are essential for Cosgriff to continue to grow as a strong caring school community. There is a flyer about H.S.A. in the Thursday homework folder.

Thank you for your hard work and support.

Betsy Hunt

Principal

April 3, 2008

Dear Parents,

A special luncheon will take place on May 1<sup>st</sup> for past students, teachers and administration of J. E. Cosgriff. Please call or mail Kayla Smith @ 486-3197 or [kaylasmith@cosgriff.org](mailto:kaylasmith@cosgriff.org) if you or someone you know should be on our guest list. Invitations will be sent out very soon.

Please read the following;

- Several 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students competed in the Salt Lake Valley Science competition. Please note that sixteen students placed or received recognition. A special thank you goes to our energetic and dedicated middle school teacher, Mr. Jim Larson, for his expert coaching and encouragement to all of his middle school science fair participants. The following is a list of the awards;

Junior Division (7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

*Elisabeth Barrows* ~ Special Award, United States Navy and Marine Corps

*Kyra McComas* ~ 1<sup>st</sup> place, Environmental Science. Special award, Ricoh Sustainable Development. Special Award, Utah Department of Natural Resources. Discovery Channel Young Scientist Award.

*Sarah Villareal* ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Plant Sciences. Discovery Channel Young Scientist Challenge Award.

*LindyHughes* ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Earth and Planetary Science. Special Award, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. Special Award, American Society of Civil Engineers. Special Award, Association for Women Geoscientists.

*Connor Liston* ~ 1<sup>st</sup> place, Engineering, Electrical and Mechanical. Special Award, United States Air Force.

*Eric Larson* ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Engineering, Electrical and Mechanical.

*Tony Martino* ~ Special Award, National Society of Professional Engineers.

*Sierra Pond* ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Medicine and Health Sciences.

Sarah and Kyra's scores were in the top 10% of all entries in the elementary and junior division. They will have an opportunity to compete in the Discovery Channel National Young Scientist Challenge for a one week, all expense paid trip for the student and their family to Washington, D.C. and scholarships from \$500.00 to \$20,000.00

- All families should receive Summer School packets and registration materials today. This year summer school is being offered for pre school through eighth grade. Sign up early and get your friends to do the same. Information can also be found on the Cosgriff web page.

- The Character Ed virtue for April is Self Discipline. At school, we will be helping students to understand that self discipline and self control give you power over your life. The development of this important virtue leads to self reliance and independence.
- The Social Skill students will discuss and practice in April is Accepting “No” as an Answer. Accepting “no” as an answer is a skill used when your request has been denied. Please practice this important skill with your child.
- Financial Aid applications are due tomorrow, April 4, 2008.
- Students participated in a bake sale today – sponsored by the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and the student council. The proceeds from this bake sale will be used to mail a care package to Namibia, Africa and also to purchase supplies for school students in Namibia. It is not too late to make a monetary or “school supply” donation to this important international service project. See the attached flyer for much needed items. This project will continue through April.

Thank you for all your help and support.

Betsy Hunt

Principal

April 10, 2008

Dear Parents,

Please note a few new activities and reminders for your April “fridge” calendar.

**April 17-** Progress Report

**April 21-** Registration day for all students: 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM

**April 22** - Preschool Reading Night, 6:30 – 7:45 PM in the gym  
3, 4, 5, year olds and parents.

**April 24** - 4<sup>th</sup> grade play @ 7:00 PM

☀️ **April 26** – Contemporary guitar mass @ 5:00 PM followed by Beer and Brats  
@ 6:00 PM (beer and brats in the gym), \$5.00 per person.

**April 28 – May 2** – 50/60 celebration week

☀️ **April 29** – Books & Bagels K-8 (students and parents) 7:30 AM – 8:10 AM in  
the gym. From 8:15 – 9:30 AM parents may browse through the student art  
display, and a preview of the King’s English selections for new summer books ~  
gardening, cooking, children’s books, fiction and non fiction as well as best sellers  
will also be available in the school library with coffee and book talks.

*5<sup>th</sup> Grade biography/auto biography fair ~ 1:00 PM*

**May 1** – Luncheon to honor former students, faculty and administration @ 11:30 AM.

**May 4** – Celebration of 12:00 mass by Bishop Wester (flyer is in the Thursday folder)

#### ☀️ **NEW ADDITION TO THE SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Please read the following;

- Some very excited teachers will be offering outstanding summer classes ~ sign up today and invite your friends to support your school. Summer school information can be downloaded @ [cosgriff.org](http://cosgriff.org) and mailed into the school office. Please see the attached flyer for the summer extended day information.
- Please turn your car motor off in the parking lot **NO IDLING** for cleaner and healthier air.

