

March 5, 2009

Dear Parents,

The “Take Home Library” is up and running for K-8 grade students. This library consists of leveled reading books specifically suited for students to read on an independent level and for teachers to use in small guided reading groups. We have been able to purchase books for this library because of the generous donations from parents and friends who have designated their gifts for the leveled library. Thank you to Raquel Austin, Kassi Mancini, Kristen Bonacci, and parent volunteers, Sharon Mancini, Kori Hazel, Kim Vasquez, Julie Neville, Rachael Crosswhite, Susie Horne, and Paul Kelson for getting the leveled library up and running.

Please read the following:

- Acceptance letters for new students for the 2009-2010 school year went out February 26. Cosgriff School is very fortunate to be at full capacity in most grades preschool-8.

If you intend to apply for financial assistance, [click here](#) to apply for FACTS tuition aid. Applications **MUST** be submitted by April 1. FACTS provides Cosgriff with recommendations as to which families qualify for financial aid based on information submitted to FACTS. FACTS does not distribute any financial aid money to applicants. All financial aid funds are given by Cosgriff School and St. Ambrose Parish.

- The social skill which students will learn more about in March is Reporting Behavior. The steps that will be taught are:
  1. Decide if the situation is dangerous or harmful.
  2. Go to a helping adult.
  3. Calmly describe the situation you saw or heard.[Click here](#) for more information.

The character values we will discuss and apply at school are: 1) Respect—respecting oneself, others, private property and possessions. This is the core of all other virtues. 2) Responsibility—taking charge of one’s own behavior and actions at home and school, being accountable for one’s self and actions.

- Note the following schedule for March:

7	Diocesan Science Fair
9	No School-Professional Educator Day
13	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Decorate St. Patrick’s float 5:30pm in the parking lot
14	St. Patrick’s Day Parade
17	All School Mass – St. Patrick’s Day – 8:45 am Formal Dress
18	Parent/Teacher conferences 4:00-8:00pm
19	Parent/Teacher conferences 1:00-8:00pm Dismiss at 12:15pm
20	Academic certificates presented in the classrooms
25	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Play – 2:00pm – Social Center

26 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Play – 7:00pm – Social Center  
31 Science/Math Family Night  
7:00-8:15pm lower grades  
7:00-8:30pm middle school

- Parent/Teacher conferences will take place March 18 & 19. Please click here to download a conference form.
- The Walz family continues to need your prayers. All parents are invited to meet every Tuesday after drop-off to pray together in the church.

If you would like to provide a dinner for the Walz family, click here to email [leecotter\\_1999@yahoo.com](mailto:leecotter_1999@yahoo.com), or call Lee with questions at 801-468-0892 or 801-949-0892.

- **Join in helping decorate the St. Ambrose/J.E. Cosgriff Float on Friday, March 13**  
Float decorating begins at 5:30 pm on Friday, March 13th in the teacher's parking lot area at Cosgriff. If you can, please bring a hammer, tools or staple gun, plus green garland, green crepe paper, green streamers, etc. Click here for more information.
- Congratulations to the PARA boys and girls basketball teams for a great season!! The following teams placed in the finals:

<u>1<sup>st</sup> place</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> place</u>
6 <sup>th</sup> grade boy's	8 <sup>th</sup> grade boy's
4 <sup>th</sup> grade girl's	5 <sup>th</sup> grade girl's
4 <sup>th</sup> grade boy's	

- Mrs. Bugden, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, is requesting a parent volunteer to help on Mondays and/or Wednesdays from 8:30-10:00am. Please consider assisting on one or both of these two days. Email [mbugden@cosgriff.org](mailto:mbugden@cosgriff.org) if you can help.
- The numbers are not quite final for Mardi Gras, but the estimate of net profit is over \$126,000. We feel this is a GREAT success considering the tough economic times. Thank you so much for your support!
- Please call Kayla Smith or Mrs. Hunt as soon as possible if you can serve in any way on the Mardi Gras committee for 2010. Mardi Gras will be held February 6, 2010. Mark your calendars now!
- Spots are still available on the Mardi Gras "Fun Bus" to Wendover on Saturday, March 28. Tickets are \$50 per person. Email [kaylasmith@cosgriff.org](mailto:kaylasmith@cosgriff.org), or call Kayla at 801-486-3197 ext. 424 to reserve your seat today!

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to Cosgriff.

Sincerely,

Betsy Hunt  
Principal