

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

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!

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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

September 2, 2010

Dear Parents,

It is with great perseverance and determination that the administration, office staff, technology experts and classroom teachers will work this year to keep you informed of academic, social and sports events, fundraisers and general happenings in the school and parish. Your responsibility is to merely read your email every Monday and refer to the Cosgriff web page (www.cosgriff.org) every Thursday for the Principal's letter.

Please read the following:

- **Immediate Notice:** The playground is reserved for Extended day after school (3:15-6:00) Monday-Friday. All other students are expected to leave the school grounds promptly. Students will be escorted to Extended day if a parent has not arrived for pick-up by 3:25 pm.
- Please welcome Jen Atkins as our new part time Development Director. Mrs. Atkins has a two-year-old at Cosgriff and is highly skilled in fundraising and development.

We also welcome Mark Jackson to our Power Hour Team. Mark has a degree in English and has been a parishioner at St. Ambrose for many years.

- A considerable part of last week's Principal Letter was devoted to information regarding Kim Evans, preschool teacher from 2008-2010. New parents to the school have inquired as to the identity and circumstances regarding Kim. She taught 3, 4, and 5 year-old preschool children. She came to Cosgriff at the age of 24 and previously worked at Head Start. Kim died suddenly and tragically on June 26 after falling during a hike up Bells Canyon. Her enduring nature and caring ways were valued by students, parents and the entire faculty and staff of Cosgriff. A formal celebration and remembrance of Kim Evans will take place on September 24. Just a reminder to turn in donations and scrapbooking materials to the office by September 14. That evening at 6:30pm in the library volunteers are needed to create and assemble scrapbooks for the Evans family.
- The Christian Values students will learn in September are:
 1. **Acceptance**-It simply refers to a state of mind that allows you to know the difference between the things you can help improve or change and things that cannot be changed (The Serenity Prayer).
 2. **Understanding**-Understanding is using your mind to think clearly, paying careful attention to see the meaning of things.

The Social Skills students will learn and practice are:

1. **Working Together**
2. **Engaging in Conversation**

Click here to view an information guide.

- The new Student Leadership Council members for 2010-2011 are:
Connor Morgan, President
Joey Walz, Vice President
Ian Gorrell Brown, Public Relations

Charlie Dean, Treasurer
Sarah Frederick, Secretary
Miranda Rougelot, Public Relations
Congratulations to the new Council!

- The Community Service projects for September are:
 1. The Sharing Place
The Sharing Place needs, simple children's games, arts and crafts supplies, and cleaning products.
 2. The Family Support Center
The Family Support Center needs baby formula, newborn thru 12 year-old clothes, toys and simple books.
Please put all donated items in front of the office; cash donations can be brought to the office.
- Family fun and vacation time is very necessary throughout the year. Please try to schedule vacations that coincide with the school calendar. Teachers are actively teaching new concepts everyday, including Friday. A child misses lesson modeling by the teacher, interactive practice for understanding when he/she is not at school. Completing make-up worksheets does not replace teacher instruction. It is not always possible, but try your best to get your child to school on time everyday. Thank you.
- Homework Club will begin September 7. Homework Club will be offered Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:25-4:20pm. Fourth thru eighth grade students are invited to attend one or all three days after school. After Homework Club, the teacher in charge will escort all students to the St. Ambrose parking lot, and onto Extended Day if required. Please be prompt for pick-up and use the parking lot-not the front of the school. Students are invited to Homework Club to:
 1. Complete homework assignments
 2. Ask for assistance or clarification with an assignment, study guide, notes, etc.
 3. Read quietly for an hour and then go home or to Extended Day.
 4. Work quietly with another student(s) on a group project.Attending Homework Club is a privilege and should not be abused by using the time for social activity not related to core curriculum study. Miss Hepworth, Mrs. Newman and Miss Jensen will conduct Homework Club for the 2010-2011 school year. Other teachers are almost always available after school to answer questions.
- FYI-Faculty Representatives for 2010-2011
 - H.S.A. – Holly Dean
 - Parish Council – Kay Bush
 - School Board – Jim Larson, Vice Principal
- Please remember NO SCHOOL Monday, September 6.

Thank you for your continued support.

Betsy Hunt
Principal

September 9, 2010

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your interest and attendance at the special presentation given by Chris Tucker from The Sharing Place. Also, thank you to Kay Bush for organizing this meaningful talk for parents.

Please read the following:

- Homework Club began this week and will be offered Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:20-4:20pm for students in grades 4-8. Two common purposes for homework are practice and preparation.

Research has strongly indicated that homework produces beneficial results even for students in lower primary grades. Students who extend the school day by doing homework most often earn a higher GPA, and in general, learn more than other students. Please refer to Classroom Instruction that Works, by Robert Marzano for more research based information on homework and effective classroom instruction.

- If you or your 7 or 8 grade student are interested in the First Aid/CPR training offered September 22 at 3:30pm, call the office to reserve your spot. This class is open to interested persons outside of the Cosgriff Community. The cost is \$30.00 per person (cash only).
- Sign up now for these FUNdraising events:
 1. The Tiger Team Golf Tournament is October 1.
 2. Parent Trivia Night is October 8.

Please support these Tiger Team events by forming a foursome golf team and/or filling a table of 10 for Trivia Night. Please keep in mind that the “Tiger Parent Teams” are working very hard to offer enjoyable parent activities and at the same time assist in reaching the \$200,000.00 fundraising goal for the 2010-2011 school year. Invite some friends and join the fun!!

- Support the middle school Tiger Team activities:
 1. Buy a car wash.
 2. Help clean the University of Utah stadium (middle school parents/students only) September 11 at 5:30pm. Call Linda Holyoak with questions at 801-943-3009.
- Singapore Math – Parent Education Night will be held Thursday, September 23 at 7:00pm in the school classrooms for all interested parents. Singapore Math will be taught to all students in preschool through 5 grades.

Singapore Math refers to a collection of math teaching strategies common in Singapore classrooms. Singapore is one of the current international leaders in student math scores, according to the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) results.

What are the underlying strengths of the Singapore Math curriculum?

1. Singapore Math emphasizes the development of strong number sense, excellent mental-math skills, and a deep understanding of place value.
2. The curriculum is based on a progression from concrete experience-using manipulatives-to a pictorial stage and finally to the abstract level or algorithm. This sequence gives students a solid understanding of basic mathematical concepts and relationships before they start working at the abstract level.
3. Singapore Math includes a strong emphasis on model drawing, a visual approach to solving word problems that helps students organize information and solve problems in a step-by-step manner.
4. Concepts are taught to mastery, then later revisited but not re-taught. It is said the U.S. curriculum is a mile wide and an inch deep, whereas Singapore's math curriculum is said to be just the opposite.
5. The Singapore approach focuses on developing students who are problem solvers.

We are introducing Singapore Math strategies at Cosgriff to strengthen the existing math program and help students grasp critical math concepts, solve difficult math problems, and build a solid foundation for algebraic thinking.

- The training for STAR tutors will be September 21 at 1:00pm or October 1 at 9:00am. Please consider this important volunteer opportunity to practice reading with students. Note-the dates in the Sunday, September 12 St. Ambrose bulletin are incorrect; please follow the dates listed above. Call Judy Warden at 801-486-3197 if you can help.
- The first Mardi Gras meeting is September 21 at 8:30am. All parents are encouraged to attend and join a committee.
- Remember, this is the last week to sell Innisbrook and "Car Wash" certificates.

Thank you for your continued support.

Betsy Hunt
Principal

September 16, 2010

Dear Parents,

You have probably looked over your student's progress report; which was sent home today. If not, please ask for it, discuss the grades, sign the report and then send it back to the homeroom teacher via your child. This formal report goes home with 4-8 grade students at the midpoint of each quarter of school. If you and your child wish to discuss a grade, call the homeroom teacher and set up a short, in person, appointment or request a telephone conversation. Grades, missing assignments or other issues are to be discussed in person or by telephone, not in an email. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please read the following:

- PowerSchool
Parents of students in grades 4-8 and students are encouraged to use PowerSchool, a program whereby teachers record current test scores, assignments and current grades. PowerSchool informs students of their academic grade status and provides an opportunity to ask teachers for assistance if needed.
- Flu Shots-7th Grade Immunizations
Community Nursing Services will be here on Tuesday, September 21 from 2:30-4:30pm in the library to administer flu shots and 7th grade immunizations. Flu shots are \$25/mist is \$30, the Dtap 7th grade shot is \$45. Please bring insurance cards with you because in most cases, your insurance can be billed. Parents must be with their child in order for them to get shots. Community Nursing Services advised it was ok for 7th grade students to receive both immunizations and flu shots on the same day. If you have any questions, please email or call Mrs. Marron in the office.
- Last minute Innisbrook and Car Wash orders may be turned into the office by tomorrow. Thank you to all students, parents, family and friends for supporting these fundraisers. Also, thank you to Chanteel Ballard and Jenny Maffuccio for organizing Innisbrook and Linda Holyoak and Anne Morgan for organizing the Car Washes.
- Thank you to the middle school students and parent for cleaning the U of U stadium to earn \$1000.00 for Cosgriff School. It was completed in record time, and both students and parents enjoyed this Tiger Team activity. We truly appreciate Linda Holyoak for organizing this Tiger Team event.
- The Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade Tiger Team urges all parents, friends and other relatives to golf on October 1 in the "Bad in Plaid" tournament at Bonneville Golf course at 9:00am. Sign up as a single or a foursome. Many more players are needed to make this great event a go. Call Mark Isaac with questions at 801-455-5903.
- Preschool thru Fifth Grade
Watch for your parent invitation and RSVP form for Singapore Math information night to be held September 23 at 7:00pm. These invitations went home with your

child today. Parents of Preschool-5 grade are invited to attend and learn about these innovative math strategies (send the RSVP form back to school).

- Student Leadership Council Bake Sale will be Wednesday, September 22. All 8 grade students are asked to provide one or two dozen baked goods for this sale. A portion of the proceeds will be given to the Family Support Center.
- The famous “Power Hour” program started this week. A special thank you to Raquel Austin, literacy coach, Gina Lester, Danielle Gobar, Dominique Aragon, Susan Johnson, Sam Weyher, Stephanie Souza, Sue Sause, Lisa Romero, Marsha Newman, Kassi Mancini, Charlotte Oliver, Toni Lasater, Geniese Brown, Alison Meyer, Leslie Keddington, Mark Jackson, Lorraine Cimbor, Alma Camp, Rachel McCann, the special education team, Holly Dean, Kelly Robbins, Kristin Bonacci, and reading room volunteers Kori Hazel and Sharon Mancini.
- If you are interested, please attend the STAR Reading tutoring training on September 21 at 1:00pm in the library. Call Judy Warden at 801-486-3197 if you have questions.
- **Click here** to download the October lunch menu. All orders are due Friday, September 24.
- An exciting 3 on 3 basketball competition is being offered for students in grades 3-6. Students were given sign up forms. Create a team, get a coach, join the fun! **Click here** to download a form.
- One of our excellent custodians, Cristino Padillo, has a sister who is in great need of employment. If you know of an available job cooking, cleaning, daycare help, please call Mrs. Hunt right away at 801-486-6933.
- The Parish/School Beer and Brats will take place October 2 after the 5:00pm Mass. Once again, Michael Hilton is head chef, organizer, caterer, etc. Please call him if you can assist with this fun and “filling” family activity at 801-971-8370.
- Grandparent Brunch
The annual Grandparent Brunch will be held October 6 at 9:00am. Invitations were sent out last week. Be sure your parents and close friends RSVP for the brunch (801-486-3197). If your parents/grandparents need assistance or will come alone, please attend the brunch with them. Unfortunately, there is not enough room in the Social Center for all parents to attend, thank you for understanding.

Thank you for your continued support.

Betsy Hunt
Principal

September 23, 2010

Dear Parents,

If you are a parent of a student in PreK-5th grade and you are reading this letter before 7:00pm on September 23rd, there is still time to join the Singapore Math Parent Night. The presentation begins at 7:00pm in the 5th grade classroom. The presenters are Marsha Newman, Sam Weyher and Sarah Wealton. Don't be late!!

Please read the following:

- Thank you to the 8th grade parents for serving a delicious lunch to the faculty and staff on September 17th. It was a welcome treat for all who were there.
- September 27th –October 1st students in grades 2-8 will take the Standard Achievement Test (SAT). All students should be well rested each day, eat a healthy breakfast, and get to school on time. Most of the testing will take place in the morning and early afternoon.
- Individual student picture retakes will be Monday, October 4th. Students may bring a free dress top to change into for their picture retakes. Please bring in the picture packet that you want to replace.
- The all school Mass is tomorrow at 9:00am. Formal dress is required. Students will present a special scrapbook to Mr. and Mrs. Evans as a part of our tribute to our dear Kim Evans.
- The First Communion parent meeting is Sunday, September 26th from 10-11:00am in the Vaughan Center.
- Hot lunch orders for October are due tomorrow.
- This is the last week to sign up for “Playing Bad in Plaid” golf tournament set for October 1st at 9:00am at Bonneville Golf Course. Support this Tiger Team event and Cosgriff School. Register in the school office or call Mark Isaac with questions at 801-455-0747. Six more foursomes are needed to make this tournament a go.
- Trivia Night is Friday, October 8th at 7:00pm. It will be an exciting evening, so put a table of friends together, or show up and join a table. The trivia committee has a request for some old (non-returnable) board games to be used for center pieces. Drop off your games in the office.
- The Grandparent Brunch is Wednesday, October 6th at 9:00am. Call the school office for reservations at 801-486-3197.
- The Parish/School Beer and Brats will take place October 2nd after the 5:00pm Mass. Once again, Michael Hilton is head chef, organizer, caterer, etc. Please call him if you can assist with this fun and “filling” family activity at 801-971-8370.
- The Cosgriff Book Fair is coming soon, and it is time for us to ask for volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please click on the King’s English Book Sale under “Fall Fun at J.E. Cosgriff” on the home page of our website at www.cosgriff.org. Just download the form and turn it in to the office no later than September 30th. If you have volunteered in the past, you

know how much fun it is! Ask your friends to help, too. Call Linda Paoletti with questions at 801-486-3197, extension 404.

- There has been a confirmed case of giardia in a primary grade classroom. Please be sure to educate your child (ren) about washing hands several times throughout the day. Symptoms of giardia are nausea, vomiting and weight loss. It can take two weeks to one month to pass through your system. Giardia can be treated with antibiotics.

Thank you for your continued support.

Betsy Hunt
Principal

September 30, 2010

Dear Parents,

Our first Singapore Math parent night was quite a success. Over seventy-five parents were eager to learn about number sense, model drawing and other innovative math strategies. Watch for the next Singapore Math parent night in the near future.