Thank you for all your help and support.

Betsy Hunt

Principal

April 17, 2008

Dear Parents,

Please note; Progress Reports will be delayed until next week due to some technical problems with Power School.

Please read the following;

- The strategic planning committee, school board and development office need your input and ideas. Please fill out the survey attached to this letter right away and return it to the school office by April 24<sup>th</sup>.
- A questionnaire from Sister Catherine, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, is in the homework folder today. This is your opportunity to help evaluate the school calendar. Please take the time to fill out the questionnaire and return it to school by April 24<sup>th</sup>. Your honest comments will make a difference.
- Please check your child's school sweat shirts and jackets. Several students have picked up the wrong jacket at recess, after P.E. etc. Also please check the lost and found racks by the gym.
- **BEER AND BRATS!!!**  
Please attend another fun evening of great food, & fun. April 26<sup>th</sup> after the 5:00 PM (contemporary music) mass.  
Michael Hilton needs your help in setting up, serving and cleaning up for the Beer and Brats, call him @ 484-6094.
- Registration for the 2008-2009 school year is April 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Please remember to bring your blue card, your automatic withdrawal with a voided check attached, any immunization, baptismal certificates or birth certificates that have not previously been turned in and your \$150.00 registration fee, (\$75.00 for pre school, \$250.00 for 8<sup>th</sup> grade). Used Uniform will also be available for purchase.
- Immunizations for the incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade class will be available on May 8<sup>th</sup> after school, more information will be sent home next week. All 7<sup>th</sup> grade students must have 3 valid doses of Hepatitis B, a Varicella vaccine or the disease, a Tetanus/Diphtheria (Td) Booster.
- All pre school children (3, 4, 5) and parents are invited to pre school reading night – April 22, 6:30 – 7:45 PM. RSVP to [Austin@cosgriff.org](mailto:Austin@cosgriff.org) or Debby in the office, 486-3197.
- The school library is usually not open on Tuesdays. Mrs. Paoletti is not at Cosgriff on that day of the week. We would like to keep the library open next year on Tuesdays for book check-in and check-out. If you are interested in volunteering on a regular basis, two or four times per month, for a two hour block of time, please call Linda Paoletti @ 486-3197 ext. 404.
- Please see the attached flyer regarding Art, Books and Bagels on April 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Finally, please take a moment to wish Father Bill “Happy Birthday” on Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. We are all very appreciative for Father Bill's consistent leadership and heartfelt support of Cosgriff School.

Thank you for your dedication to Cosgriff School.

Betsy Hunt

Principal

April 24, 2008

Dear Parents,

Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> is another fun filled “Beer and Brats” night starting @ 6:00 PM, immediately following the 5:00 PM mass. Please attend both for a great family evening.

Please read the following;

- Thank you to all parents and students who attended pre-school literacy night. It was hopefully fun and educational for all who attended.
- Registration day for the 2008-2009 school year was April 21. It is important that you register right away if you have not done so.
- Progress reports are in the homework folders today. Please review your child’s grades and set positive academic goals for the remainder of the quarter. Some students have failing grades in core subjects. Summer school will be required for students failing classes. Homework club continues Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after school until the end of the year as a support for students in grade 4-8.
- April 28- May 2 is our 50/60 celebration week. Please call Kayla @ 486-3197 ext 424 or e-mail [kaylasmith@cosgriff.org](mailto:kaylasmith@cosgriff.org) to make a lunch reservation for May 1<sup>st</sup> if you were a student or teacher at Cosgriff in years past.
- Thank you fourth grade students and Mrs. Romero for your outstanding play performance of “Zeem Dream” your hard work paid off with a great performance.
- Please donate uniform shirts, pants, sweatshirts, vests etc. that your child has outgrown! These items should be turned into the school office. Get ready for a gigantic uniform sale in May.
- Most of the teaching positions for the 2008-2009 school year have been filled. There is an opening for a full time pre school teacher and a teacher for 2 year olds - 2 mornings per week.  
The list of hired or returning teachers on each grade level is as follows;
  1. Anna Wicks – Toddler
  2. (opening)
  
  1. Marisa Wilson – 3 & 4 year olds
  2. (opening)
  
  1. Danielle Gobar – Kindergarten
  2. Laura Dutton – Kindergarten

1. Nadia Alai – 1<sup>st</sup> grade
2. Dominique McCarthy – 1<sup>st</sup> grade

1. Sam Weyher – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade
2. Marissa Zuchetto – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

