

September 25, 2008

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all families and friends who participated in the Innisbrook fundraiser, we've exceeded our goal of \$25,000. You may still purchase items online using our school code (110688). A special thank you to Jenny Maffuccio for the many hours she has committed to make Innisbrook such a successful fundraiser. Proceeds from Innisbrook will be used to purchase books for the new math program and help off-set school operating costs.

As was mentioned at "Back to School Night", over \$45,000 was awarded to Cosgriff families for the 2008-2009 school year in the form of tuition scholarships. It was a logical sum for this year based on the previous year's distribution. Cosgriff received approximately \$64,000 last year from the Diocesan Scholarship Fund; while this year the distribution was \$17,000. Unfortunately, the distribution from the Diocesan dedicated scholarship fund was dramatically less this year, due to the financial markets. Parents and friends of Cosgriff, please remember that every fundraiser and school collection at St. Ambrose you are asked to support is critical for school operating costs, including classroom materials, textbooks, teacher training, etc.

Please read the following:

- An apology is in order for yet another change on the school calendar. In order to facilitate the many families who will leave town during Easter vacation, students will be asked to attend school Monday, December 22nd until 12:15pm. This will make it possible to add Monday, April 13th to Easter break. Students will return to school Tuesday, April 14th.
- A few parents are needed to help the Development Office with mailings on Tuesday, September 30. If you can help after morning drop-off, please contact Kayla Smith at 486-3197, or email kaylasmith@cosgriff.org. Coffee will be provided!
- The next school fundraising event is the annual Art Festival. Please email Kayla Smith at kaylasmith@cosgriff.org if you have someone to add to the guest list and would like to receive an invitation. Please invite friends and family who are interested in purchasing some beautiful art. Thank you.
- The "Grandparent Brunch" is Wednesday, October 1st at 9:30am. Call Kayla at 486-3197, or email kaylasmith@cosgriff.org for reservations for grandparents, close relatives, and family friends. It will be an entertaining event!
- Attached is a new "Fridge Calendar".
- A special thank you goes to Mrs. Kay Bush, school counselor, and Mrs. Kathy May, 8th grade teacher, for facilitating a meaningful and memorable 8th grade retreat at Camp Kostopoulos.
- Bruce Baron, a long time active parishioner, needs our help at the parish Beer and Brats to be held September 27, 6:00-8:00pm. Please call Bruce (583-7222) if you are willing to set-up, serve, or clean up. **School volunteer hours are accepted for a parish activity.**

- Mr. Huntzinger, Music and Liturgy Director, is looking for new choir members to serve in the adult choir. Parents, middle school, high school, and college students who are interested should attend rehearsals on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30pm in the church. Service in the choir will count for Judge High School student service hours. Encourage your Judge student to join the choir.
- You are invited to our Mardi Gras solicitations kick-off breakfast on Thursday, October 16th. Head over to Lynn Kestle’s home (1140 E. N. Bonneville Dr.) after drop off; everyone is invited! Look for an email from your room rep. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn at 808-4940, or email her at lynnkestle@hotmail.com.
- The school choir will sing at the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, September 28. Please attend if possible, and support the students and Mr. Huntzinger.
- Please join Marguerite Henderson, famous Utah chef, teacher, and author for the first monthly “Brown Bag” lunch get together. Marguerite will share healthy autumn snack, lunch, and dinner recipes that children will love to eat. Enjoy your lunch, guest speaker, and each other on Tuesday, October 7th from 12:15 – 1:15pm in the school library.
- First Aid – CPR for parents:
 - Tuesday, October 14th
 - 7:00 – 8:30 pm
 - School Library
 - \$40.00 per person

Call the school office if you would like to attend the class.

- Fall Festival co-chairs need your help. Please call Raquel Austin at 474-2653, or Kassi Mancini at 274-7174 if you are able to help with this fun family night October 24th from 6:00-9:00pm.
- If you shop at Dan’s Market, please turn in your sales receipts to the office. Dan’s will send Cosgriff a check based on a percentage of the sales receipts we send in. Thanks for your help!

Thank you for your hard work and dedication.

Sincerely,

Betsy Hunt
Principal