Please read the following:

- Good luck to all parents and Cosgriff friends in the “Playing Bad in Plaid” golf tournament tomorrow, October 1st. Thank you to Mark Isaac for working hard to make this Tiger Team event a success.
- Students may wear a “spirit” shirt tomorrow, October 1st to celebrate Green Ribbon Week (safety week).
- All students are asked to donate one package of disposable diapers by Friday, October 1st for needy charities in Salt Lake City.
- Parent/Teacher conferences will be Wednesday, October 20th and Thursday, October 21st. Please complete the conference form and turn it into the office by Wednesday, October 6th. We try to accommodate each “conference time” request, but there are times when it is not always possible.
- The seventh grade class will host and take part in the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, October 3rd. Please support our students by attending this Mass.
- Congratulations to the middle school Tiger Team lead by Linda Holyoak and Anne Morgan. From the car wash sale, stadium clean up and extra donations, \$9,150.00 was raised for the school. Thank you for your outstanding effort and excellent results. An extra thank you to all middle school students and parents who cleaned the stadium in record time and in an A1 fashion.
- The Parish/School Beer and Brats will take place October 2nd after the 5:00pm Mass. Once again, Michael Hilton is head chef, organizer, caterer, etc. Please call him if you can assist with this fun and “filling” family activity at 801-971-8370. Please note the weather will be nice and children will want to play outside while parents visit inside the gym. There is no adult supervision scheduled for Beer and Brats. Please be prepared to closely supervise your own children during the course of the evening. We want children and adults to have a safe and fun evening.
- Toddlers thru 8th grade will perform at the Grandparent Brunch on Wednesday, October 6th at 9:00am. Reservations should be in by Monday, October 4th.
- The H.S.A. meeting is Monday, October 4th at 7:00pm in the library.
- Individual student picture retakes will be Monday, October 4th in the gym. Students may bring a free dress top to change into for their picture retakes. Please bring in the picture packet that you want to replace.

- The Cosgriff Book Fair is coming soon, and it is time for us to ask for volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please click on the King's English Book Sale under "Fall Fun at J.E. Cosgriff" on the home page of our website at www.cosgriff.org. Just download the form and turn it in to the office no later than September 30th. If you have volunteered in the past, you know how much fun it is! Ask your friends to help, too. Call Linda Paoletti with questions at 801-486-3197, extension 404.
- One of our parents, Holly Isaac, a certified MAT Pilates instructor has kindly offered to teach a mat pilates class once a week for parishioners, parents and friends. All proceeds from the class will be donated to the tuition/scholarship fund. Please take advantage of this "healthy lifestyle" opportunity and support Cosgriff at the same time.

MAT Pilates

Purpose: To enhance body strength, flexibility, breathing control and good health

Who: St. Ambrose parishioners, Cosgriff parents and friends

Where: St. Ambrose Social Center (First Fridays-Gosselin Hall or Vaughan Center)

When: Friday's, beginning October 8th from 11:00am-12:00pm.

Cost: \$10.00 per class

Other Information:

1. All adults welcome
2. Bring your own exercise mat
3. Wear comfortable clothing
4. No prior pilates experience necessary
5. Extended Day available (11-12:00) for children ages 3 and up for \$2 per hour

Pilates questions, please call Holly at 801-455-0747.

Extended Day questions, please call Tammie at 801-484-8905.

- The Catholic/Christian virtue students will learn about, discuss and hopefully apply will be wisdom and making good decisions. Wisdom often develops from utilizing diligence, perseverance and courage.
- The social skill students will practice is Accepting Feedback or Correction. Go to www.cosgriff.org to read about this important skill and how to apply it at home.

Thank you for your continued support.

Betsy Hunt
Principal

October 7th, 2010

Dear Parents,

Parent/Teacher conferences for toddler thru 8th grade are scheduled to take place October 20th from 3:30-8:00pm and October 21st from 1:00-8:00pm. **For students in K-8th, fill out the conference form online and turn it into the office. For preschool parents, schedule your student's conference with their teacher.** It is not always possible to receive your first choice for a conference appointment, especially if you have more than one child. Please sign up right away to secure a time and day convenient for you. Call Mrs. Marron with any questions (801-486-3197).

Please read the following:

- Several families have been declined hot lunch for October because they did not sign up and pay by the required deadline of September 24th. We must be firm about this hot lunch requirement per an agreement with our lunch vendor. Please read the website, Monday Notes and Principal's Letter to know when hot lunch money is due. If your child wishes to order hot lunch for November you must order by October 22nd.
- A concerned father who lives on Ramona Avenue has called the school. As parents turn right out of the parking lot, they turn on Ramona to head south again. This father fears for the safety of his children because parents are speeding down Ramona Avenue. He notices this around 8:15 am and 3:15 pm. Please be courteous and drive cautiously and slowly down neighboring streets. Thank you.
- During the second and third quarter of school, boys K-8 must wear long pants and girls must wear long pants or the uniform skirt to school. All students in K-8 are asked to wear the school sweatshirt, sweater vest, fleece jacket to school. When the weather is really cold a parka of choice is allowed. There are many sweatshirts, vests, etc. in lost and found and the slightly used rack. Please take advantage of this clothing. Also, please read the student handbook under uniforms to know the proper shoes and socks required for school.
- When parking in the St. Ambrose lot during school hours, please park on the far west side closest to 2300 East. The student football and frisbee field includes the east and middle part of the parking lot. Thank you!
- Trivia Night is tomorrow, October 8th at 6:30pm in the Social Hall; tickets are just \$20.00. Please attend and support this fun Tiger Team event.
- Fall Family Festival – This is a fun event for the whole family. Join us for games, face painting, crafts, pizza, hot dogs, nachos, drinks and treats on Friday, October 22nd from 6-9:00pm in the St. Ambrose Parish Social Hall. Admission is \$10 per family and \$5 per individual. Tickets for individual game booths are \$1 per game and \$1-\$2 per food item. Cash and check at the door only. This is a fun and safe Halloween carnival and a great way to support the school and socialize with others in our school and parish community.

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sponsor the event, please email Heather Simonson at hdsimonson@hotmail.com or call 801-474-0810. Click on the “Fall Festival Banner” on the Cosgriff website.

- Thank you to Michelle Loffi, Ally Kelly, Claire Oyler, Kathleen Brown, Laura Gibbons, Andrea Hansen, Michael Hilton, Jennifer Starr, Beth Walz, Tiffany Wharton and the many parents who worked to set up and serve at the Grandparent Brunch. Thank you to the entire faculty and staff for providing top-notch entertainment for the brunch. Congratulations to all students for your outstanding performances.
- Thank you to Mark Isaac for organizing and making our 1st annual golf tournament happen. Also, thank you to the volunteers who helped make this a success, and the many parents and friends who participated. All who attended had a fun and relaxing day!
- Thank you to Michael Hilton for putting on yet another successful Beer and Brats for the school and parish. It was well attended and the food was delicious.
- MAT Pilates With Holly Isaac, Certified Pilates instructor, begins tomorrow, October 8th at 11:00am in the Social Center. Parents, parishioners and friends are invited to attend. Just bring a mat, \$10.00 and wear comfortable clothing. Extended Day is available for children 3 and up from 11:00am-12:05pm. All proceeds will go to the Cosgriff Scholarship Program.
- Josh Blumental Photography session information is located in the office. He has agreed to waive a \$50 sitting fee which will be donated back to the school. Please stop by the office for more information.
- Thank you for your generous contribution of disposable diapers. Because of your donations, we delivered diapers to Catholic Community Services, Pregnancy Resource Center, Hartvigsen School and The Family Support Center. During the month of October, Cosgriff School will support The Crossroads Urban Center. It is a non-profit organization which assists and organizes low income, disabled and minority Utahans to meet basic survival needs and to address issues affecting the quality of life. [Click here](#) for a list of items to donate, (place all donations in front of the office).
- This has been a very busy two months at Cosgriff School. The faculty and staff have worked non-stop to provide an excellent education for students. Please thank them often.

You, the parents, have been going over the top with volunteer hours on Tiger Team events, brunches, faculty lunches, recess duty, Sunday Mass, book sales, H.S.A. classroom volunteers and much more. A sincere thank you for your dedication and service to Cosgriff School. I am always so honored to work by your side.

Sincerely,

Betsy Hunt
Principal

October 14, 2010

Dear Parents,

Please note the new “fridge” calendar for October 14th-January 7th. Download a copy from the school website (www.cosgriff.org). Tape it to your fridge and refer to it often.

Please read the following:

- Parent/Teacher conferences times will be emailed to parents today.
- A special thank you to Kerry Hankins, Claire Donnelly, Angie Dilks, Michelle McDonough, Jill Connor, Juliann Sklow, Chris Boylen and Nikki Whye for a successful Tiger Team “Trivia Night”. The event was a great success and made over \$9000.00!!
- FYI.....the golf tournament made just over \$8000.00 for the school. Thanks again to Mark Isaac and his group of volunteers for planning this fun Tiger Team event!
- The end of the 1st quarter of school is Friday, October 15th. Students will receive their report cards on Tuesday, October 19th.
- Students at Cosgriff practiced an earthquake drill yesterday. Thanks to Mr. Larry Hinman, Cosgriff students practice a different safety drill each month. Students and faculty take these drills very seriously and feel fortunate to learn the correct procedure for potential disasters.
- Come to the King's English Book Talks sponsored by J.E. Cosgriff Book Fair on TUESDAY, October 19th. From 6:30 - 7:30pm. join a quick, insightful and humorous review of over 100 recently published books. Enjoy complimentary wine and cheese and a chance to purchase from 7:30 to 8:30pm.
- You are invited to the Reading Room “Open House” October 20th from 6-8:00pm and October 21st from 12:00-2:00pm. Learn more about the leveled library, Power Hour, core subject/resource library and how book bags are put together. If you have questions, call Mrs. Austin at 801-486-3197 ext 418 or email
- austin@cosgriff.org.
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or call 801-474-0810. Click on the “Fall Festival Banner” on the Cosgriff website.

- The Halloween Prayer Service (not Mass) will take place at 9:00am on October 29th. The student parade will follow at approximately 9:30am. A classroom activity will be from around 10:15-11:00am. Students may wear costumes to school. Costumes with blood, gore, weapons, face masks or hoods will not be allowed. Also, parents are not allowed to wear hoods or face masks. If you have a question concerning costumes, call Mrs. Hunt at 801-486-6933.

Thank you for your continued support!!

Betsy Hunt
Principal

October 21, 2010

Dear Parents,

Thank you to those parents who have taken the time to attend parent/teacher conferences. The compact or agreement of a parent, teacher and student must be sincere and ongoing for a solid, meaningful education to occur for your child. Conferences are a face to face check point to determine if the current instruction is meeting the complex needs of each student. Hopefully, your conference meeting will continue to strengthen your child's positive course for learning.

Please read the following:

- Lunch orders for November are due tomorrow, October 22.
- Thank you to the 7th grade parents for serving a delicious lunch to the faculty. Also, thank you for sending baked goods to support the bake sale.
- Please be generous this month with your donations to the Crossroad Urban Center. **Click here** to read the many items that are needed.
- The Fall Family Festival is tomorrow evening, October 22. Please support this “Tiger Team” event and let your children enjoy a really fun evening. Call Heather Simonson at 801-474-0810 if you are able to help set up before the event, or clean up afterward.
- October 25-29 is Red Ribbon week. Teachers will teach and discuss with students the critical importance of saying **NO** to drugs and alcohol. All classes will focus on the many ways to live a healthy lifestyle with exercise, sports, proper nutrition and social and emotional well being. October 26 is Red Ribbon “Spirit Day”. Students may wear a red shirt and socks to school with their uniform bottoms. In addition, our school “family” activity on October 22 will center on a healthy life style. Students will go for a walk and then design a special book mark depicting ways to live a healthy life style. Special thanks to Kay Bush, Brett Allen and Tammie Cleverly for planning our school “family” activities.
- On October 29, the Halloween Prayer Service starts at 9:00am; the parade around 9:30am; with a classroom activity to follow. Masks, hoods, blood, gore and weapons are not allowed at school (for students and parents).
- **Middle School Dance correction:** The 7 & 8 grade middle school dance will be on Friday, November 19 from 6:30-9:00pm. Please be sure to make this correction on your calendars. Thank you!
- There will be a confirmation meeting for parents in the Vaughan Center from 10-11:00am this Sunday, October 24.
- The 8 grade class will have Mass at the Cathedral Wednesday, October 27. Formal dress is required for the 8 grade.
- There will be a used uniform sale on Friday, October 22 from 8-8:30am in the back parking lot.
- The MCS bus comes to Cosgriff four days per week after school to commute students to Bountiful. The cost to ride the bus will soon increase dramatically because only one family

utilizes the bus. Other families are needed for this service in order to keep the cost reasonable. Call Mrs. Hunt at 801-486-6933 if you would consider supporting this bus ride to Bountiful after school. Students would arrive at St. Olaf's School around 3:50pm.

- **Fresh Market** is giving 1% back to Cosgriff! All you need to do is send in your Fresh Market receipts with "Cosgriff" written on the back of the receipt to the school office. **Dan's Foods** is continuing to do it, too, so send those in, too!!! No need to make a special trip into the office. Just send it with your child, and he/she can turn them in to the office. Also, we're collecting **Box Tops, Campbell's soup UPC codes and Cream O Weber milk caps**. And finally, **Smith's Marketplace** needs you to renew your Fresh Value card with J.E. Cosgriff/St. Ambrose as the designated recipient of school funds. Take this number in, or re-register at www.smithsfoodanddrug.com. Our number is 100000808771. Your purchase of scrip and turning in receipts is a double whammy in helping J.E. Cosgriff!!! Thank you!

Thank you for your continued support.

Betsy Hunt
Principal

October 28, 2010

Dear Parents,

You are invited to the Halloween Prayer Service tomorrow, October 29th at 9:00am. The student parade will take place around 9:30am. Students will circle the playground and our new walking path. They may wear a costume to school with school clothes underneath.

Please read the following:

- Save the dates for yet another Tiger Team activity. December 11th and 12th from 10:00am – 2:00pm in the gym, the Preschool team will host “Santa is coming to Cosgriff.” Activities for children include, taking a picture with Santa, making Christmas projects at the arts and crafts table, joining in a special Christmas story time, and feasting on pastries and hot chocolate. Parents will have time to shop for that perfect decoration, gift, or baked good. This Tiger Team event will have something for the whole family. Be sure to save the date!

Tiffany Wharton is in charge of decorations and is in great need of Alpine Christmas trees. If you have an extra tree or can donate one, please call Tiffany at 801-486-8738.

This Tiger Team meets tonight at 7:00pm in the school library. Many more helpers are needed to ensure another successful event.

