

August 26, 2010

Dear Parents,

A very positive, upbeat and busy school year is well under way. Please join the students and faculty at the first Mass of the 2010-2011 school year on Friday, August 27th at 9:00am. Dress uniform is required for K-8th grade students.

Important information regarding Kim Evans:

The administration and faculty assume that you have informed your child about the death of Miss Evans. Students have been talking amongst themselves and asking for more information or clarification from their teacher. Please share what you think is appropriate with your child in the context of your family beliefs about death. It is important that he/she understand that death is a part of God's plan. Also, that sadness and grief are normal emotions to feel when a loved one has died.

On Monday, August 30th, Mrs. Bush and the classroom teachers will engage students in a short discussion concerning the death of Miss Kim. Students will be encouraged to share their feelings and thoughts of the happy times they experienced with Miss Evans as well as their feelings of sadness and loss.

Students will be asked to write about a memorable experience or special lesson or simply draw a picture. All student pictures and letters will be assembled and placed in a memory scrapbook for the Evans family. You, the parents, especially those who knew Kim are encouraged to write a letter of love and appreciation for the precious time she spent with your child while at Cosgriff School. Your letters will also be included in a scrapbook.

You are asked to send photos of Miss Evans and her students to school to be placed in scrapbooks as well (photos will not be returned). All letters, pictures, notes should be delivered to the school office by September 14th.

On Friday, September 24th at 9:00am our monthly school Mass will be offered in loving memory of Kim Evans. Her parents and family will be present to accept the scrapbooks from the Cosgriff community. After Mass, the Evans family will proceed to the PreK playground on the south side of school. Father Andrzej will bless the engraved bench purchased for the playground in Kim's honor. Hopefully, by the end of this short ceremony, the Evans family will feel uplifted and full of pride as they are assured of the special place "Miss Kim" will always hold in our hearts (and playground).

If you can help assemble the scrapbooks, please meet in the library on Monday, September 20th at 6:30pm. If you have scrapbook decorations, please bring them with you. Any questions, please call Claire Donnelly at 801-485-2720. If you would like to donate a few dollars for the purchase of scrapbooks, decorations and balloons, send your money in an envelope to the school office by September 14th labeled "Miss Evans".

Thank you!

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.

Finally, if you have questions or concerns about the short classroom discussions and activities, please call Mrs. Hunt at 801-486-6933. **Click here** for more information.

Please read the following:

- Ask your child for the Innisbrook and Middle School Tiger Team car wash packets. They were distributed today at an assembly. **Click here** for more information regarding the Tiger Team car wash.
- The Jimmy Soto-Josh Grant basketball camp is August 30th, 31st, and September 1st for grades 1st-8th. **Click here** to download an application.
- CPR and First Aid class will be offered for 7th and 8th grade students, and interested Cosgriff parents on September 22nd from 3:30-5:00pm in the school library. The cost is \$40.00 (cash only) per person; which should be sent to the school office by September 20th.
- Parents/Grandparents are needed to volunteer in the classrooms two times per month to teach the State Art Appreciation program. Please attend a short meeting on Tuesday, August 31st at 2:30pm in the school library. If you would like to teach, but cannot attend the meeting, call Mrs. Hunt at 801-486-6933.
- Please remember to turn in the H.S.A. volunteer sign-up sheets to the office right away.
- **Medical Alert:** If a child needs any type of medication during the school day, we MUST have a written authorization from both the doctor's office and the parents on file in the office. This includes Epi Pens we keep in the office for your child.
- **Tiger Teams:** So far, the Preschool & Middle School tiger teams have fabulous activities planned for fun and fundraising. We do not have a 3rd, 4th, 5th grade tiger team as yet. A group of parents from these grades are encouraged to organize, step forward and plan a fabulous event. Call Mrs. Hunt to get a date on the calendar.

Thank you for all you do for Cosgriff School.

Betsy Hunt
Principal