

August 19, 2010

Dear Parents,

The first week of the 2010-2011 school year has been busy and very positive for the administration, faculty, staff, students, and hopefully for all parents in our school community. Thank you for choosing J.E. Cosgriff for your child!

Please note the following:

- Thank you to Michael Hilton and his enthusiastic crew for planning and hosting such a fun beginning of the year barbecue. Everyone had a great time.
- **Click here** to download the 2010-2011 monthly school calendar.
- A special thank you to the following parents for helping with reading projects during the summer: Kerry Hankins, Amy Pernich, Bonnie Kittrell, Julie Sibthorp, Nicole Hall and Judy Fang.
- Every Monday you will receive a news report from Mrs. Hunt, providing there is news to report. Thursdays you will receive a more formal principal's letter. The web page www.cosgriff.org will be updated continually with current parent information. Please take the time to read all teachers' and principal's letters in order to be better informed during the year.
- Although we have a wonderful new preschool teacher, Mrs. Ruth Moore, many parents and students are still trying to come to terms with the sudden death of our sweet Kimberly Evans.

To offer further support for Cosgriff parents, a parent education night has been planned for Tuesday, September 7th at 7:30pm in the church. Chris Tucker, outreach specialist, at the Sharing Place will discuss with parents ways to help children cope with the death of a loved one and to better understand the grieving process in children and adults. This presentation will take place immediately following the H.S.A. meeting (7-7:30pm). Both meetings will be held in the church.

- Please attend a short meeting with Mrs. Hunt on Tuesday, August 24th at 2:00pm in the library if you would like to participate in the planning of a special memorial service in honor of Miss Kim Evans. The memorial service will take place September 24th.
- During the 2010-2011 school year the faculty and staff will teach and practice social skills with students. Our goals are to compliment and strengthen the skills you teach at home. During August we will teach looking, listening and following directions. **Click here** to view the steps and rationale of these important skills.
- The Christian virtue/value for August is RESPECT. Respect for self, others, as well as our personal and school property.
- In order to ensure a safe school, all parents and other guests are asked to enter Cosgriff on Redondo Avenue using the front door. Parents should check in the office first, get a

visitors badge and then proceed to your destination. Please support this effort to keep your children safe.

- The mission of J.E. Cosgriff School is to guide our students to become respectful, responsible and productive citizens through quality academic instruction that is grounded in Catholic teachings and traditions.

The number one responsibility we have as adults is to make sure our children arrive at school on time. Arriving at school on time sets a positive tone and gives students a chance to begin the day with classmates and not feel behind or left out.

The administration and teachers assume that all students will be on time everyday (unless they are ill or a serious snow day occurs). If students arrive after the bell rings, they will be directed to the front entry of the school where they will enter, and report to the office for a tardy note.

If a student arrives late two times, a parent will receive a call from the principal. If a student arrives late four times and must acquire a tardy slip before going to class, a meeting will be called with the parents, principal and classroom teacher to try and rectify the situation.

All parents are asked to leave 5-10 minutes earlier in the morning to allow for slow traffic by the school and in the parking lot.

Periodic “mystery motivators” or unexpected rewards will be awarded to classes where all students arrive on time for two consecutive weeks in a row.

- Find that foursome and support the K, 1st and 2nd grade Tiger Team at the Cosgriff golf tournament Friday, October 1st. Scramble time will begin at 9:00am at the Bonneville golf course. Please put a foursome together (\$100.00 per person) and support the school.
- Trivia Night is Friday, October 8th from 6:30pm in the Social Center. The cost is \$20 per person or \$40 per couple with teams of 10. Don't miss it!
- If your student is ill, please call the school before 8:30am.
- All persons exiting the school parking lot immediately before or after school should turn right only. Also, please note that parking or idling westbound on Redondo Ave. is prohibited. Thank you.
- School pictures will be on Tuesday, August 24th. Students may wear free dress (church attire), no jeans. Students must have their picture form along with check or cash the day of the picture.
- Miss Heidi, toddler teacher, and Miss Ruth, preschool teacher, are in need of toys, dress up clothes and other items for their classrooms. [Click here](#) for a list of needed items. If you have one or more of these items in almost new condition, please bring them to school for our preschool program.
- [Click here](#) to read the Asbestos Management Letter.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Betsy Hunt
Principal