Sue Sause – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade  
Alma Camp – ½ time aide

Lisa Romero – 4<sup>th</sup> grade

Miriam Bugden – 5<sup>th</sup> grade

### Middle School

Trish McCormick – 6<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom (science, language arts, religion)  
Jim Larson – 7<sup>th</sup> grade home room (science & math)  
Kathy May – 8<sup>th</sup> grade home room (language arts, religion)  
Cindy Hunt – ¼ time language arts  
Brent Schmidt – Spanish, Latin, Social Studies

### ***Information about our new teachers***

Mrs. Wicks is from SLC and worked in the day care program at Judge High School.

Mrs. Dutton will move to SLC from St. George this summer. She has taught 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and kindergarten.

Miss Alai will begin her teaching career at Cosgriff. She comes very highly recommended from the University of Utah.

Miss McCarthy has taught second grade for 2 years at St. Olaf's School. We are excited to add Miss McCarthy to the faculty.

Mrs. Sause taught at Cosgriff for several years and the past 6 years at the Madeleine Choir School. We are very fortunate to have her returning as our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher.

Mrs. May taught for several years in the Catholic school system in California. She was one of the founding teachers at the Madeleine Choir School. Mrs. May will teach language arts and religion and serve as the 8<sup>th</sup> grade home room teacher in charge of graduation.

Mrs. Cindy Hunt has a solid background in english and drama. She will teach 7<sup>th</sup> grade language arts and offer our middle school students the opportunity to develop their talents in drama.

A listing of the entire Cosgriff faculty for 2008-2009 will be printed very soon.

Enjoy!!

- Books & Bagels – a chance to read with your child on Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 8:10 AM in the gym.
- 8:15 – 9:30 AM, browse through the student art exhibit by the gym and learn about new summer books for children and adults in the library. Invite a friend to come to school Tuesday morning (see the flyer).
- This is the last few days to support our school wide service project for students in Namibia, Africa. Students may wear a free dress top to school on Friday April 25<sup>th</sup> with donations for this project.

Thank you for your help and support.

Betsy Hunt

Principal

May 1, 2008

Dear Parents,

Thank you to several parents including the H.S.A. decorating committee, teachers, staff and students for combining talents and hard work to host a special 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary luncheon. Former students, teachers and administrators were honored for their many years of service to Cosgriff.

Our guests enjoyed nostalgic memorabilia, lunch and delightful entertainment.

Please read the following:

- Orientation for incoming kindergarten students will take place on May 6<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM. Students will visit a kindergarten classroom and take a short pre reading assessment.
- Summer school will be here soon ~ June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sign up your child with a friend for many fun and educational activities. Sign ups are also available for summer EDP, please send in the sign up sheet if you are planning on using the EDP program this summer so we can plan accordingly.
- The school and parish community service project for May is to collect much needed baby supplies for the Crossroads Urban Center. Please see the flyer in the Thursday homework folder and send all items to the school office.
- A special thank you to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents for providing a delicious lunch for the faculty on April 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Please send one flower with your child to school on the morning of Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. The H.S.A. will be assembling bouquets for teacher appreciation week.
- Teacher appreciation week is May 5-9<sup>th</sup>. Please encourage your child to write a note to his/her teacher to show much deserved thanks and recognition.
- On Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, we will be working on our last school “Family” activity before the eighth grade students’ graduate. The students will be signing year books and making simple fleece blankets for the Cosgriff/St. Ambrose baby service project. We are asking for donations of baby pattern material, 3 ft.X 3 ft. measurement. If you can help, send in material by may 9<sup>th</sup>. You may also send in a small donation for the purchase of material. Send money in an envelope marked “baby project ~ Mrs. Austin”. Questions call Mrs. Austin @ 486-3197 ext. 422 or e-mail [Austin@cosgriff.org](mailto:Austin@cosgriff.org)

- A special thank you to the Student Leadership Council for initiating activities to raise money for the Namibia Service Project. In addition, a thank you goes to students at Cosgriff who recently celebrated birthdays and in lieu of gifts asked their guests to make a donation to the Namibia Project. As a result of hard work and generosity, the students of Cosgriff will send a check for \$945.00 to Africa.
- The character ed. Value for May is *good sportsmanship*. Good sportsmanship occurs when classmates, teammates, opponents, coaches etc. treat each other with respect. Children who respect each other in school and on the playground are more likely to respect one another on the basketball court or soccer field. The best teachers, coaches and parents encourage their kids to play fair, have fun and to concentrate on helping the team while polishing their own skills.
- The social skill to practice during May and always is *Resisting Peer Pressure*. This is a skill used when someone is trying to get you to do something that you do not want to do. Read and discuss again and again the skill sheet from the Thursday folder with your child. Create pretend scenarios and act out *resisting peer pressure*.

