

November 20, 2008

Dear Parents,

This special season of Thanksgiving has touched the hearts of many Cosgriff families. We have had extremely generous donations for St. Patrick's Parish and the Utah Food Bank. Cosgriff students will fill over 30 Thanksgiving dinner baskets for needy families with food and \$50 gift cards to Albertsons. We are still in need of food and money for this project. Cosgriff families have also helped to fill several large barrels with food for the Utah Food Bank and will send a monetary donation as well.

A word of thanks and blessings to all those who have supported these two important projects during November. Your generosity will truly make a difference for many families.

Friday, November 21 Free Dress:

Grades K-5: bring two cans or packages of food or \$2 for the St. Patrick's Parish baskets

Grades 6-8: bring \$2 for the St. Patrick's Parish turkeys

Please read the following:

- As the new computer lab undergoes the final inspection, a special group of individuals need to be thanked for their extreme generosity. Thank you to Roger and Mary Lowe (parents of Julia Kretschmar) for donating brand new computers to Cosgriff. Thank you to Bob and Lana Martino and the McCarthy family for their very generous contributions to build the computer lab. Finally, much appreciation goes to Peggy McDonough (mother of Claudi & Martine Jan) for donating endless hours as chief architect for the project. The Cosgriff community is so appreciative and humbled by these generous gifts.
- The annual appeal brochure has been sent to all Cosgriff families. The administration is making a personal plea for each family to make a contribution to this year's annual appeal. If each family contributes \$200, we would be able to raise approximately \$54,000. Your support, in any amount, is greatly needed and appreciated. There are four important areas of need where your financial support will make a tremendous difference.
 - 1) While building the computer lab, it was discovered that the current gas pressure has not been sufficient for several years. Questar and CCI Mechanical will be correcting this problem. The cost for this may exceed \$5000.
 - 2) As you know, last spring over \$50,000 worth of scholarship money was awarded to students for this year. That amount was awarded based on previous

year's distribution from the Diocesan funds. Cosgriff ended up receiving only \$17,000 because of the declining economy. It is anticipated that next year's distribution will be about the same as 2008-09. In that case, it is critical to have a reserve of money to help the many families who must have financial assistance to make ends meet. A well meaning, hard working family should never be turned away from Cosgriff because of the inability to pay full tuition.

3) The music and liturgy department under the direction of Chris Huntzinger is just getting off the ground. Special music, additional voice training music aides and guest musicians at Masses all require additional funding. Please help this important component in Catholic education and character formation.

4) Although teachers' salaries leave much to be desired, teachers are somewhat compensated by being given the opportunity to take part in workshops, practicum's and other special academic and religious training. In addition, teachers are given small stipends during the year for donating extra time to conduct homework club, mock trial, organize the year book, etc. Please know that we cannot do enough for this fabulous teaching staff.

Please mark your remittance envelope to support one or more of the four requested areas for Cosgriff school.

- 1. School repair and improvement**
- 2. Student scholarships**
- 3. Music and Liturgy**
- 4. Teacher education and incentives**

Call or email Kayla Smith at kaylasmith@cosgriff.org or go to the giving link on our website at www.cosgriff.org if you did not receive an annual appeal brochure and would like to make a pledge.

- Take time to order those beautiful poinsettias and Christmas trees. The deadline to place orders is December 1st. You may order by mail, in person or online. [Click here](#) to download an order form, or order online.
- A Mardi Gras holiday work party will be held Thursday, December 4th at 7 pm. Look for your E-vite this week. Care to join us to help with solicitations, we'd love to see you! Contact Lynn Kestle @ 808-4940 or lynnkestle@hotmail.com if you would like more information.
- There will not be a Principal's letter sent home next week. Students will be dismissed Wednesday, November 26 at 12:15pm for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Sincerely,

Betsy Hunt
Principal