- Monday, November 1st is All Saints Day. Students will participate in an all school Mass at 9:00am. **Formal dress is required.**
- Please make sure your child is dressed properly for cold weather; sturdy shoes, coats, hats and gloves. The first layer of outer wear should be a Cosgriff sweatshirt, sweater or vest. Students may wear their own warm parka as the weather gets colder.
- Mardi Gras Committee and all interested parents – The next Mardi Gras meeting is Tuesday, November 9th in the library at 8:30am. Call Mika Barber with questions 801-733-0713.
- Starting November 8th, four exciting evening classes will be offered at Cosgriff for 7th grade-through senior citizens in the parish, and public community. **Click here** to read a description of each of the following classes, Water Color Painting, The World at the Click of a Mouse, Exquisite Jewelry Making and Crafts with Class.

Call the school office if you would like to sign up for a class at 801-486-3197 or email Mrs. Marron at marron@cosgriff.org.

- Thank you to all families who attended and supported the Fall Family Festival. It was great fun and the 3-5th grade Tiger Team raised over \$4000.00 for the school.

A special thank you goes to Heather and Paul Simonson for coordinating the Fall Family Festival.

Family Fall Sponsors:

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Karen and Christopher Luman

Volunteers:

Paul Simonson, Stacey Dunn, Nicole and Thad Hall, Mark and Kelly Redican, Renee Strand, Wendy Paulett, Kate Canas, Teresa and John Mathews, Jeff and Kathleen Howard, Stacey Parsons, Elizabeth MacWilliams, Katherine Chadey, Lee Cotter, Caroline Cheeseman, Lisa Bouillon, Tonya Nilson, Barbara Schmielt, Izabella and Mark Miller, Greg LeClaire, Cristino, and Jeff Shuckra and the Boy Scouts who managed all the recycling at the event. Many thanks to all the wonderful Judge High School volunteers, and all the others who helped out.

Thank you for your continued support.

Betsy Hunt
Principal

November 3, 2010

Dear Parents,

Sr. Catherine, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, suggested that parents and other members of the school community would appreciate reading the most current components and direction of Catholic identity at Cosgriff School.

Catholic identity is taught and learned through instruction and example, and practiced on a daily basis. Catholic identity is an ongoing process, very dynamic and constantly gaining strength and momentum in the Cosgriff school community. **Click here** to review the paper. Your comments are welcome; please email Mrs. Hunt at bhunt@cosgriff.org.

Please read the following:

- We will serve and support the parishioners at St. Patrick's Church for our community service project again this year. It has become a tradition to collect food items and assemble approximately thirty-five Thanksgiving dinner baskets. Students are asked to do jobs around the house to earn money to purchase food items or donate their earnings for gift cards from the grocery store. (Gift cards are given out with each box of food so that families are able to purchase a turkey.) **Click here** to find out what your child's grade has been asked to contribute toward the Thanksgiving boxes. Thank you.
- Since we celebrate Veterans Day on November 11th, we will honor our Veterans this month. Students will write letters and make cards for patients at the V.A. Hospital. In addition, the Student Council will sponsor a bake sale with proceeds being sent to support the Utah Veterans Affairs Nursing Home Construction Project in Salt Lake City, Utah.
- The 8th grade students will host the 11:00am Confirmation Inscription Mass on November 7th. All families are invited to attend this special mass and the reception in the Social Center afterward. Choir students in 4th, 5th, and 6th have been asked to sing at the mass.
- Fr. Andrzej has requested via the church bulletin from October 31st that all parishioners including Cosgriff parents discuss the following statement and email feedback to him at sandrzej@comcast.net. "Define stewardship other than giving money."

Stewardship is an expression of discipleship with the power to change how we understand and live out our lives.

Bishop Wester has made a request that all Catholics in Utah adopt the goal of becoming good stewards by generously offering ones time, talent and treasure for the good and support of another person.

- If your child has a purulent discharge (green in color) from his/her nose, it contains pus and active germs. These germs are easily transmissible through

touch and active play. Please keep your child home for a day or two when this situation occurs.

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- Join Mat Pilates tomorrow at 11:00am in the Vaughan Center.
- Please attend a Mardi Gras Meeting-**Volunteers needed!!** The next meeting is Tuesday, November 9th 8:30am in the library.
- Altar server training for 3rd and 4th grade students will take place Friday, November 12th, 12:15pm – 1:45pm (includes lunch), and Saturday November 13th 11:00am – 12:15pm. Fr. Andrzej will train the students and require them to serve at a few 7:00am weekday practice Masses. Talk to your child about this stewardship commitment which is sometimes a sacrifice but important for Catholic training and service.

Thank you for your continued support.

Betsy Hunt
Principal

November 11, 2010

Dear Parents,

The second quarter of school is moving quickly. Expect to see student progress reports on Thursday, November 18 for students in 4th to 8th grade. Please discuss this report with your child and set academic progress goals if necessary. All progress reports should be signed by a parent and returned to the classroom teacher by Monday, November 22.

Please read the following:

- You should receive SAT results by tomorrow for students in 2nd to 8th grade. If you have questions regarding the interpretation or results, feel free to call your child's teacher.
- Please check the list of items needed to make Thanksgiving baskets for St. Patrick's Church parishoners. All food items in addition to monetary donations should be at school by November 18. [Click here](#) for requested donations.
- "Live to Learn" classes will continue as follows –
 1. Watercolor – Beginning and Intermediate will continue each Monday through December 13. Call Nedda Oswald at 801-915-1169 with questions.
 2. Crafts with Class – Theme for November 15 – Help make decorations for "Santa Claus is coming to Cosgriff" fundraiser – Report to the library at 7:00 pm with glue and scissors.
 3. Exquisite Jewelry – The next class will be November 29 – Learn how to tie pearls. Call the instructor Anne Hart at 801-712-4709 if you would like to take the class.
 4. The computer class has been canceled.
- Remember to email Father Andrzej at sandrzej@comcast.net with a response to his question "Define Stewardship Other Than Giving Money." This directive to discuss Stewardship has been requested by Bishop Wester.
- "Santa Claus is Coming To Cosgriff" Tiger Team meeting is tonight, November 11 at 7:00 pm in the library.
- The after school pick up in front of the school has become a serious problem for the following reasons: 1) students are waiting for their rides until 3:45 to 4:00, 2) the traffic on both Nevada and Redondo is chaotic and fast, 3) students and parents are failing to cross at the corner, instead weaving through cars, and 4) there is no adult supervision after 3:30 pm.

For your child's safety, please use the west school exit or park down the street, get out of your car and meet your student at the door at 3:15 pm.

All students still waiting for a ride after 3:30 pm will be escorted to Extended Day.

- Wednesday, November 17 the Student Leadership Council will host a student bake sale with proceeds to support the St. Patrick's Parish and retired veterans housing. 6th grade students are asked to bring one or two dozen donuts or cookies. Most items will be sold at \$.50.
- All students who have earned "free dress" from the Innisbrook, the car wash or another fundraiser may do so on Wednesday, November 17. Please, no jeans or shorts or sleeveless tops. Dress should be appropriate for school.
- A special thank you to Catherine Villareal for coordinating the Cosgriff volleyball teams. This past weekend the volleyball season ended. We had over 40 students playing—two 7th/8th grade teams and three 5th/6th grade teams with a record number of boys playing. A huge thank you to all the parents and coaches for their time, energy and patience this season—Hannah Lam, Ginny Hicks, Lisa Rollman, Sarah Villareal, Monica Frederick, Lindy Hughes, Bret Hughes, Jennifer Hughes, Wes Roberts, Carol Bruggers, Emmi Mancini and Jim Villareal.

The season ended with an exciting and fun tournament. All the teams represented St. Ambrose with good sportsmanship, good attitudes and good play. Ambrose A, 5th/6th grade team, brought home two trophies—one for 2nd place regular season play and one for 2nd place tournament play. Trophies are proudly displayed in the school office.

Thank you for all you do for your student and for Cosgriff school.

Sincerely,

Betsy Hunt
Principal

November 18, 2010

Dear Parents,

Please make time tonight to review and discuss the grades on your child's progress report. Be sure to factor classroom conduct and effort in your discussion. The second quarter ends December 17 and there is much more to accomplish in each classroom before that time.

Please read the following:

- All December lunch orders are due Friday, November 19.
- Turkey Bingo is this Saturday November 20th 6:00 pm in the St. Ambrose social hall. It's a fun time for all. Please come and support our St. Ambrose Boy Scout Troops.
- Claire Donnelly's "Craft with Class" will meet Monday, November 22nd 7:00 p.m. in the library to make Advent Calendars. If you plan on attending her class email or call her right away, ceowsley@gmail.com or 801-485-2720.
- On Tuesday, November 30th parents are needed to prepare gifts and decorations for the Tiger Team "Santa" fundraiser on December 11th and 12th. Please go to the school library at 8:30 a.m.. Toddler and pre-school parents please plan on helping with these projects. There is much that needs to be done.

- A few calendar dates to remember:

November 24.....	School prayer service at 11:30am Dismissal from school at 12:15 pm
November 25 & 26.....	Thanksgiving Holiday-No School
November 28.....	First Sunday in Advent
December 5.....	6 grade hosts 11:00 am Mass
December 6.....	Feast of St. Nicholas Reconciliation 3, 4, 5 grades H.S.A. at 7:00pm in the library
December 7.....	Reconciliation 6, 7, 8 grades
December 8.....	School Mass at 9:00am (Formal Dress)
December 10.....	Poinsettia Pick-Up 12:00 noon
December 11.....	Santa Claus is Coming to Cosgriff, 10:00 – 2:00 (Poinsettia Pick-Up and Sale)
December 12.....	Santa Claus is Coming to Cosgriff, 10:00 – 2:00 (Poinsettia Pick-Up and Sale)

- Get a beautiful fresh 6-8 ft Noble Fir Christmas tree for just \$30.00. *Orders must be received by November 23. After that date the trees will be \$37.50 .These were the same trees that we offered last year at Cosgriff. Trees will be cut in Oregon November 22 and will be

available for pick up at Prince of Peace for two weekends only! November 26, 27, 28 and December 4, 5 from 10:00am-9:00pm. You can pick out your own tree-hundreds to choose from. Come early for the best selection. Prince of Peace is located at 1441 W. Tamarack Rd. (4625 S) in Taylorsville, phone (801-261-3808). Order at www.popslc.org.

- The Judge High School Little League Football Championships were held last weekend. Congratulations to the 6 and 8 grade teams, as they both won 1st place. Some of our Cosgriff students played on these teams-way to go for your effort and hard work! Thank you to Mike Clark for coaching the 8 grade team.

6 grade

Cy Austin
Alex Barnett

8 grade

Ayden Auer
Max Barnett
Dillon Clark
Michael Kearns
Nathan Klebba

- A reminder to parents who pick up their student on the east side of school. Pick up time is between 3:15-3:25 pm. All students still waiting for a ride will be escorted to Extended Day at 3:30 pm.
- Please support our school SCRIP program and order Christmas gift cards as presents for family and friends.
- Holiday **"Poinsettias"**, The Pre-School Tiger Team will host the sale of Poinsettia Plants this year. **Click here** to download an order form. Orders must be placed by Wednesday, November 24th. Pick up will be December 10th, 11th and 12th. Send your order into the school office, check or cash please. Some poinsettias will be available for purchase on December 11th and 12th.
- Kay Bush, our school social worker, will resign from her position at Cosgriff as of December 17. She has chosen to research other full-time counseling positions. Mrs. Bush has been a very supportive and positive influence for all students, faculty and parents at Cosgriff. She has always been very approachable and easy to talk to because of her kind, caring and compassionate nature. We will miss Mrs. Bush and wish her much success and happiness. **Click here** to read Mrs. Bush's farewell letter to parents.

There will not be a Principal's letter the week of Thanksgiving.

Have a great Thanksgiving and holiday break!.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hunt
Principal

December 2, 2010

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after a much needed Thanksgiving recess. Please pay special attention to your child's upcoming academic projects and deadlines. This will be a very busy and eventful two weeks with the second quarter of school ending on December 17.

Please read the following:

- The 11:00am Mass on December 5 will be hosted by the sixth grade students attending Cosgriff and other sixth graders in St. Ambrose Parish. All families are invited to attend this mass.
- Cosgriff Open Houses will be January 9 from 12-2:00pm and January 25 from 7-8:30pm. Please inform interested friends and families of these two dates to learn more about the school. Call Brooke Soto, Admissions Director, for more information 801-486-3197.
- As you purchase our great SCRIP cards for the holiday season, please purchase an extra Smith's card to help out a family in our own community. Give your generous gift to Mrs. Marron in the office and it will be given to a family who is in need of support this holiday season.
- Plan on attending and supporting the Preschool Tiger Team event, "Santa Claus is Coming to Cosgriff" December 11 and 12 from 10am-2:00pm. This is a child oriented event with activities, gifts and treats for the whole family.
- Your "Tiger Team" support of different fundraisers has been excellent this year. Our \$200,000 goal for school operating costs and student scholarships is slowly coming to fruition because of your generous contributions of time, energy and financial assistance. Thank you!!
- Tuesday, December 7, parents are needed to make gifts and decorations for "Santa is Coming to Cosgriff". All available parents report to the library at 8:30am. Call Claire Donnelly with questions 801-485-2720. Thank you!
- The social service project for December will be to once again assist parishioners in St. Patrick's Parish. Fr. Gally indicated that the "Giving Tree" in his parish takes care of many children, but many poor and needy adults are forgotten. Please be so kind as to drop by the office new or slightly used adult size winter shoes, woolen socks, warm sweaters and jackets, gloves, new thermal wear, mufflers, hats, woolen blankets, etc. All of these items will be picked up on December 17. Thank you in advance for your generosity.
- Our virtue for the month of December is Justice. At Cosgriff we extend this to Social Justice, Caring, and Understanding. Please continue to talk to your child

about Stewardship as a way of life; sharing time, talent and treasure with those in need.

- Nedda Oswald, our art teacher, took her beautiful mother's ring off and put it on her desk before teaching art last week. Her ring is now missing. It has 6 different colored stones set in white gold. If you find this ring, please return it to the office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Betsy Hunt
Principal

December 9, 2010

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a whirlwind two weeks! Please support your child as he/she prepares to present a class project, studies for a final exam, learns the lines of a poem or song for the Christmas program, practices basketball; all while getting plenty of rest and eating healthy meals.

This is a tall order for any family during this time of year. Check power school, utilize Homework Club and be sure to read teacher notes and lesson plans.