Thank you for all your help and support.

Betsy Hunt

Principal

May 8, 2008

Dear Parents,

The teachers and staff have felt very special and spoiled this "Teacher Appreciation Week". Thank you to the many parents and students who have written meaningful notes, put up decorations, provided breakfast, lunch, flowers, gifts massages and many kind words of appreciation.

Please read the following;

\* If you have a child entering, preschool, kindergarten, first or second grade next year you will receive a letter by the end of June indicating the name of your child's teacher. A student supply list will also be sent home in the summer.

\* Saint Ambrose/J.E. Cosgriff is in great need of a volley ball coordinator for the 2007-2008 school year ~ please call Catherine Villareal @ 583-9966 for more information. Mrs. Villareal has offered to act as an assistant coordinator.

\* Please support the last Community Christian Service Project for the year. Cosgriff school has been asked to help with the Saint Ambrose "Baby Shower" to provide necessary items for the Crossroads Urban center. The list of needed items is in the Thursday homework folder, the center is in desperate need of soy based formula and diapers. You may also donate a few dollars to purchase material for the Cosgriff "families" to make baby quilts for our last family project, please place all donations in front of the office.

\* **UPCOMING EVENTS**

May 14 ~ Wednesday – 8:45 AM, farewell mass for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.  
All parents are invited to mass, **formal dress for all students.**  
2:00 PM – faculty vs. 8<sup>th</sup> grade volley ball game.

May 16 ~ 7:00 PM – 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation ceremony.

May 18 ~ First Holy Communion

May 21 ~ 8:45 AM, May Crowning Mass

May 22 ~ Thursday afternoon – field day, pizza will be provided – DO NOT SEND LUNCH!!

Students may wear a free dress top and uniform shorts.

May 23 ~ **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!** Honor assembly @ 11:00 AM. Dismissal @ 12:15 PM.

June 2 – 26 ~ Summer School

- \* Be productive and stop air pollution, turn off your motor in the parking lot.
- \* Our final “school family” project is planned for May 12<sup>th</sup>. Please donate a dollar or two to help offset the cost of the materials needed, or one yard of baby pattern fleece material. Send any donations to the office in an envelope marked “family activity”. Thank you.
- \* The Margarita Party honoring the staff of J.E. Cosgriff is to be held on Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM at the McComas home. If you were not able to attend Mardi Gras but would like to attend please make a \$50.00 per person donation to Cosgriff. Please send your RSVP and donation to the office by the last day of school. Any questions call Debby @ 486-3197.
- \* The safe school/emergency committee will meet Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 12:30 in the library. Chanteel Ballard, Larry Hinman and Mrs. Hunt make up this committee. If you are interested in working on this important committee please attend the next meeting or call Chanteel @ 278-3383(hm) or 651-2432 (cell).
- \* If you have any remaining receipts from Teacher Appreciation Week or any other school activity sponsored by the H.S.A. this year, please submit them to the H.S.A. board for reimbursement before the end of the school year. Receipts can be submitted to the H.S.A. mailbox in the teacher’s lounge or to Linda Holyoak, H.S.A. President or Cathy Cathy Romero H.S.A. Treasurer
- \* Thank you to the H.S.A. for our new tiger mascot. He seems to instill much vigor and excitement in the students when visiting before school! We all appreciate the great school spirit and support of the H.S.A.

Thank you for all your support.

Betsy Hunt  
Principal

May 15, 2008

Dear Parents,

Next week is the last week of the 2007-2008 school year. Thank you for your consistent support and hard work. A letter will be sent out over the summer with a tentative school calendar, supply list, teachers names and other important information. Please mark your calendar for August 15<sup>th</sup>, 3-4:30 PM ~ Meet Your Teacher Day.

Note the activities for May 17-23.

May 17 ~ First Holy Communion – 2:00 PM

May 21 ~ 8:45 AM Mass and May Crowning – **Formal Dress**

May 22 ~ Field Day (lunch provided for students)

May 23 ~ Honor assembly @ 11:00, school dismissal @ 12:15 PM **Formal Dress**

June 2 – 26 ~ Summer School

Please read the following:

☀ It is that time of year again when Mrs. Paoletti asks for ALL library books to be returned to the library ASAP. Report cards will be withheld until a student has returned all books or paid for the lost books. Please check the attached list for your child's name.

