

October 30, 2008

Dear Parents,

A special thank you to Linda Paoletti, our infamous Cosgriff librarian, for another successful Book Fair. Thank you to the many parents and friends who made several purchases at the Fair. Because of your generosity, Mrs. Paoletti will be able to purchase many new books. Much appreciation goes to the following Book Fair volunteers: Kathy Alderson, Bob Imhoff, Michelle Gosselin, Linda Sayre, Marsha Davis, Teresa Prior, Diane Lee, Tammie Cleverly, Jody Pond, Margaret Neville, any many others.

The Fall Family Festival provided a most enjoyable evening for children and parents. Creative games, food and drinks made for much fun and excitement. Our sincere thank you goes to Raquel Austin and Kassi Mancini for once again taking charge of the Fall Festival.

In past years, students in grades 4th-8th received the Presidential Award each year for receiving a B grade or higher in any subject and scoring a 85% or higher in Math or Reading on the SAT's.. The regulations for this prestigious award specify that students receive the award in their exit year at Cosgriff; this would mean the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The following format will be followed starting this school year. Students who receive a B or higher and score 85% or higher in Math or Reading on the SAT's in both 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades are eligible to receive The Saint Louise de Marillac Award at the end of 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Saint Louise de Marillac along with St. Vincent DePaul founded the Sisters of Charity in 1633. At that time, the sisters were dedicated to caring for the homeless, poor and sick. Sister Louise soon founded schools to teach children to read and learn about the Catholic religion.

The Daughters of Charity were the first teacher at Cosgriff School when it opened in 1957. It is an honor and most fitting to dedicate this award to Saint Louise de Marillac.

Students who continue this academic effort and receive nothing lower then a B in all subjects and score 85% or higher in Math or Reading on the SAT's during Middle School, are eligible to receive the Presidential Award at the end of 8<sup>th</sup> grade. A student must earn a B grade or above and score 85% or higher in Math or Reading on the SAT's from 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades in order to receive the Presidential Academic Award. This certificate is personally signed by the President.

Please read the following:

- Emily Bleyl CCSW, will present “When Playgrounds Become Battlegrounds: Fostering Cooperation in a Competitive World” for the “Brown Bag” lunch on November 4<sup>th</sup> from 12:30pm to 1:15pm in the school library. Emily is a licensed clinical social worker in private practice and a Cosgriff parent. She is also the Interim Executive Director of the Utah Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers and a clinician on the crisis psychiatric team at the University of Utah Medical Center.

- Thank you for your donations to Shriners Children's Hospital. The Student Council will also make a monetary donation to the hospital as a result of the successful bake sale.

Donations for the Utah Food Bank are requested for the month of November along with the annual St. Patrick's Parish Thanksgiving service project. Please [click here](#) to view items that are needed.

- You are urged to support Cosgriff in the following ways throughout the school year:

Cream O'Weber Milk Caps  
Campbell Soup Labels  
Register Local Grocery Cards  
Box Tops for Education  
Dan's Food Receipts

[Click here](#) to find out how you can register at local stores to earn money for our school.

- This is Red Ribbon Week. Students will write, draw and discuss the many common sense reasons to stay drug and alcohol free.
- All report card envelopes should be signed and returned to the homeroom teacher.
- The Halloween celebration and schedule for Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> will be as follows:
  - Students arrive at school in full costume.
  - All School Mass begins at 8:45am.
  - All school Halloween parade begins at approximately 9:30am. (toddlers thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade may participate)
  - Immediately following the parade, 4 year olds – 8<sup>th</sup> grade will return to the classrooms for a simple celebration.
  - Toddlers and 3 year olds are welcome to attend Mass and walk in the parade with their parents, even though they do not have school on Halloween.
  - School will be dismissed at 12:15pm.
  - Students may stay in their costumes until dismissal.

Please remember students and parents may not wear costumes with a face mask, painted blood and gore, and no pretend weapons of any kind will be allowed in school.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Betsy Hunt  
Principal