Please read the following:

- If you can purchase an extra Smith's card for a needy family in our school and parish community, please turn them into Mrs. Marron in the office as soon as possible. Families are in great need this year of your generous support. Please turn your donation in by December 14.
- When ordering a Christmas DVD, the payment is to be put in a standard envelope with the words 'Christmas DVD' written on it. The envelope then needs to be stapled to the order form (no paper clips please). The order form should have the address(es) listed on it indicating where the DVD(s) will be mailed. **THE RETURN ENVELOPES FOR THE DVDs, AND THE POSTAGE, WILL BE PROVIDED BY HSA AND MAILED OUT.**
- There will be **NO EXTENDED DAY** next Friday, December 17. Please plan to pick up your child(ren) by 12:15pm.
- January lunch orders are due Monday, December 13.
- Thank you to the 5th grade parents for providing a delicious faculty lunch today. It was a perfect holiday gift for the teachers and staff.
- All families are encouraged to attend "Santa is Coming to Cosgriff" Tiger Team fundraiser this Saturday and Sunday from 10-2:00pm. Father Andrzej asks that all Cosgriff families please park on the street on Sunday to allow room in the parking lot for other parishioners to park for Mass.
- If you ordered poinsettias, they may be picked up on Friday, December 10 at 12:00pm. Additional plants will be available for purchase in case you forgot to place an order. Pick up and purchase area is right outside the gym. Poinsettias in red, white or pink are \$10 each.
- All students K-8 (except first grade) will be expected to wear formal dress uniform to the Christmas performance. Students may wear the navy blue wool vest or sweater (button up) or pull over). Students may not wear fleece jackets,

vests or school sweatshirts. All girls are asked to wear **white** knee socks along with the formal uniform skirt, with length 2” above the knee or to the knee. All boys 2-8 grades are expected to wear a tie and leather belt. Kindergarten boys must wear a tie, the belt is optional. All students are to wear leather or Merrell shoes that are black, navy blue or brown.

- The doors of the church will open at 6:15pm for seating on December 16, the night of the performance.
- Students may wear a school spirit shirt on Friday, December 10 (3 & 5 will have the spirit top today) if they bring in one or two slightly used adult winter clothing items to be donated to St. Patrick’s Parish.
- All students may wear a “holiday top” on December 17 if another item of clothing is donated to keep an adult warm this winter. New clothing especially long underwear will be accepted as a donation.
- An application for the winter ski program has been sent home in hard copy and is also available online. Return this form and payment to the office by Wednesday, December 15. **Click here** to download a form.

Thank you for your continued support.

Betsy Hunt
Principal

December 16, 2010

Dear Parents,

Thank you for sending warm clothing for adults to in St. Patrick's parish. Also, much appreciation goes out to those of you who were able to donate Smith's cards and other donations for Cosgriff community families who need extra help this time of year. Your kindness and generosity have lifted the spirits of many adults and children.

Please read the following:

- A special thank you to the preschool Tiger Team committee for your many hours of hard work to put on "Santa Claus is Coming to Cosgriff" fundraiser. The net profit was over \$9000. Much appreciation goes to the many families who attended the fundraiser.
- The Christmas program will start at 7:00pm this evening. All students are asked to be at the church by 6:40 pm. The doors open for seating at 6:15 pm. Please observe the formal dress requirement for your child. **Click here** for a reminder.

A special thank you goes to David Asman, Christopher Huntzinger, Sue Carter, Alison Meyer, Kathy May and the rest of the students and faculty for their hard work in creating the Christmas program.

- We are extending the deadline for ordering the Christmas program DVD. Orders will be accepted in the office until 12:00 pm on Friday, December 17. Forms are available in the office or at the church on performance night. Please turn in your form with payment in an attached envelope marked "Christmas DVD".
- Students are allowed to wear a "holiday" free dress top tomorrow, Friday, December 17 if they arrive at school with yet another item of new or slightly used (and clean) warm clothing for a needy adult in the St. Patrick's Parish. New clothing including long underwear will be accepted as a donation.
- Tomorrow, December 17 marks the end of the second quarter of school. Report cards will be sent home Thursday, January 6, 2011. There will be an honor assembly for 4 to 8 grade students in the school gym on Friday, January 7. (time to be announced)
- We have a large amount of lost and found clothing items that need to be claimed. Also, many students have missing items that have not turned up in lost and found. Please check the labels on all school clothing you might have at home in case your child picked up anything that belongs to another student.
- Claire Donnelly, a parent at Cosgriff will be offering a sewing course for "classy ladies" of Cosgriff. Please ["click here"](#) for details. The class will begin January 3, 2011, so call or email Claire right away.
- Tomorrow is the last day to purchase SCRIP cards before the holiday break. The SCRIP table has several cards on hand, including Starbucks, Bath and Body

Works, Toys R Us, The Tutoring Toy, and Barnes and Noble. Cards will be available to purchase before and after school.

Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year!

Betsy Hunt
Principal

January 6, 2012

Dear Parents,

The third quarter of the 2010-11 school year began on January 3. Report cards were given out today. Please review and discuss grades and teacher comments with your child this evening. Also, assist your child in setting high, yet realistic goals as the New Year gets underway. Thank you.

Please read the following:

- Report card envelopes are to be signed by a parent and returned to school by Monday, January 10.
- The Honor Assembly will be tomorrow at 8:15 am in the gym. **NO DRESS UNIFORM REQUIRED.**
- The first of two open houses is Sunday, January 9 from 12:00-2:00 pm beginning in the school library. Please encourage interested families to attend this open house or the next one, which will be January 25 at 7:00 pm.
- The Cosgriff Ski Program begins January 28 and continues on the following Fridays:
 - February 4 – 9:00 am – 5:00 pm *
 - February 11 – 12:15 pm – 5:00 pm
 - February 18 – 12:15 pm – 5:00 pm
 - March 4 – 12:15 pm – 5:00 pm
 - March 11 – 12:15 pm – 5:00 pmPlease make sure your fridge calendar includes these dates.
- Sam Weyher's sister Anna is currently involved in a PhD project in Zambia, Africa. Separate from her schooling, she has discovered two girls' schools which are in dire need of simple school supplies such as; picture books and educational materials in math and science.

Our community service project for January will be to support her efforts in providing text books, school supplies, and funding for teaching science education in the Kafinda and Chalilo schools. All Cosgriff families are asked to send to school one or two (new or slightly used) educational books with some pictures and a \$5 donation or more for Anna to purchase simple science equipment and reading materials. We will go through our closets at Cosgriff to collect meaningful materials as well. Thank you.

To learn more about Anna's research visit www.kasankababoonproject.com

- Tuesday, January 11 is "Red Out" spirit day. Bring a book for Zambia and wear a red top to support the U of U basketball team. (it is the Utah – BYU game that day)
- **Click here** to access a new fridge calendar for January – April 8. Please review it carefully for important dates and activities not listed on the original school calendar (a hard copy will also be sent home).
- Please attend our second Singapore math parent night on January 27 at 7:00 pm for all parents with students in PreSchool-5 grade. Consider this continuing education if you attended the first

in-service. Come back for a review and to understand more about how your child is learning critical mathematic skills.

- Thank you for supporting SCRIP sales this year. Just to let you know, \$100 Target cards are now available to purchase. Please remember, all families who have not opted out of SCRIP purchase for the year are expected to spend \$2250.00 on SCRIP by June 2011.
- TGIF – our enrichment activities for K-5 grades will take place January 21 and 28 from 11:00 – 12:00. Parents are needed to supervise the classes and assist the instructor. Please let your room parent or Jennifer Cook (jentcook@gmail.com) know by January 14 if you are available to help. Several parents are needed for these classes. This is another good way to complete your 20 volunteer hours for the year.
- The Christian value students will discuss and learn more about is **Tolerance** which is patience, open-mindedness, freedom from bias or dogmatism and a reluctance to judge others who hold opinions different from one's own. Please take the opportunity to discuss tolerance and help your child learn the importance of this Christian value.
- The Social Skill we will work hard to learn and practice in January is **Giving Feedback or Correction**. **Click here** to read more and spend time discussing this skill as we often correct others abruptly and in a disrespectful manner.
- Finally, **click here** to read the attached article, “Why Praising Students’ Intelligence Doesn’t Work.” Articles on this topic continue to surface in current educational research. Give some thought to how and why you praise your child. This short article provides some important food for thought.

Thank you for your efforts.

Mrs. Hunt
Principal

January 13, 2011

Dear Parents,

This New Year has started out to be a very cold one. Please make sure your child comes to school with a warm coat, hat, gloves and boots as needed.

Please read the following:

- Student re-application forms for the 2011-12 school year are due tomorrow, **January 14**. Please remember to turn them into the office.
- The February lunch menu is available online. **Please note that Wednesday, February 2 is Parent Day at school. If you would like to order the school lunch to eat with your child that day, be sure to mark it on the lunch menu and return it to school with your child by January 24.**
- Refer often to your “Fridge Calendar” for important parent activities. Our next Open House is Tuesday, January 25 at 7:00 pm. Please encourage all interested families to attend this school information night.
- Remember:
 - All School Mass January 14 at 9:00 am
 - Kindergarten Night January 20 at 7:00 pm
 - Singapore Math Parent Night January 27 at 7:00 pm
- Please take time to research and discuss the Zambian School project with your child. Anna Weyher is very involved in helping the Chalilo and Kafina Basic Schools in Zambia, while she works on her PhD project.

The “Red Out” day was very successful for the Zambian School project. Several books an abundance of school supplies and money were donated in return for wearing red. Because of the great expense of shipping books and supplies to Zambia, money donations are requested for the rest of the month. Please provide an opportunity for your child to earn a few dollars for the education of another young person. Stewardship means putting our good intentions into actions as we help those in need. **Click here** to access general information and learn how you and your family are able to help make a difference in a Zambian student’s education.

- All families are asked to make a donation to the annual fund drive. To date we have received \$23,600. Our goal for the year is \$50,000. Your contribution would be much appreciated. Thank you.
- Tiger Teams Fundraising Status
 - PreK - \$ 7,335.38
 - K-2 \$16,627.30
 - 3-5 \$ 3,878.89
 - 6-8 \$ 9,221.50

A few teams are encouraged to step forward and plan another event. It would be great if the overall total for Tiger Teams reached \$70,000.

- Consider this great opportunity for girls 3rd through 5th grade. A Cosgriff parent, Bonnie Kittrell will be coaching a “Girls on the Run” team for a spring 5K walk/run. “Girls on the Run” is an after school program that uses the power of running to prepare girls for a lifetime of self respect and healthy living. This 12-week program includes interactive activities and discussions on topics such as body image and the media, resisting peer pressure and making healthy decisions. There are only 15 openings with a February 1 deadline to turn in your registration form and fee to the school office. Contact Bonnie with any other questions at bonnie.kittrell@gmail.com or 801-403-4276. **Click here** to download a form.
- Remember, a painless way to earn money for Cosgriff is to turn in your Dan’s and Fresh Market receipts, Box Tops and Campbell’s soup labels.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs. Hunt
Principal

January 20, 2011

Dear Parents,

January is moving quickly and filled with activities and educational training for students and parents. Check the fridge calendar for important dates for all members of the family.

Please note the following:

- Student re-application forms for 2011-2012 school year are past due. Please turn them into the office right away.
- Remember the following dates and activities:
 1. January 20 – Kindergarten Night for Parents 7:00 pm in the library
 2. January 25 – Open House 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the library
 3. January 26 – Student Bake Sale – (proceeds help schools in Zambia)
 4. January 27 – Singapore Math Parent Night (preschool-5 grade-PARENTS ONLY)
 5. January 29 – School and Parish Spaghetti Dinner 6:00 pm in the Social Hall
 6. February 2 – Parent/Grandparent school visit 10:00 am and lunch 11-1:00 pm
Lasagna lunch available to purchase for \$3.00. Order extra lunches for Parent/Grandparent Day on your child's February lunch menu.
- Thank you in advance to Jennifer Cook and all the parent volunteers who make TGIF possible. Your efforts allow many students to learn and enjoy a top-notch presentation.
- Student tardiness has become a problem in January. All students should be in line and waiting for the bell to ring each morning. Parents please help to eliminate this problem.
- All students are to line up on the west side of the school each morning. Students may not cut through the school or enter before the bell rings unless a teacher has requested a meeting before school. Students will always line up inside by the gym during inclement weather.
- Thank you to the parents of 4th grade students for a delicious faculty lunch last week.
- Lunch orders for February are due Monday, January 24.
- Mika Barber and the Mardi Gras committee need a few more spectacular auction prizes; such as athletic and exercise equipment, event tickets, a theme prize, gift certificates, airline tickets, host a party board, etc. Call Mika Barber as your help is greatly needed 801-916-2001 or mikabarber@msn.com.
- Sell a Mardi Gras program ad; contact Stephanie Christenson 801-485-7422 to buy or sell an ad, or to help underwrite the dinner or wine for the evening.
- A tiger team could certainly get together and collect money to underwrite an aspect of Mardi Gras, such as the dinner or all liquid refreshments, specialty glasses, or an airline ticket. The money raised would be added to the tiger team total.
- There will be no Mat Pilates classes January 21 and 28 due to TGIF. Also, February 4 classes are cancelled due to the teacher work day. Holly has agreed to hold a class on Monday, January

24 after drop off for all interested persons. If you are interested in attending, please call her to reserve a spot 801-455-0747. Remember, all proceeds from Mat Pilates goes to student scholarships. A special thank you to Holly Isaac for teaching weekly Pilates to the first grade students and generously donating her exceptional talent and time to teach a weekly Pilates class for parents, parishioners and friends. This is stewardship at its best!

- We have a significant amount of Bath & Body Works, Barnes and Noble, and iTunes gift cards available at the Scrip table. If you plan on shopping at one of these stores or need a gift, please stop by the Scrip table and make a purchase. We would like to sell our left over holiday inventory. Please note - these cards do not expire.

Thank you for your continued support.

Betsy Hunt
Principal

January 28, 2011

Dear Parents,

January 31-February 4 is Catholic Schools' Week; a time for all to reflect on the importance and positive impact of our Catholic Schools in Utah. The theme for this year is "A+ for Catholic Schools."

Catholic Schools and their graduates make a positive contribution to American society. Catholic Schools have high academic standards, all supported by strong moral values. Giving back to the community and helping others are values instilled in every Catholic student. Please celebrate this special week at Cosgriff.

Please read the following:

- Join the students and faculty for a week of prayer and exciting activities.

*1/31 – All School Mass at 9:00 am (Formal Dress)

*2/1 – 7 & 8 grade Science Fair Competition and Exhibit – Social Hall 10:00 am

*2/2 – Cosgriff Open House-friends, grandparents, parents welcome
10:00-11:00 am (Formal Dress)

Family Lunch 11-12:00 pm Last Name A-K
12-1:00 pm Last Name L-Z

Choir sings – Southwest Liturgical Conference at 6:30 pm Salt Palace

*2/4 – Professional Educator Day – No School (teachers will attend the Southwest Liturgical Conference).

