

January 8, 2009

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope your Christmas holiday was both joyful and relaxing. Thank you for all the wonderful cards and gifts; your kindness and generosity are appreciated very much.

Please read the following:

- Click here to view the new “fridge calendar”.
- Click here to download the lunch order form for February. Orders are due on January 23rd.
- More volunteers are needed for the two TGIF days (January 16 & 23). These helpers will chaperone one of several classes offered for students in K-5. This great program must have parent volunteers to work. Please call Chanteel Ballard at 278-3383 or Jennifer Cook at 485-3742 right away if you can help.
- Report cards will go home on January 8. The Honor Assembly for grades 4-8 will be January 9 at 11:00am in the school gym. Formal dress is required for all students in grades K-8.
- Thank you to the many parents of students in grades K-8 for following the morning drop-off procedures. Just a reminder that drop-off time for students in grades 6-8 is before the starting bell rings at 8:10am. Students in K-5 should be dropped off on the west side of the school, line up with their class, and be ready to start school at 8:15am.

Parents are asked not to escort students into the school, or conference with teachers before or after school, unless a previous appointment has been made. It is important that teachers have at least 30 minutes to prepare for the school day and then direct their full attention to students at the 8:15am bell.

- If parents have business in the office, or are kind enough to volunteer in the classrooms, they should enter the school on Nevada Street and go directly to the office to check in and obtain a visitor’s badge. Thank you to all who make the effort to use the front door of the school. It helps so much to make Cosgriff a safer place for your children.
- All parents of Kindergarten students should have received an invitation to “Kindergarten Night” which will be January 15 from 7:00-8:30pm in the school library. All parents/guardians are urged to attend this important meeting. RSVP Raquel Austin at austin@cosgriff.org.

- 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.

- **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!!
- The student council has chosen two special service projects to support in January – The Humane Society and the YWCA. All items may be dropped off in front of the school office.

The Humane Society needs many pet supplies for animals in the shelter. Click here to view a list of pet supplies.

The YWCA houses and cares for woman who are homeless, abused, or pregnant and are in need of shelter. Click here to view the wish list.

- Plan to join us January 29 for Mass at 8:45am, school classroom visits at 9:30am, and lunch with your child at 11:30am or 12:00pm, as part of Catholic Schools' Week. Lunch order forms will be sent home today if you or grandparents would like to order hot lunch for that day. If you prefer, you can bring your own lunch. Click here to access lunch forms online.
- The 8th grade will attend a special Mass January 28 at 10:00am at the Cathedral celebrated by Bishop Wester. All 8th grade students in the diocese are invited to attend this special Catholic Schools' Week Mass. All Catholic Schools are asked to make a contribution to the Good Samaritan Program. A check along with a small basket of food will be presented as an offertory gift by our 8th grade students at the

Mass on January 28. If possible, please send a check or cash donation anytime before January 27 to support the Good Samaritan Program. Thank you for your generosity.

- Re-application forms for students already attending Cosgriff and wish to return for the 2009-2010 school year will be sent home today. Forms must be returned by January 22. [Click here to download the re-application form now.](#)
- Cosgriff OPEN HOUSES will take place Sunday, January 11 from 12:00-2:00pm, and Tuesday, January 27 from 7:00-8:30pm. The open houses will start in the school library. Please encourage all families to attend who may be interested in learning more about Cosgriff.
- When the weather is cold it is more important than ever to be conscientious about running our cars as little as possible. Inversion season is here. With this much snow on the ground, high pollution inversions can set up in just a few hours, Please remember to shut off your cars while waiting in the parking lot. YOU can make a difference by not idling.
- A word of recognition to Mrs. Romero and the 4th grade class and kind parent helpers. The Guadalupe School in Salt Lake educates many children who live in poverty and rely on food and clothing donations. The 4th grade students donated to them 41 handmade hats, 49 scarves, five pairs of mittens and two pairs of slippers to the Guadalupe Christmas Store. This is social justice at its best! Thank you, 4th Grade!

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Betsy Hunt
Principal