

January 15, 2009

Dear Parents,

Your immediate attention and support is needed to help eliminate the serious problem of student tardiness in the mornings. Today, we synchronized the bells in the office with the clock on the outside wall in the parking lot. This being said, many children are still arriving later than 8:25am.

Please leave your home just 10 minutes earlier so your child has time to exit the car, get in line and go into school with his/her teacher. All students who are tardy should report to the office using the east door to obtain a tardy slip and proceed to class.

Please read the following:

- Click here to read an important letter from the principal.
- School email communications: Parent email is to be used as a general form of communication between teachers and parents. Its main purpose is to relay classroom news, schedule changes, etc. All acting room parents must get teacher approval before sending an email to the entire group of parents, or even a selected group within the class.
- There is still time to support our annual giving program. Donations from parents, grandparents and friends of Cosgriff are still welcome and needed to especially support our scholarship program. Email Kayla Smith at kaylasmith@cosgriff.org to receive a brochure or more information.
- The next Admissions Open House is Tuesday, January 27 from 7:00-8:30pm. Please notify all interested families of this important date and time.
- The parking lot is more frightening than ever before. Students of all ages are darting out in front of cars as parents visit with each other at pick up time. Please drive carefully to the west door of the school, stop briefly to look for your child, if he/she is not in sight, and drive around again.

The student "cross walk" will be put into effect immediately. This will hopefully stop some of the students from running in front of cars. Students are not to be picked up on the side of the church. Again, this makes it unsafe for students.

- Please do not park on the northeast side of the school--Texas Street for the next six Fridays. The ski buses need to park close to that entrance in order to pick up students. Thank you to Teresa Prior for organizing our ski program for student this year.
- TGIF will take place for students in grade K-5 on January 16 and 23 at 11:00am. This is a parent volunteer program which allows our students to take a mini class of choice to learn about a new and interesting topic. Thank you to Chanteel

Ballard and Jennifer Cook for chairing TGIF. Also, much appreciation goes to H.S.A. for supporting these great opportunities for students.

- MARDI GRAS – SOS

1. Call Joan Ryan at 486-6595 if you can help sell admission tickets after any of the Masses January 24-February 15. A form will be sent home soon to sign up to volunteer for Mardi Gras set-up and Mardi Gras Night.

2. Ads for the Mardi Gras programs are still available to purchase. Please try to sell or purchase at least one ad.

Full page	\$500.00
½ page	\$250.00
¼ page	\$150.00

Contact Connie Taylor at connie1751@comcast.net or Laura Ables at lauraables@gmail.com to purchase an ad.

3. The success of Mardi Gras depends on great auction items and we need your help. Click here for a list of ideas you or your business could donate.

4. Frequent flyer miles are greatly needed to complete auction packages. Call Lana Martino at 554-3943 if you can help.

5. Sail away to Paradise! Don't miss your chance to purchase an opportunity to win the Mardi Gras syndicate trip to Long Beach, California. Click here for more details.

- **Sell, Sell, Sell Mardi Gras Raffle Tickets....**Students be sure to sell and return raffle tickets to the office. **Remember, there will be a drawing on Friday, January 23 for a Nintendo DS.** For every 30 tickets sold, a student's name will go into the drawing for the DS. Keep selling to win additional weekly drawings!!
- Students who sell 30 Mardi Gras raffle tickets may wear free dress on Friday January 16.
- Re-application forms for students already attending Cosgriff and wish to return for the 2009-2010 school year were sent out last week. Forms must be returned by January 22. Click here to download the re-application form now.
- There are 8-10 computers in the library usually used to research a title, book, etc. These computers are quickly wearing out (some no longer work). If your office is discarding slightly used computers and would like to donate them to Cosgriff, please call the office right away.

- Presidential Inaugural Ball at St. Ambrose Social Hall on Saturday, January 24, 2009 from 7 to 11 pm. All ages welcome. Free to all Cosgriff and St. Ambrose members. No host, no food, no alcohol provided, but you may bring your own to enjoy, share, set up and cleanup. Grassroots celebration of historical presidential inauguration. Dress as fancy as you desire. Patriotic music will be provided. For more information, please call Charlotte Mates at 801-970-4062.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication.

Sincerely,

Betsy Hunt
Principal