- The K – 8th grade tuition rate has been set forth by the Diocese for the 2011-12 school year.
Full tuition: \$5500
Catholic rate: \$4400

Please pay the full tuition if you are able to do so. The full tuition will decrease operating costs and assist with our scholarship fund. We would like very much to offer a scholarship to a student in St. Patrick's Parish who would greatly benefit from the instruction at Cosgriff. (If you have an interest in sponsoring a student, please contact Mrs. Hunt at 801-486-6933.) The Catholic rate is available to those families who actively participate in St. Ambrose or another Parish. Father Andrzej will determine those receiving the Catholic rate. If your family is in need of a scholarship, the FACTS applications are due March 1.

- Spirit Day is January 28. Please bring \$2.00 (or more) and wear a spirit shirt – U of U, Judge Memorial, or Cosgriff colors. This is the last day to support the schools in Zambia.
- **Class pictures are Tuesday, February 8.** Class picture forms were sent home with your child today. Please return the forms with your payment by Tuesday, February 8. Formal dress uniform is required.

- Spring conferences will be February 16 and 17. Please complete the conference form and return it to the office by Wednesday, February 2. **Note: Mr. Weyher will be out of town the week of conferences, he will re-schedule conferences the following week February 23 and 24 from 4-7:00pm each night. Click here** to download a conference form.
- Cosgriff families....eat spaghetti and dance up a storm at the annual “Spaghetti Dinner”, Saturday, January 29 at 6:00 pm in the Social Hall. The cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family.
- Congratulations to Mrs. Romero and the 4th grade students for the publication of the 4th grade Tribune. It was evident that many students worked very hard to research information, interview a special person and then write a well thought out article. Much appreciation goes to Emerri Carrillo and Mika Barber for assisting with the publication of the newsletter.
- Just a reminder that “Girls on the Run” forms are due Tuesday, February 1. Any questions, please call Bonnie Kittrell at 801-274-3399 or bonnie.kittrell@gmail.com.
- Please **click here** to read about the next exciting Couture (sewing) class taught by Claire Donnelly. A great opportunity to sharpen your sewing skills and make a new friend.
- **Mardi Gras**
Contact Joyce Soprano if you are interested in volunteering for Mardi Gras at joyce.soprano@hsc.utah.edu.

All families are asked to sell or buy just one advertisement in the Mardi Gras program. The purchase of these ads will greatly reduce the expenses of Mardi Gras. Email Stephanie Christenson at schristenson@firstam.com today to place your business card or personalized ad in the program. Prices are:

¼ page - \$150.00

½ page - \$250.00

Full page - \$400.00

- A weekly church bulletin will be sent home each Friday. Be sure to review the bulletin for parish announcements and activities.
- A reminder to all families to purchase SCRIP each morning at school. Target cards may now be ordered. Barnes and Noble and Bath and Body Work are in stock everyday.
- A special thank you goes to Debbie Hopkins, who literally works 20-30 hours per week managing all the checks and balances and financial aspects of the SCRIP program. This is Debbie’s second year working on this fundraising project to support Cosgriff School. Debbie sets an excellent example of stewardship in our school and parish community.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Betsy Hunt
Principal

February 3, 2011

Dear Parents,

Thank you for celebrating a memorable and meaningful Catholic Schools' Week with the students at Cosgriff School. Much appreciation goes to Fr. Andrzej, the faculty, staff and you the parents for your participation and volunteer efforts with the special student activities and events.

Please read the following:

- Thank you to Jennifer Cook for organizing two terrific days of TGIF. Also, thank you to the fabulous team of volunteers who supervised the TGIF classes.
- Mr. Huntzinger directed his enthusiastic choristers as they performed at the South West Liturgical Conference. These hard working choristers represented Cosgriff with angel like voices and much pride.
- All Catholic schools in Utah will support the Heifer International Charity Project during the month of February. Heifer is dedicated to relieving global hunger and poverty. It provides gifts of livestock and plants as well as education in sustainable agriculture, to help financially disadvantaged families.
- The Christian virtue students will learn and practice in February is Responsibility. Responsibility implies dependability, reliability and being organized, punctual and honoring one's commitments. The students have numerous opportunities to practice this critical life skill/virtue.
- The Social Skill students will learn and practice in February is Making an Apology. [Click here](#) to download this skill and practice the steps at home. Making an apology requires sincerity and forgiveness on the part of both parties.
- Mardi Gras raffle tickets have been sent home with your son or daughter today. Please support raffle ticket sales by allowing your child to sell tickets to relatives and close friends.
- The 5th grade class will host the 11:00 am Mass on February 6, with a donut and coffee social to follow. All Cosgriff families are encouraged to attend the Mass.
- Please attend the monthly H.S.A. meeting Monday, February 7 at 7:00 pm in the library.
- Formal Dress must be worn for class pictures on Tuesday, February 8. Turn in your picture form and money to the school office.
- It is my hope that all parents and friends of Cosgriff took the opportunity to visit the Science Fair project exhibit. A tremendous amount of work and effort was devoted to the 70 original projects.

Congratulations to the 7 & 8 grade students for their tremendous effort and hard work with their original research and science fair project. **Click here** to read the top winners.

Much appreciation is extended to Mr. Larson, teacher, mentor and key support for his middle school students.

- If you are in need of financial support with tuition next year, be sure to fill out the Facts form by March 1, 2011.
- A special word of appreciation is extended to Judy Fang, mother of Dillon and Logan. Judy has taken the initiative to volunteer for literally every fundraiser and class project so far this year; whether it is the Book Fair, Fall Festival, Innisbrook, a classroom art project, recess duty or serving on the School Board. She is tireless and enthusiastic about her volunteer efforts which she takes very seriously. Judy sets an excellent example of stewardship in our Cosgriff Community – Thank-You.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hunt
Principal

February 10, 2011

Dear Parents,

Progress reports were sent home today. Please discuss these midterm academic reports with your son/daughter and set realistic goals for the remainder of the third quarter of school.

Please read the following:

- All parents and students should be signed up for a parent-teacher conference by now. Times will be emailed to parents on Friday of this week.
- A special thank you goes to Teresa Prior for arranging such a well organized ski program again this year. Many students are enjoying several Fridays of exercise and fun.
- Parents reserve April 7th from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm for parent/teacher education night.
- A special thank you to Michele Loffi, Ali Kelly, Claire Donnelly, Jill Conner, Michelle Gose, Esther Cendajas, Kassi Mancini and other kind parents for putting together a great Parent/Grandparent Luncheon as part of the Catholic Schools' Week. We had a great turnout and there was plenty of food for everyone.
- Several parents are needed to volunteer for the Mardi Gras. Contact Joyce Soprano at 801-463-1644 or jsoprano@pol.net to sign up for an important job either before, during or after the Mardi Gras event scheduled for Saturday, March 5th.
- Ruth Moore, one of our energetic pre-school teachers will be leaving Cosgriff at the end of February. "Miss Ruth" has added a creative and welcoming dimension to our pre-school program. A special thank you to Miss Ruth for caring so much about her students at Cosgriff school.
- If you did not get a chance to order a class picture you can still turn in an order form by Friday at noon. There are a few blank order forms available in the office.
- Many thanks to all our Cosgriff parents and friends who have purchased an ad in the Mardi Gras program. All those who advertise in our program will have their name entered into a special drawing. There is still time to place an ad – we are hoping to sell \$10,000 worth of advertising. The sale of program advertisements and opportunity tickets greatly helps to underwrite Mardi Gras expenses - please be generous. Contact Stephanie Christenson, 801-573-3677 for more information.
- Please stop to see Mardi Gras class projects which will be set up by the office during parent teacher conferences – February 16th and 17th. These projects may

be purchased before Mardi Gras for a guaranteed bid (not determined as of yet). The items will be on display at the Mardi Gras event for all to see and admire.

- Students may wear a Free dress spirit top tomorrow, Friday, February 11th, (U of U, JMHS, or Cosgriff colors) if they have sold 20 “opportunity” tickets and turned in \$20.00 this week. Next week, there will be another incentive for the sale of at least 20 more tickets.
- Gary Jensen has two children who attended Cosgriff and are now at Judge Memorial. He serves on the finance board and has a vested interest in making sure our budget is balanced as his youngest daughter, Grace, is in 1st grade. Gary also sits on the School Board and Parish Council.

The real work begins when Gary volunteers as the assistant cook and dishwasher at the spaghetti dinner or Beer and Brats. He also organizes check in and check out for the Art Auction, Mardi Gras and other fundraising events. You will always find Gary offering to help with a positive attitude and smile on his face as he sets a true and constant example of stewardship at J.E. Cosgriff School. Thank you, Gary Jensen!

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hunt
Principal

February 17, 2011

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your participation in Parent/Teacher conferences. The students in the school are very fortunate to have such loving and supportive parents.

Please read the following:

- A Mardi Gras volunteer sign up form went home with your child this week. Please fill it out and quickly send it back to school. **Click here** to download a form off the Cosgriff website. If you have any questions, please call Joyce Soprano at 801-463-1649.
- Please take time to attend Mardi Gras, and invite friends and family who will kindly support the school.
- The class that sells the most “opportunity” tickets by tomorrow will win an extra PE class with Mr. Allen. Watch for next week student “opportunity” ticket challenge.
- The formal procedure when a teacher chooses to pursue another place of employment during or at the end of the school year is as follows: The administration includes the information in one of the weekly principal’s letters. The teacher is graciously thanked for his/her service and wished the very best in the next job placement. It is important for parents to have a personal talk with their child in a timely manner to address the upcoming change.
- There is a definite mission and direction for Cosgriff school. First and foremost all students will learn and understand the teachings of the Catholic church, second, all students will be exposed to the highest quality instruction possible in reading, mathematics, science and other core subjects.

Through direct instruction and sound teaching it is the intention that all students will read on or above grade level by the end of third grade. This does not happen by chance. Exposure to the printed word, alphabet recognition and letter sounds must be introduced at a preschool level as part of a rich and exciting curriculum.

There is not a perfect school, administrator or teacher. Please know that your positive support is always needed. In addition, suggestions and new ideas are always welcome as Cosgriff is a very dynamic institution. Please note that from toddler – 8th grade the direction of our curriculum and programming is determined with only one question in mind – What is Best for the Students?

Several Parents have inquired about the process that is used to divide students into two classes in toddler, 3 and 4’s, Pre K, Kindergarten, First and Second grade. The same process has been in place for the past five years. Please note how this is done.

Procedure

The administration along with the teachers in the current grade, teachers in the next grade level, the literacy coach and Special Ed team meet at the end of the school year for the purpose of placing students with the best possible teacher.

Criteria

The following criteria are considered as students are placed with a new teacher.

1. mathematics level
2. reading and spelling level
3. # of boys and girls
4. personality/social development
5. the instructors teaching style and strengths
6. even range of ability levels

The discussion for placement always revolves around what is **BEST** for the child.

- **If you are in need of financial support with tuition next year, be sure to fill out the Facts form by March 1, 2011.**
- Please remember...NO SCHOOL on Monday, February 21.
- All students and faculty were honored to have Bishop Wester and Father Andrzej visit Cosgriff today. They visited the preschool – 7 grade, observed Power Hour saw our school improvements, reading room, Smart Boards, computer lab, and future improvements (kitchen). The Bishop then had an interesting discussion with the 8 grade students about the meaning of stewardship.
- Most of the class art projects are on display and for sale in front of the office. The projects may be purchased only for the guaranteed bid listed on the project bid sheet; otherwise the projects will be auctioned off at Mardi Gras to the highest bidder. Thank you to Carolyn and Craig Dean, Kori Hazel, Brooke Soto, Erin Bonk, the Room Parents, Classroom Teachers and Nedda Oswald and Students for your creative ideas and extraordinary support with the student art projects.

SOLD Thank you to some generous 1st grade parents for purchasing the class project.

- After school the playground area is reserved for the Extended Day program. Please do not allow your child on the playground at that time. The area just outside of the northwest door is a faculty parking lot. It is not to be used as a preschool gathering spot after school as it is a dangerous play area for small children. Thank you.

It is wonderful that so many parents and students enjoy good friendships at Cosgriff. Maybe in the future there will be an area designated for conversation and play after school. Unfortunately, faculty and staff supervision must be a part of such an activity. Thank you for understanding!

- It is with sadness that I inform you that pre-school teacher Ms. Marisa Wilson will not be returning next year. Ms. Marisa has added much strength and joy to

our pre-school for the past five years. She will be greatly missed by many students and parents. Our sincere appreciation and many blessings to Ms. Marisa.

Bonnie Kittrell has been a faithful member of the “selling scrip once or twice a week” club for two years. She volunteers in the lunch room every week, assists in computer and preschool classes. Bonnie is a member of our STAR tutoring team and has enthusiastically assisted with Tiger Team fundraising events this year. She continually volunteers her time to make Cosgriff a good and smart school.

A heartfelt thank you to Bonnie for her positive example of stewardship at Cosgriff School!

Thank you to all parents for your continued support!

Betsy Hunt
Principal

February 24, 2011

Dear Parents,

This is the time when all families, toddler through eighth grade, are urged to step-up and take an active part in some aspect of Mardi Gras – the primary fundraiser for Cosgriff School. Please take your pick of the following ways to help.

1. Purchase 2 additional tickets for a couple who are financially unable to afford the tickets (\$100-call Mrs. Hunt 801-486-6933).
2. Sell or buy an ad for the program. Call Stephanie Christenson 801-485-7422.
3. Volunteer to set up, work a shift, or clean up, [click here](#) to download a job choice selection form. Call Joyce Soprano 801-463-1649.
4. Make a donation to underwrite expenses for liquor, food, decorations, etc. Call Mika Barber 801-916-2001.
5. Ask some friends to join you at Mardi Gras who will generously support Cosgriff School.
6. Purchase a class project for the guaranteed bid of \$3000.00
7. Purchase “opportunity” tickets at \$1.00 per ticket.
8. Purchase tickets to attend Mardi Gras.

Please make a concerted effort to be involved in this critical fundraiser for your child’s education.

- Remember: In order to meet budget at the end of the school year, we must raise at least \$200,000.00 from Tiger Team events, annual giving, SCRIP and Mardi Gras. As it stands currently we have raised:
 - \$37,000.00 from Tiger Teams
 - \$19,500.00 from SCRIP
 - \$28,000.00 from Annual Giving

We must raise \$116,000.00 by June 2011. Please offer your time, talent, and treasure for this purpose. Please remember that tuition does NOT cover the cost of your child’s education.

- Thank-you to our 3rd grade parents for a fabulous Mexican lunch. The faculty raved about it.
- It is not too early to plan for the Cosgriff Summer Program.

Save the dates: June 6th to June 30th, Monday –Thursday 9:00am – 12:00pm.

Each of the four weeks of summer school will have an exciting theme for exploring and learning. Summer school will be offered for pre-school through 8th grade. Extended day is available.

- Rachel Bateman has been hired as the new preschool teacher. She has a master’s degree in Elementary Education and a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education. She has experience teaching Kindergarten Math and Reading, and 5th grade. Please welcome Ms. Bateman to our school.