☀ Donations are needed to get our school wide emergency/safety plan off the ground and in place by August 18<sup>th</sup>. Supplies are needed for every classroom. Please send your donations to the office.

☀ Students entering grades 5-8 will have a required reading list for the summer. Ask your son/daughter for this important information. The book list will be attached to the report card on the last day of school, the list will also be posted on the school website.

☀ Cosgriff students K-8<sup>th</sup> grade have worked diligently to earn the gold medal physical fitness award in the State of Utah. Congratulations to Mr. Allen for his consistent coaching and positive attitude toward all Cosgriff students.

☀ Mr. Allen was very proud of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class and the results of their mile run this past week. All students in the class ran the mile in less than 11 minutes. These times meet the national fitness standards.

☀ Andrew Stuck set a new school mile record this last week. The previous record was set last year by Daniel Shiramizu (5:55), Andrew ran an impressive 5:46. John Kearns and Nate Luttmer also posted faster times than the previous record, John ran a 5:53 and Nate a 5:54. Congratulations boys for your impressive runs. This new record may not stand for long, we have some up and coming students with fast times as well. Mitch Martino, a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student, ran a best time of 6:03. Mitch has 3 years of training before he makes his attempt to break the school record. We are looking forward to some peak performances in the coming years.

☼ Please remember in order to receive the \$100.00 discount (grades k-8) on tuition full payment must be received by June 1, 2008.

☼ There will be one last used uniform sale on May 20<sup>th</sup> before school, in the parking lot, huge discounts will be given so shop early.

☼ Today, the Cosgriff School Concert Band participated in a side by side rehearsal with the Wasatch Jr. High band. Mr. Asman conducted several songs as the two groups played together. The rehearsal was outstanding for all band members. A special thank you to Mr. Asman for providing such enriching opportunities for our students. A note for band members to keep up the great work.

☼ Mrs. Karen Smith will not be returning to Cosgriff next year. Thank you to Mrs. Smith for her three years of excellent teaching and service as the technology specialist.

Thank you for all your hard work and support.

Betsy Hunt  
Principal

May 22, 2008

Dear Parents,

This will be the last principal's letter for the 2007-2008 school year. It has been a growing, changing and exciting year at Cosgriff. Thank you to you the parents for your great volunteer spirit, and faculty and staff support. Much appreciation goes to our outstanding faculty and staff for a fabulous year and a job well done. Congratulations to our students, they have certainly earned a summer of leisure and fun.

One more special word of thanks goes to Father Bill for his dedicated leadership and support of faculty, staff, students and parents here at Cosgriff.

Please read the following;

© The H.S.A. list of room parents is attached to this letter. There are still a few openings for next year. Please call Barbara Schmielt @ 485-6038 if you would like to serve as a room parent.

© Students going into 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade have required books to read and book reports to complete over the summer. A letter and book report form is attached to the report cards and can also be located on the school web page, [www.cosgriff.org](http://www.cosgriff.org).

© Some parents will be sent a letter encouraging their child to make use of the school's "Take Home Library" for summer reading. These notes will be attached to the report card. This is encouragement from the school to say we want to assist you in every way with your child's summer practice reading. Please take advantage of this offer, your child will reap the benefits. If you did not receive a letter, but would like to use the "Take Home Library", call Mrs. Hunt @ 486-6933.

© A special word of thanks goes to Linda Holyoak – our outgoing H.S.A. president. She has gone many extra miles to support and make improvements in our school. Mrs. Holyoak's positive attitude, endless energy and hard work have helped Cosgriff in many ways. Thank you so much Mrs. Holyoak!

© **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

August 15 ~ H.S.A. teacher brunch 8-9:00 AM

August 15 ~ 3:00 – 4:30 PM, meet the teachers in the classroom ( Pre K – 8<sup>th</sup>)

August 16 ~ School wide family mass & picnic (look for more info in the summer).

August 18 ~ First day of school – full day for grades 1-8 (half day for kindergarten)

August 20 ~ Back to school night Preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> grade 7:00 PM

August 21 ~ Back to school night Middle school (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>) 7:00 PM

August 25 ~ First day of school for 3 & 4 year old preschool

August 26 ~ First day of school for 2 year old preschool

© Some parents have inquired about the Innisbrook summer workbooks for students. Go to [Innisbrook.com](http://Innisbrook.com) and use the Cosgriff code, 110688.

Thank you for all your support & have a very safe & fun summer.

Betsy Hunt  
Principal.