

February 18, 2010

Dear Parents,

It is with great appreciation and sincerity that I thank so many of you parents for giving generously of your time, energy, talents and financial support to Cosgriff so far this year. I am constantly amazed at the willingness of so many of you to volunteer on a moments notice in several of the following capacities:

- room parent
- yard and lunch duty helper
- art history teacher
- classroom parties and projects
- faculty lunch
- H.S.A., Parish Council, School Board
- SCRIP sales
- cookbook design/sales
- coach
- reading aide
- Beer & Brats, Grandparent Brunch, Spaghetti Dinner
- Innisbrook sales
- Christmas tree sales
- clean up committees
- school improvements
- TGIF
- Mock Trial coach
- Ski Program
- Sunday Mass/Socials
- driving, driving, driving!

Most recently a small army of hardworking volunteers organized, solicited prizes and pulled off a fabulous Mardi Gras event; which netted over \$130,000. This was one more incredible parent volunteer project!

Because of the complex academic curriculum, special programs, and strong Catholic traditions, J.E. Cosgriff requires skilled and dedicated teachers, working with a strong volunteer parent group; such as you. Thank you for all that you do!

Please read the following:

- Parent/Teacher conference days are February 24th and 25th. This time enhances open communication and dialogue for teachers, parents and students. The faculty takes these conferences very seriously, and it is our hope that all parents do as well. **Click here** to read preparation guidelines before you attend conferences.
- **Click here** to read a message from Father Andrzej regarding the requirements and changes in Catholic subsidy.

- Good luck to our two 7th and 8th grade Mock Trial teams who will start their competition on February 24th. Thank you to Ms. McCormick for organizing Mock Trial and also to Bridget Romano and Anne and Jim Morgan who have volunteered to coach the teams.

- Join us for the following:
 - 1) Stations of the Cross – Friday, February 19th at 11:00 – formal dress
 - 2) Sunday, February 21st 11:00am Mass – hosted by the 4th grade class

- Students K-8th will participate in computer safety training classes on February 26th.

- Every parent is asked to purchase a Dan's, Harmon's, Smith's, or Whole Food's card one or two times per month. The school will reach its goal of \$20,000 this year if all families participate in this program. SCRIP is sold Monday – Friday mornings from 8-8:45am, and Friday after school. Otherwise, send in your order form/check with your child to school. Your cards will be sent home with your child.

- The Refugee Resettlement Program at Catholic Community Services is in desperate need of youth/adult diapers of three newly arrived disable Afghan children ages 8, 9 and 14. Please donate diaper and put them in a box by the office.

Thank you for your hard work!

Betsy Hunt
Principal