- The 4th grade class will perform The Case of the Bewitched Books on February 28 at 1:00pm, and March 1 at 11:00am and 7:00pm. All families are welcome to attend this dynamic production in the Social Hall.
- Good luck to all Cosgriff students who will participate in the PARA Basketball tournament. Thank you to all coaches and parents for your dedication and support.
- Also, good luck to all the 7th and 8th grade students going to St. Francis Catholic School to compete in the Diocesan Science Fair this weekend.
- Erin Bonk has been a volunteer aid during art classes for several years. She works hard in the library and teaches additional art classes in the “Art Literacy Program.” Erin never misses an opportunity to help create and put into action the student art projects for the Mardi Gras. You will also see Erin assisting with computer classes, recess duty, teacher luncheons, Tiger Teams events and much more. A special “Thank you” to Erin Bonk for giving so generously of her artistic talents and time. Her sincere efforts are consistently devoted to the many needs at Cosgriff school. Erin sets an excellent example of stewardship.

Thank you for your continued support.

Betsy Hunt
Principal

March 3, 2011

Dear Parents,

Please keep in mind that Saturday, March 5th is our annual and largest fundraiser of the year. Invite your friends and family and enjoy an evening of gaming, eating, browsing, and bidding. This is really a fun night...we hope to see you there!

Many of you work non-stop to support Cosgriff; your efforts are noticed and always appreciated. Thank you in advance to Mika Barber, Jenn Atkins and the entire Mardi Gras Committee for your enthusiasm and hard work.

Please read the following:

- Please call Mrs. Hunt at 801-486-6933 if you cannot afford a ticket to Mardi Gras and would like to attend the event or if you are willing to pay for two extra tickets.
- There will be an H.S.A. meeting March 7th at 7:00pm in the school library.
- Students will attend Mass on Ash Wednesday, March 9th at 9:00am; formal dress is required.
- Also along with Ash Wednesday, we have made a switch in the hot lunch menu for Wednesday, March 9th and Wednesday, March 16th. Wednesday, March 9, we will serve the Cheese Quesadilla menu and Wednesday, March 16th we will serve the Turkey Breast menu. We will just flip the orders that you have turned in for your child(ren). Please adjust your calendar accordingly.
- All parents of Preschool and PreK students in Rachel Bateman's class are invited to a "Back to School Night" on Monday, March 7th at 6:30pm in her classroom (this will conclude at 7:00pm in time for the H.S.A. meeting).
- The 3rd quarter ends on March 10. Note that **March 11th** is a Professional Development Day for teachers and Monday **March 14th** is a Teacher Work Day; therefore there will be **NO SCHOOL** these two days.
- During the 1st and 4th quarters of school, students are allowed to wear uniform shorts to school. Please observe the proper length-no higher than two inches above the knee.
- If you would like to help decorate the St. Patrick's Day float, please be at the school parking lot on Friday, March 11 at 4:00pm. Call Cathy or Pedro Romero 801-906-8054 with any questions. The St. Patrick's Parade is Saturday, March 12th.
- Congratulations to thirty-three 7th & 8th grade students who had the courage to compete in the Diocesan Science Fair; a record number for Cosgriff. Of the 33 students, 15 won an award or were recognized for excellence. **Click here** to read

the names of the Science Fair winners. Please note that Miranda Rougelot, a 7th grade student, won the “Diocesan Young Scientist of the Year” award. This is the 4th consecutive year that a student from Cosgriff has won that highest level award.

A very special congratulation and thank you goes to Jim Larson, middle school math and science teacher. Mr. Larson challenges and inspires his students to research in-depth a question and formulate a hypotheses. Students devote many hours of research, experimentation, writing and preparation for an oral presentation using slides, charts, etc.

Thank you Mr. Larson, you are reaping the rewards for your hard work, excellent teaching, and devotion to students at Cosgriff School.

- Congratulations to Mrs. Romero and the 4th grade class. The performance of “The Case of the Bewitched Books” was extremely humorous and a real crowd pleaser. The Cosgriff community always looks forward to Mrs. Romero’s annual production.
- The student leadership council has made a special request for the March school-wide community service project. They would like to raise money for cancer education, research and treatment to be donated to the Huntsman Cancer Foundation. The students at Cosgriff will work hard to purchase a brick(s) in the amount of \$350.00 for the Huntsman Cancer Foundation. By purchasing bricks, the students will help construct a place of hope for people carrying the heavy burden of cancer. Bricks are placed in the “Walk of Hope” pathway which links the Huntsman Hospital to the Research Institute. Many Cosgriff family members and close friends suffer or have died of cancer. Please support this important service project.
- The Christian attribute the faculty and staff will talk, read and write about during March is Goodness. More specifically, humility, sincerity and honesty. Humility is the quality of being modest and doing something out of the goodness of your heart; free from arrogance.
- The Social Skill students will learn and practice is Giving Feedback or Correction. This is a polite way to tell someone that you are concerned about the way they did or are doing something. Please discuss and practice this skill at home. **Click here** for more information.
- Sarah Wealton, 1st grade teacher at Cosgriff, is looking for affordable, reliable, full-time childcare 5 days a week during the school year for her 16 month-old daughter. She would prefer someone who has experience with young children and CPR/First Aid training for infants and children. Please call Sarah if you are interested or can refer her to a childcare provider 863-899-1530 or swealton@cosgriff.org.
- St. Ambrose baseball registration forms for ages 5-14 are available in the office. Completed forms need to be returned to the office by March 16th.
- Linda Holyoak and Anne Morgan have been a tag team of constant volunteer support at Cosgriff School for several years. Each has served as a dedicated and hardworking H.S.A. president making a conscience effort to support programs, faculty and students during their term of office.

Linda and Anne always get involved to support all major fundraisers and class projects. In fact, their most recent 1000-hour project has been the 8th grade 2011 Mardi Gras 120-page photo journal of the 8th graders' journey through Cosgriff School. Be sure to take a look at this published masterpiece on display at Mardi Gras on March 5. Anne and her husband, Jim, have also taken a vested interest in training the Mock Trial team this year.

You name it, Tiger Team events, community service, teacher lunches, home room reps, Mardi Gras—Linda and Anne are willing to devote time with quality ideas, outstanding results and always a positive attitude. Thank you for setting such a strong and consistent example of stewardship for all at Cosgriff.

Thank you for your continued support.

Betsy Hunt
Principal

March 9, 2011

The 2011 Mardi Gras was an overwhelming success in several ways. Guests were excited to attend the event. The Specialty drinks were a hit, the dinner was delicious, and the decorations were creative and professional. The MC's, David Asman and Rod Decker, really sold the goods and stole the show. The music inspired great moves on the dance floor, the live auction, Kings Corner, class baskets, gaming, party boards and a first class written program with many ads, made the night all come together. The bonus or frosting on the cake was the net profit made at Mardi Gras was over \$90,000.00.

Thank you to Mika Barber and her fabulous committee who set a new standard for fundraising at Cosgriff School. **Click here** to read the name of her incredible, hard working committee. Mika will have her follow up/evaluation meeting, Wednesday March 16th at 8:30 am in the Vaughan Center.

A special thank you goes to the many generous families who purchased a \$1000.00 table, auction items, class projects, entrance tickets, etc. Also, thank you to all individuals who donated items for our auction; we couldn't do it without you. A very special word of thanks goes to Cristino Padillo, his father Felix, and brother Alberto, for taking on the monumental task of cleaning the Social Center after Mardi Gras-you are the best!

There are still openings on 3 party boards. Go Utes, Jimmy Ball and Move over Martha. **Click here** to read the description and sign up right away.

Congratulations to the 1st grade class. They sold the most raffle tickets and will be going to Crown Burger with their teachers.

Please read the following:

- We have a few openings in our next year's toddler program. Please recommend this program to those who may have a two-year-as of September 1st. There are also a few potential openings in our 6th grade. Interested persons should call Brooke Soto at 801-486-3197 or email bsoto@cosgriff.org.
- As many of you know, Kim Marron has been placed on the kidney transplant list at the University of Utah. Please read the attached letter **Click here** so you will know accurate and up to date information regarding Kim's present condition. She still works in the front office – Thank Heavens! on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. We just can't keep that girl away from here.
- Lent began yesterday with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. It is the solemn season of fasting and penance leading up to Easter Sunday. Please observe this prayerful time with your family and work together to do more for those in need. Fast and pray together as a family. Students at Cosgriff will pray the Stations of the Cross during lent.
- All families are invited to Stations of the Cross Friday, March 11th. Immediately following Stations of the Cross there will be a parish "Fish Fry" in the Social Center. The cost is \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 per family.

- Save the date-Math and Science Night March 24th from 7:00-8:15pm for PreK-8th grades. Please visit your child's classroom and several other classrooms during the night.
- Save the date-"Right Brain, Left Brain-What about the Front Brain?" Thursday April 7th from 6-8:00pm. You will not want to miss our guest speaker Adam Schwebach, Ph.D. Exploring executive functioning deficits and how they impact students in the classroom. This lecture is for all parents, teachers and other interested guests.
- The 4th grade class will host the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, March 13th. All Cosgriff families are welcome to celebrate Mass with the 4th grade class.
- The April lunch menu is available online. Lunch orders are due March 21st.
- No school tomorrow, March 11th or Monday, March 14th.
- Report cards will go home Thursday, March 17th and honor roll certificates on Friday, March 18th.
- St. Patrick's Day Parade
Decorate the St. Patrick's Day float on Friday, March 11th at 4:00pm in the St. Ambrose parking lot. Saturday, March 12th at 9:00am follow the float in the parade; wear your Cosgriff sweatshirt.
- As mentioned in last week's letter, the community service project for March has touched many Cosgriff families personally. Students will raise money to purchase bricks in the amount of \$350.00 each for the Huntsman Cancer Foundation. Please give generously for research, education and the treatment of cancer. The bricks will help fund research and build a bridge of hope from the research building to the hospital.
- If you need to feed a small group of 500 then call Michael Hilton! Michael is the dream team volunteer! He calmly takes on Beer & Brats, Opening of the year Barbeques etc. – with a simple phrase "It's all taken care of, Betsy". Michael pitches in for class projects, lunch duty, sports leagues and always offers to assist Mr. D, Kim and all teachers. Michael and Michelle Hilton are generous supporters at all fund raising events, as well.

Thank you Michael for your consistent and sincere support and volunteerism – you set a sterling example of stewardship at Cosgriff School.

Thank you for your continued support.

Betsy Hunt
Principal

March 17, 2011

Dear Parents,

Report cards will be given to students today, March 17th. Please take time to discuss your child's progress and realistic goals for the fourth quarter of school. All report cards should be signed and returned to school by March 21st.

Please read the following:

- Thank you to the fourth grade students for hosting mass on March 13th. Much appreciation goes to Mrs. Romero and parents for your participation and support.
- Be sure to schedule Cosgriff Summer School in your summer plans the June 6th-30th, Monday-Thursday from 9:00am-noon for ¾ year olds thru 8th grade. A different theme will be explored each week with reading, math, science, exploration and fun woven throughout the day. Extended Day will be available for student participating in Summer School. Watch for a brochure April 4th.
- Thursday, March 24th is Math/Science Night for preschool-6th grades from 7-8:15pm. Plan on visiting your child's classroom to brush up on your math and science skills. You are encouraged to visit other participating classrooms.
- Former Ute, NBA and European Professional, Josh Grant, along with former Ute, Jimmy Soto, invite all boys and girls grades 2nd-7th to participate in the spring basketball clinic. [Click here](#) for dates, times and a sign up form. Only 25 players per group, so sign up right away.
- Please note the attached article "Catholic Parenting 101." [Click here](#) to read about [Confronting the Challenges of Bullying](#).
- Thank you to the St. Patrick's Day committee for organizing and decorating the float: Pedro, Cathy and Michael Romero; Teresa and John Matthews, Nicole and Ethan Hall, Darlene Bledsoe, and Lisa, Casey and Riley Bouillon. Also, Wes Roberts for donating the trailer and Cristino for helping carry all the materials from the storage area.
- Thank you to Mr. Asman and the band members who performed in the parade: Abbi Mancini, Ben Roa, Will Cheeseman, Xavier Matheson, Tommy Walz, Sarah Frederick and Dominic Oliver.
- Remember, April lunch orders are due Monday, March 21st.
- **Catholic School Tuition Subsidy for 2011-2012**
Anyone who wants to take advantage of the subsidized Catholic tuition rate to any Catholic elementary or high school must meet the following Diocesan criteria set:
 - The student must be baptized Catholic

- The Family must be registered in St. Ambrose Parish for at least six months prior to approval (except in the case of someone new moving into the area)
- They must be contributing financially to the support of the Parish

As tuition rates have increased, so too has the subsidy rate paid by the parish to the schools. It is the most basic justice to the parishioners of St. Ambrose that families who have children in Catholic schools are contributing to the parish a minimum of \$300 per family per year (except in the case of financial hardship). Families are asked to discuss their difficulties with the pastor and choose another way to support the Parish. Please make the contribution to the parish by check, envelope or EFT in order that contributions may be tracked. The deadline for consideration is Mar 31, 2011.

- We had two very special Carmelite sisters visit Cosgriff yesterday – Sr. (Mother) Maureen and Sr. Teresa. They spoke to grades 1-8 about the love they felt for God, and their vocation. They encouraged the students to pray often as God is their true friend and will always listen to their prayers. Sr. Maureen and Sr. Teresa encouraged the students to be open and feel with their hearts God's call to a vocation.

Ask your child to tell you about the presentation – it was most sincere and heartwarming.

- Angela Duricy arrives at school Monday – Thursday around 11:50 and casually walks into the office to check in and then heads for the playground. Mrs. Duricy has been our faithful recess supervisor for almost five years. She shows up whether it snows, rains or the sun is shining. The students are always comfortable telling her about scrapes and bruises or just saying hello.

Mrs. Duricy is dependable and works hard to keep all children safe at recess. She is the grandmother of Lindsey and Julie Holly.

We are fortunate and privileged to have Mrs. Duricy devote her valuable time to Cosgriff School. She indeed sets a strong example of stewardship for all in the Cosgriff Community. (P.S. Be sure to thank her in person or with a note for caring for your children as they play). Thank you.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Betsy Hunt
Principal

March 23, 2011

Dear Parents,

Math/Science Night will be a great learning experience for you and a challenge for your child to teach. All PreK thru 5th grade; please attend this evening, March 24 from 7-8:15 pm.

