

February 26, 2010

Dear Parents,

Thank you for attending parent/teacher conferences in the midst of basketball play offs and other busy activities. It is important to remember and support the three-way partnership between child, parent, and teacher. This partnership ensures your child's educational progress and success. It is almost certain that your child's learning will accelerate as a result of our cooperative efforts.

Click here to read the compact and apply when possible.

Please read the following:

- Before proceeding with this section, all parents are asked to go to www.cosgriff.org and read the Principal's letter from October 27. This letter outlined the necessary requirements to operate an accredited school. In addition, a list of "extra" faculty, staff, programs and materials were outlined that have been added to lead Cosgriff in the direction of a high quality "good and smart" school. This year the Cosgriff community needed to raise over \$200,000.00 for operating costs, faculty salaries and scholarships. Note: The Diocesan scholarship fund has fallen from \$46,000.00 in 2007-2008 to 0 in 2009-2010. We hope it goes up again with a stronger economy. Also, faculty and staff make great financial sacrifices to teach at Cosgriff as Catholic School salaries are between 85-90% of those in the public schools in Salt Lake and surrounding areas. Beginning teacher salaries in Salt Lake School District are \$35, 580.00 compared to \$27,900 for the Catholic Diocese of Salt Lake.
- **SCRIP**
A very simple and sensible fundraising program was introduced to Cosgriff parents on a voluntary basis this year. About 40% of families have participated to help reach the set goal of \$15,000. Starting in the 2010-2011 school year, ALL families will be asked to take part in the SCRIP fundraising effort. The annual Art Auction will be cancelled again, with Innisbrook and Mardi Gras as the main fundraisers. Keep in mind tuition covers most school expenses; however, we count on fundraisers for \$150,000.00 - \$200,000.00 as part of the budget each year. The H.S.A. board, faculty, Parish Council, Fr. Andrzej and the majority of the School Board have responded favorably to the SCRIP plan. Click here to read about the SCRIP program. The first page defines the purpose of SCRIP, while the second page outlines the yearly financial responsibilities and choices for each family. A SCRIP contract will be included in your registration materials in April. It is my hope that all families will accept responsibility for fundraising instead of relying on the hard work and effort of only a few parents. In addition, purchase SCRIP for food, gas, clothing, etc. and help to make this logical fundraising effort an ongoing success.
- **Mardi Gras Survey**
Click here to fill out a questionnaire asking for your opinions and suggestions. The survey results will go directly to the school development and administration.

- The third grade class will host the 11:00am Mass on March 7. Make plans to attend this Mass and the social immediately following.
- Thank you to the 4th grade parents for providing a wonderful lunch last Friday. The staff truly enjoy these delicious lunches.
- The St. Patrick's Day parade is March 13. [Click here](#) to ready the flyer about how you can help.
- Parents, please have your child look in the lost and found for missing items. We have a huge pile of unclaimed clothing, lunch boxes, and misc. things.

Thank you for your support.

Betsy Hunt
Principal