Please read the following:

- Again today, March 24, second grade parents did not show up for recess duty from 12:00-12:50 pm. It is very important that at least two classroom parents assist with this job everyday. Please call the office if you would like to get on a recess sub list.
- The only activity this month to raise money for the Huntsman Cancer Foundation is free dress tomorrow, March 25. Students are asked to bring \$5 (or more) and wear free dress. Nice Levis are acceptable. No sweatpants or sportswear. Encourage your child to earn the money for cancer research, education and care.
- Thursday, April 7 from 6-8:00pm plan on attending a very informative parent night with Adam Schwebach. [Click here](#) to read about his presentation. Be sure to invite friends outside of the Cosgriff community.
- Congratulations to the J.E. Cosgriff Mock Trial Team! Sarah Frederick, Ian Gorrell-Brown, Caroline Holyoak, Daniel Kirkegaard, Connor Morgan, Paul Oliver, Ben Roa, and Lindsay Ryan put in dozens of hours over the past three months, preparing for their competitions. Their hard work paid off, in spades! The team went undefeated in regular competition and also in the state quarter finals, which were held on Tuesday, March 22. With this victory, this impressive team was one of only four teams in the state to qualify for the semi-finals. Unfortunately, the semi-finals will be held at the same time as the Salt Lake Valley Science and Engineering Fair, another prestigious event in which the majority of the mock trial team members had been selected to participate. Consequently, the team declined their invitation to participate in the mock trial semi-finals. We're proud of all the kids for their outstanding work! Thank you to Anne and Jim Morgan – Mock Trial Coaches and Mrs. Kathy May for acting as team sponsor.
- Thank you to the second grade parents for such a delicious faculty lunch. A special thanks to Selena Young and Kim Vasquez for paying special attention and showing such kindness as they served lunch on March 17.
- April 11 is registration for new families from 7:30 am – 4:00 pm.
- April 12 and 13 is registration day for returning families from 7:30 am-4:00 pm.
- Pilates class will be held Friday at 11:00 am in the social hall.

- Maggie Kearns manages tuition and other finances for Cosgriff School. That is only a small part of how she contributes her time, energy and resources to Cosgriff. Maggie helps keep the faculty room stocked with coffee, straightens up the office and runs errands constantly for faculty, staff and administration. She always volunteers to assist with office work and offers creative ideas of how to make Cosgriff a better school. Maggie has a delightful and uplifting disposition and treats all who enter the school with kindness. Maggie Kearns is an excellent example of a person who demonstrates compassion and stewardship in our Cosgriff Community –

Thank you Maggie!

Enjoy your spring vacation!

Sincerely,

Betsy Hunt
Principal

April 7, 2011

Dear Parents,

A new fridge calendar for April, May and June is available online. **Click here** to download a copy. A hard copy will also be sent home with your child. Please refer to it often for the many activities, projects and deadlines before May 25.

Please read the following:

- Remember to register for the 2011-2012 school year next week:
 - New Families – Monday, April 11 from 7:30am – 4:00pm
 - Returning Families – Tuesday, April 12 from 7:30am – 4:00pm or
Wednesday, April 13 from 7:30am – 4:00pm
- Every year all Catholic schools are asked to select an outstanding educator to be honored at an in-service and special dinner. This year the faculty unanimously chose Mrs. Sue Sause as the most outstanding educator of the year.

Mrs. Sause's passion for teaching and positive attitude inspires students on a daily basis. She designs projects and lessons that spark the imagination as well as develop critical thinking skills. Mrs. Sause fosters the virtue of respect-for-self and others in her class. She promotes a sense of prayerfulness, compassion and stewardship through thoughts, words and actions.

Mrs. Sause's students "love" being in her class where they feel safe, self confident and challenged to work hard and smart throughout the day. Mrs. Sause has a keen and very dry sense of humor and an incredible work ethic all employed to give her absolute best to each and every student. Congratulations Mrs. Sause, you are an outstanding teacher and person in every way!

- The Parish Athletic Recreation Association sponsors an adult, co-ed slow pitch softball league for those 18 years and older. All games are on Sunday afternoons from June 5th thru August 28th at Harman Park-3700 S. & Main St. The fee to play is \$300.00. To register or for more information, contact Ernie Reyes at 801-414-1216.
- It happened again; Mr. Larson's 7th & 8th grade students took away top honors at the Salt Lake Valley Science and Engineering Fair competition. **Click here** to read the outstanding results of this competition.

Of special significance to Cosgriff is the fact that five of our students were in the top ten scores in the Junior Division. These five students will compete in the Broadcom Masters National Competition. These students are Miranda Rougelot, Sara Shum, Gillian Young, Lindsay Ryan and Paul Oliver.

- Congratulations to the 6th grade girl's basketball team. They took 1st place in the Pocatello tournament. Thank you to parents, and coaches, Mike Jimenez and Cathy Bristow, for your effort and support.

- **Click here** to download a copy of the May lunch menu. Orders are due April 20th.
- The Christian virtues or values for April students will discuss and hopefully implement in their lives are 1) problem solving-this means identifying the problem, seek help if necessary, brainstorm ways to solve the problem, make a plan based on common sense and finally learn from your mistakes 2) perseverance-the act of continuing to strive in spite of difficulties. Problem solving and perseverance go hand in hand in life. Teach your child often about the critical importance of these character virtues.
- The Social Skill students will learn, practice and hopefully use this month and always is Getting the Teacher's or Adults Attention. **Click here** to download information on this skill. Students have been introduced to this skill earlier in the year. We will relearn, practice and focus on using this very, polite way of getting someone's attention.
- The Community Service organization we will support during April is the American Heart Foundation. During the week of April 7th-15th we will have our "Hoops for Heart" fundraising days. The money our school raises will help fund life-saving research and education. **Click here** for details of our "hoops" basketball fundraising activity.
- If you are interested in serving as a room parent for the 2011-12 school year, call or email Mrs. Hunt at bhunt@cosgriff.org or 801-486-6933.

If you have served as a room parent and would like to continue your involvement and service, please read the attached list of volunteer opportunities. **Click here** for a list. There are many important jobs and committees which require ambitious individuals.

- The new H.S.A. President for 2011-12 is Kori Hazel; Vice President, Ali Brusa; Secretary, Ali Kelly; and Treasurer, Teresa Matthews. Thank you for your commitment of service to Cosgriff School.
- A "rough" calendar for the 2011-12 school year is attached to this letter. **Click here** to download a copy. The administration tries to match the Judge High calendar, meet the teacher work days and in-service requirements, consider travel time for vacations and keep June free for summer school.
- The school is looking to purchase a reliable, new or refurbished copy machine with a repair contract. If you know of some possible resources, please call Kim Marron at 801-486-3197.
- Mrs. Karen Huntsman paid a visit to Cosgriff School today to accept a check for the Huntsman Cancer Foundation. Thank-you to all parents and students as we were able to purchase five bricks at \$350.00 each for the "Walkway of Hope" at the Huntsman Cancer Institute. She was very impressed with the students behavior and their hard work in helping to serve the community.

- Claire Donnelly is always the first to volunteer for “centers” in the classroom to add glitter and creativity to a class project, or to give her time and expertise to fundraising efforts. She never hesitates to activate the phone tree and rally a group to bring dinners when someone has a baby or to get a group together to sew in the library. Claire understands the true meaning of the word “community.” She is always inclusive and makes everyone around feel welcome and important. Thank you Claire for your great example of stewardship and leadership in our Cosgriff community.

Thank you for your continued support.

Betsy Hunt
Principal

April 14, 2011

Dear Parents,

Progress reports should arrive at your home today via your son or daughter. Check and discuss your child's progress, redefine academic goals and support your child as he/she strives to obtain success for the rest of the school year. Sign the report as it needs to be returned to the classroom teacher by Monday, April 18.

Please read the following:

- We are so fortunate to have Mrs. Paoletti as a certified librarian at Cosgriff School. She teaches useful research and reading skills, and keeps the library filled with current and classic literature. On Monday, April 18, Mrs. Paoletti along with Margaret Neville from King's English Book Store have arranged for the famous children's author, Marc Brown, to speak to students. His children's books include the famous Arthur series. Mrs. Paoletti is an outstanding teacher and provides enriched learning experiences for all of our students. Be sure to thank her sometime.
- Teacher appreciation week is May 2-6. Marnie Andrews is the chair for this special week for faculty and staff. **Click here** to read her request note for parents. Please attend a meeting on Tuesday, April 19 at 8:25am to help organize the effort to honor our great teachers and staff.
- **Click here** to download a copy of the May lunch menu. Orders are due April 20th.
- Sean McMinimee, a former Cosgriff student, has asked for our help with his Eagle Scout project. He asks that we donate new or slightly used infant and children's clothing to be sent to an orphanage in Cape Town, Africa for children with HIV/AIDS. Please bring items to the office by April 17. For more information go to www.beautifulgate.org.
- A reminder of our "Hoops for Heart" community service project-students donate \$2.00 to purchase a basketball and help someone with heart disease.
- Sign your child up for summer school. It will be both educational and fun. Some scholarships are available, call Mrs. Hunt at 801-486-6933. Download the packet at www.cosgriff.org.
- Save the dates of June 24, 25 & 26 for St. Ambrose annual Bible Camp. Registration forms are at the church entrance.
- Last chance to sign up for the Jimmy Soto-Josh Grant basketball camp to be held April 18, 19 & 20 for 2-8 grades. A great opportunity to refine and learn new

skills while having fun. Registration information is on the Cosgriff web site, cosgriff.org.

- A note to thank all parents who have shown empathy and compassion for both the students and their families afflicted with lice. Another simple reminder that lice just like a warm head with clean or soiled hair. Almost all schools in most cities have had a problem with lice at one time or another. Be sure to read the information attached to my letter sent to you on April 12. Please check your own child's head daily and treat with the recommended shampoo if necessary.
- Be sure to save the date for the Cosgriff "Re-Prom" on Saturday, May 7 at 7:00pm. Reserve your tickets today, \$20 per person or \$25 per couple; light appetizers and liquid refreshments will be available.
- Jill Connor sells Script and volunteers in one of her three children's classroom at least once a week. She continually offers to help with fundraising, class projects and recess and lunch duty. Jill is a positive and supportive advocate for Cosgriff School. Thank-you Jill for your outstanding example of stewardship and concern for others.

Thank you for your continued support.

Betsy Hunt
Principal

April 21, 2011

Dear Parents,

When we return to school on April 26, the 8th grade students will have 18 days left until graduation. The rest of the students have only 22 days of school until summer vacation.

Please make sure your child arrives at school on time every day and continues to make the last weeks of school the most worthwhile part of the school year.

Please read the following:

- Thank-you to Fr. Andrzej for celebrating a meaningful School Mass on Wed. April 20th. Fr. Andrzej works very hard to build community and include all students in the celebration of the Mass. He really cares about his parishioners. We are very fortunate to have Fr. Andrzej as our Pastor.
- Kindergarten thru sixth grade has attended choir class all year with Mr. Huntzinger. The purposes are as follows: To be introduced to the church's music, to learn hymns and music theory, to participate in the Mass through song, and celebrate the Mass in the highest form of prayer-song.

The fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students have performed at a Catholic Conference, a Christmas performance, a funeral and at Sunday Mass this year.

One important purpose for the musical training of the 4, 5, & 6th grade students is for them to sing at Sunday Mass. Parents are asked to support this request and the hard work of Mr. Huntzinger and the students. All 4, 5, & 6 grade students have been asked to sing at the 11:00am Mass on Easter Sunday. If your family is in town, please make a commitment to attend this Mass. Students should report to the choir loft at 10:40am.

- Thank you to Mr. Larry Hinman for his diligent effort with school health and safety. The School Board just recently approved his proposal to install a new loud speaker system. This system will work throughout the school, Extended Day Care, the church and rectory. Mr. Hinman and his brother-in-law will install our new system in May.
- First Communion for Cosgriff second grade students will take place Sunday, May 1 at 1:00pm.
- Kindergarten Orientation is May 3 at 9:00am.
- Please email Marnie Andrews at hmandrews@gmail.com to assist with Teacher Appreciation Week May 2-6.
- **Click here** to find out more information about the Re-Prom on May 7.

St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral in Salt Lake City has recently purchased a new pipe organ. Fr. Rick Lawson, the retiring Pastor approached Mr. Huntzinger about moving the exiting organ in the Episcopal Cathedral to St. Ambrose Church – as it is a very rare Holtkamp –(a model first built in the Neo Baroque Period). Fr. Lawson offered to help move the organ to St. Ambrose just to keep this rare instrument in Utah.

With permission from Bishop Wester, and Fr. Andrzej, Mr. Huntzinger has raised \$365,000.00 to move the Holtkamp organ and install it in St. Ambrose Church by June 2012.

The new organ will be combined with the existing organ and have the capability of performing all styles of music.

The organ will be used in the Choir and Liturgical classes for Cosgriff students. It is a positive step in training young musicians in the art of playing the organ and continuing the Church's music in the future generations.

Generous donations: The Fredrick Lawson Foundation
The McCarthy Foundation
Mrs. Nancy Giles
The Deseret Foundation
Mr. Terry Stephens

Thank-you Mr. Huntzinger for your diligence with fundraising, and congratulations on your success with this effort.

Michelle McDonough Gose has now added serving student lunch to her long list of services to Cosgriff School. You will often see her working in the library overseeing a learning center in Kindergarten or helping with a special 3rd grade project.

Michelle and her husband Chris generously support school fundraisers, student scholarships, and class projects. Michelle volunteered for Trivia Night, Christmas at Cosgriff; coached the 3rd grade Diva Tiger basketball team, and currently coaches "Girls on the Run".

Thank you Michelle for setting an outstanding example of stewardship and kindness at Cosgriff School, your service helps in so many ways!

Have a blessed Easter break.

Sincerely,

Betsy Hunt
Principal

April 28, 2011

Dear Parents,

Thank you to several 4, 5, & 6 grade students for singing during Easter Mass with Mr. Huntzinger. It was a very special Mass because of the sound of your beautiful voices.

Please read the following:

- Tuesday, May 3 is Kindergarten Orientation for all PreK students who will be attending Cosgriff in 2011-12. These students will visit the Kindergarten classrooms and take part in several exciting learning centers. It starts at 9:00am in the school library for parents and children.
- The 4th, 5th and 6th grades have been asked to sing at the First Communion Mass this Sunday May 1st at 1:00 pm. Please report to the choir loft by 12:45 pm – Mass is expected to end around 2:20 pm. This Mass is their last performance for the school year.
- The head lice problem continues to surface in the school. Please check your child's head carefully at least 2-3 times per week. If you detect nits or lice, use the treatment shampoo right away and call the school office. All parents must be diligent in order to eradicate this problem.
- The following is a current update on the faculty and staff for 2011-12. As mentioned in an earlier letter, Marisa Wilson will not be returning next year. Cheyenne Hepworth will also not return to Cosgriff for 2011-12. Both of these outstanding teachers are wished the very best of luck and many blessings in their new career endeavors.

Ms. Sarah Wealton will move to a full-time position as the sixth grade teacher, and Mrs. Aragon will teach full-time in first grade.

Mrs. Sause and Mrs. May are formally retiring this year. After much persuasion, Mrs. Sause has agreed to teach Power Hour Monday-Thursday mornings. If we are lucky, Mrs. May will teach Friday mornings, prepare the 8 grade class for confirmation and continue as chief editor for all important correspondence that leaves the school.

Raquel Austin will act as director of our early childhood program, while continuing on a more part-time basis as literacy coach. Toni Lasater will take on the challenging job as Power Hour coordinator.

Mrs. Alison Meyer will join the Power Hour team and serve as pre-k aide in the afternoon. She will also continue to coordinate our religious education for early childhood and kindergarten.

Mrs. Cindy Hunt will teach English and Literature to both 7 & 8 grades and assume the position as 8 grade homeroom teacher. Mr. Larson will be the 7 grade homeroom teacher.

There are a few more positions to fill in Middle School, preschool, and early elementary. You will be notified of further faculty additions and changes.

- Congratulations to the second grade students who will receive their first Holy Communion on Sunday, May 1 at 1:00pm.
- Please save the date and tell all former students and friends of the formal retirement party for Mrs. May and Mrs. Sause on **Monday, May 23rd** from 4:00-7:00 pm on the north lawn. If you know of possible guests to invite or would like to help please call or email Beckie Winston at 801-583-8381 or beckiewinston@aol.com.
- Save the date for the Cosgriff “Re-Prom” on Saturday, May 7 at 7:00pm. Reserve your tickets today, \$20 per person or \$35 per couple; light appetizers and liquid refreshments will be available. **Click here** to for more information.
- Please be sure to register your child for Summer Camp Adventure 2011. The camp runs June 6-30, Monday thru Thursday from 9-12:00pm. The cost is \$300 for the entire month or \$100 per week. Download a registration form off the Cosgriff website. Call Mrs. Hunt for a scholarship 801-486-6933.
- Teacher Appreciation is next week. Marnie Andrews is asking parents to send in gift cards so she can distribute them to the faculty next week, also she needs help next week with the following activities:
 - Tuesday lunch
 - Wednesday morning breakfast & ice cream social after school
 - Thursday morning for flower day-8:00am in the kitchenPlease email Marnie at hmandrews@gmail.com if you can help.
- The annual Books and Bagels will take place Thursday, May 5 from 7:30-8:10am in the gym. This is a time when a parent(s) reads with his/her child in the gym and enjoys a bagel at the same time. All grades preschool-8 are encouraged to participate in this traditional activity. Immediately following in the library, Margaret Neville from King’s English will host a book talk for parents, other parishioners and friends. At 9:00 am, students will participate in the annual May Procession and Prayer Service.

Health and Fitness Workout at Cosgriff School - for faculty, parents and friends.

Starts this Tuesday – May 3rd

What

- It is called “Insanity”
- A 60 day cardio-based total body conditioning program

Who

- Join Mr. Allen for an exclusive fitness workout

When/Where

- Tuesday and Thursday 3:30-4:30 pm in the Social Hall

- Friday 6:15-7:00 am in the School Gym

Why

-To become strong, fit and healthy

Small donations always accepted for the Cosgriff Scholarship Program

- * 1. Non marking soled shoes required for both locations
- 2. No equipment required

Thank you for your continued support.

Betsy Hunt
Principal

May 5, 2011

Dear Parents,

The entire faculty and staff have been treated like royalty during Teacher Appreciation Week! Thank you for your generous gift cards, lunches, flowers, and other special prizes. Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated during this hectic, non-stop last month of school. A special thank you to our bundle of energy, Marnie Andrews, for organizing the special week. Also, thanks to Cherie Wright and Kathleen Brown for your help with treats and flowers.

Please read the following:

- The Faculty and Staff look forward to visiting with you – the parents at the re-Prom on Saturday, May 7th at 7:00 pm. Please dress comfortably – Prom dresses are not required – only dancing shoes.
- Parents/Faculty , Participants are needed to attend the multicultural workshop. Please call Mrs. Hunt if you would like to represent Cosgriff School at this important workshop, 801-486-6933. **Click here** for more information.
- Books and Bagels was both fun and educational. Parents and students enjoyed an early morning story and bagel. Thank you Mrs. Paoletti for setting up Books and Bagels and for arranging the informative book talk with Margaret Neville.
- Stop by to see the original student art on display outside of the school gym. Mrs. Oswald makes sure that all of her students participate in the annual art show.
- Geniese Brown will take the position of full-time third grade teacher for 2011-2012. Mrs. Brown has her BS degree in elementary education from Indiana University and has been teaching on Friday mornings in third grade and working on the Power Hour team Monday-Thursday at Cosgriff.
- Join your child for the May Crowning and prayer service, Friday, May 6 at 9:00am. Formal dress is required.
- Mr. Allen challenges faculty, parents, and friends to “Insanity”, a full body cardio workout, Tuesday’s and Thursday’s at 3:30 pm in the Social Center and Friday’s at 6:30 am in the school gym.
- The Christian virtue students will learn more about in May is honesty. Honesty is a virtue which requires one to tell the truth about oneself and others, and to be sincere, fair, genuine and trustworthy. Honesty is a critical character value that we want all of our graduating 8th grade students to practice throughout their lives.
- The Social Skills we will practice in May are Giving and Receiving a Compliment. **Click here** to read and learn how to teach these skills.

- The Cosgriff Community Service project that our church and school community will support during May is The Crossroads Urban Baby Shower. The Center greatly needs formula (Similac or Enfamil) and disposable diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5 and pull ups).
- Watch for the “slightly used” uniform sale coming up in the next few weeks.
- The Mentor family committee (Ingrid Kelson and Kim Vasquez) wishes to thank the Cosgriff parents who mentored a family during the 2010-11 school year. Your time and efforts were much appreciated.

If you are interested in mentoring a new Cosgriff family during the 2011-12 school year, please contact Ingrid Kelson ikelson@utarbar.org or Kim Vasquez at kimvasquez@comcast.net . Mentors are needed for families starting with toddlers thru eighth grade. Your encouragement and friendship are greatly needed for a new Cosgriff family.

- We are in need of room parents for toddler thru eighth grade. Please call or email Mrs. Hunt if you are interested in this important classroom job, (bhunt@cosgriff.org or 801-486-6933).
- Kassi Mancini has probably served at least a million lunches to students at Cosgriff. She works on the “Power Hour” reading team and serves as an Americore volunteer. That’s the tip of the iceberg. Organizing the reading room has been Mrs. Mancini’s special volunteer project. She has catalogued the majority of books, organized leveled bins and designed display boards. You will also find Mrs. Mancini assisting in the office, a classroom or wherever help is needed in the school. Thank-you for your dedication, extra hard work and the positive way you support the Administration, Teachers and Staff. Mrs. Mancini sets an outstanding example of stewardship at Cosgriff School.

Thank you for your continued support.

Betsy Hunt
Principal

May 12, 2011

Dear Parents,

Take an hour this evening to attend the band/choir concert at 7:00pm in the church. This is a perfect time to consider the new band program starting in the Fall of 2011 for 5th-8th grade students. Mr. Asman will offer cadet band, (for beginners) Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:20-4:00 pm after school and concert band, (advanced) Monday and Wednesdays 3:20-4:00 pm after school. The only charge will be for instrument rental. Call or email Mr. Asman with questions at 806-699-2767 or dasman@cosgriff.org.

Please read the following:

- Please note a change in plans for Mrs. Sause and Mrs. May. There will **NOT** be a school wide retirement party for them on May 23rd as originally planned. The 3rd and 8th grade classes will have a special tribute and farewell party toward the last days of school. A special memory book will be made for Mrs. May and Mrs. Sause. If you or your child would like to write a letter or send in pictures for these books, please turn them into the office Friday, May 13th or, Monday, May 16th at the latest.
- Students may wear free dress tomorrow if they bring two items for the Crossroads Urban Center (diapers sizes 2, 3, 4, 5 or pull-ups, formula, wipes, baby food). St. Ambrose and Cosgriff work on this important project together every year.
- Tomorrow, May 13th all Cosgriff students will clean the school, playground, pull weeds and sweep the sidewalks. This is our annual May "Family" activity where we do our part to take care of our school both inside and out. This act of stewardship allows all students and faculty to work together for the common good of our school community. Students have been asked to bring one of the following: trowels, brooms, weed diggers or wipes.
- This is the last week for homework club this year.
- Summer school applications are in the office or on the Cosgriff website. Sign your child up for learning and fun!
- Thursday, May 19th there will be a meeting for all persons interested in discussing alternatives or modifications to the existing school lunch program. Meet in the school library at 8:25 am. Thank you!
- One more sad bit of faculty news, Danielle Gobar and her family will be moving to Puerto Rico in the Fall. Her husband has been offered an excellent opportunity with his company. We will miss Mrs. Gobar (and Gabby) very much. You may see her working at school in August and September as her move will take place in late Fall. Mrs. Gobar, thank you for your hard work and dedication and a job well done!! We will miss you!

- Please check the slightly used uniform rack by the gym before you purchase new ones. There are smaller sizes – sweatshirts, pants ect..
- The Mentor family committee (Ingrid Kelson and Kim Vasquez) wishes to thank the Cosgriff parents who mentored a family during the 2010-11 school year. Your time and efforts were much appreciated.

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May 19, 2011

Dear Parents,

The last two weeks of school for students are a combination of project presentations, term papers, deadlines and final exams. Students are expected to engage in class work and school related activities until May 25 at 12:15pm. Please help your child to keep on track these last days of school.

Please read the following:

- **Please note new Extended Day Hours for 2011-12**
Extended Day will be available for preschool (3's & 4's) thru 8th grade, Monday-Friday from 7:00am-6:00pm starting August 15, 2011. Contact Tammie Cleverly ASAP if you know your childcare needs for the 2011-12 school year as Tammie must hire adequate staff for Extended Day Care. tcleverly@cosgriff.org or 801-484-8905. Registration forms are available on the Cosgriff webpage. [Click here](#) to see the Extended Day rates.
- Parents – If your address, email or telephone has changed or will in the near future, email this information to Mrs. Marron before May 25th, (kmarron@cosgriff.org).
- Congratulations to all of our 8th grade students who graduate on Friday, May 20 at 7:00pm. The faculty, staff and student body wish each of you the best as you start your next adventure.
- Thank you to Monica Frederick and Beckie Winston, 7 grade room reps, for organizing and planning the 8 grade brunch. They did a fantastic job. Also, thank you to all the 7 grade parents who volunteered to help with the brunch.
- Thank you to Bonnie Kittrell and Michelle McDonough for training and directing the “Girls on the Run” this year. All participants successfully ran a 5K on May 14. Congrats to all the girls who participated in this healthy venture.
- Congratulations to Mrs. Romero and the fourth grade class for their outstanding writing efforts and hard work with “[The Fourth Grade Tribune](#)”. This publication is a prime example of the challenging academic opportunities Mrs. Romero presents to her students. Thank-you Mrs. Romero for always going the extra mile to provide an excellent learning environment for your students.
 - Much appreciation goes to Jennifer Dowse for the organization and publication of the 4th grade Tribune.
- Mark your calendar now for the annual parish picnic on June 12th, Mass at 4:00 pm and the picnic to follow. Watch the bulletin for more details. To volunteer call Todd or Debbie Hopkins 801-583-6935.
- If you haven't met your scrip requirement of \$2,250 for the 2010/2011 school year (or paid to opt out) please make it to the Scrip table to purchase the balance by Wednesday, May 25th. The scrip table is open during the following times:

Friday, May 20th - before and after school

Monday, May 23rd - before school

Tuesday, May 24th - before school

Wednesday, May 25th - before school

If you need to know your balance please email scrip@cosgriff.org as soon as possible. Per the contract, families not meeting the requirement will be billed in June for 10% of the un-purchased balance.

- You are welcome to join in the Farewell Mass for Msgr. Fitzgerald on Sunday, May 22 at 2:00 at St. Anne's Church. Msgr. Fitzgerald is retiring after devoting 49 years of service as a priest in the Salt Lake Diocese.
- A special thank you to all parents for donating many needed baby items to the Crossroads Urban Center. They will be put to good use.
- All Cosgriff students used "elbow grease" as they worked very hard to clean, dig weeds and sweep sidewalks to beautify and show respect for our special school. Thank you for the cleaning supplies.
- Room parents are needed for the 2011-12 school year. Please call Mrs. Hunt if you would like to serve for a year bhunt@cosgriff.org or 801-486-6933.
- Sign your child up right away for summer school. It is a great opportunity for students to continue learning in a fun, relaxed summer environment. Applications are available on the Cosgriff webpage. Students are welcome to sign up for 1 to 4 weeks. Extended Day is available from noon until 4:00pm everyday of summer school.
- Congratulations to Mr. Asman, Mr. Huntzinger, the school band, choir and Jacob's ladder for an outstanding choir/band performance. A word of appreciation to all parents who have supported these important music programs.
- Please check the lost and found by the gym for lost/misplaced items of clothing. Thank you to Clare Valles for sorting and organizing the lost and found clothing, it was a huge project. Now is the time to claim clean, used uniforms for next year; stop by and check out the bins by the gym.
- Vacation Bible Camp, "Son Surf Beach Bash" June 24, 25, 26, 2011 at Camp Kostopulos. Registration forms are available in the school office, Vaughan Center, and the Church entrances. We will accept partial payment at time of registration and full payment by June 15. Hurry, limited space! Don't miss out on swimming, horseback riding, fishing, hiking, games, singing and lots of fun. Call Pam for more information 801-485-9324.
- Mrs. Marron is a very loyal and dedicated office manager and school parent. She possesses the keen ability to defuse and calm an upset student or parent. She greets all who visit the office with dignity, respect and a warm smile.

Mrs. Marron answers hundreds of telephone calls in a week and always offers a listening ear, kind words or a solution to a problem.

Her excellent education and background experience in finance and business have served as a saving grace when balancing the school budget, ordering teaching materials and completing diocesan paper work.

Above all Mrs. Marron is a good person – filled with compassion and kindness for others mixed with her infectious, dry and witty sense of humor. Just the fact that Mrs. Marron insists on working through her most recent and serious health issue – kidney failure, clearly indicates that she gives of herself for the benefit of others.

Mrs. Marron wins the award for the most outstanding example of stewardship at Cosgriff School this year.

The best and most encouraging news is that a perfect kidney match has been found for our dear Kim Marron. She will undergo a kidney transplant on May 31st. Much appreciation goes to one of her close friends for offering to donate a kidney.

Please pray everyday for Mrs. Marron that her operation is successful and her excellent health returns very soon.

Tomorrow May 20th is Mrs. Marron's birthday. Be sure to wish her a Happy Birthday and a healthy year.

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Betsy Hunt
Principal