

February 2010

THE PANTHER PRESS

THANK YOU - GRACIAS - SALAMAT

Thank you to each and everyone of our school families and to our school's Marketing Committee for making our Catholic Schools Week mass and Pot Luck luncheon a special event. Each day of the week was filled with special events that focused on our school and how your children are worth the investment you are making for their future.

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"Your Child is Worth the Investment!"

St. Teresa of Avila School-An Advantage For Life

Christopher Aguilar-Gr. 8-Secretary of Student Council shares this with us about St. Teresa of Avila School .

St. Teresa of Avila School offers a safe environment, many opportunities and a great place for learning. St. Teresa has great teachers and staff. The students here are prompted to create and accomplish their goals in whatever they want to be successful in.

A COMMITTED, ACTIVE CATHOLIC – St. Teresa helps us to become a committed, active Catholic by guiding and teaching us the ways and traditions of our religion, our faith.

AN ACTIVE, LIFELONG LEARNER –teachers encourage students to do their best so that they may become independent thinkers.

UNIVERSALLY AWARE CITIZENS- we are taught to appreciate our own cultural heritage as well as the richness of the diverse cultures of all people in our world.

A CONFIDENT COMMUNICATOR- our school prepares you to become a person that can speak publicly and privately with pride and confidence.

And last but not least-

A WELL ROUNDED PERSON – at St. Teresa of Avila School a well rounded person is someone that takes responsibility for their actions, is always willing to help others, and is someone who can accomplish their goals.

These are our school's learning expectations – and this is what makes up a student here at St. Teresa of Avila school

*Important Dates for
February 2010:*

Week of February 1, 2010

Catholic Schools Week
Celebration

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Dia Del La Candelaria

Wednesday, February 10, 2010

Feast of St. Scholastica

After-School Program Fee Due

Sunday, February 14, 2010

Feast St. Valentine

Monday, February 15, 2010

Presidents' Day
NO SCHOOL TODAY

Tuesday, February 16, 2010

Mardi Gras

Wednesday, February 17, 2010

ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent Begins

School Mass Day at
11:00 AM

Friday, February 19, 2010

11:30 AM – Stations of the
Cross

Saturday, February 20, 2010

5:00 PM – Parish/School Mass
Grade 3 Responsible

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Lunch \$ for March Due

St. Serenus the Gardner

Friday, February 26, 2010

11:30 AM – Stations of the
Cross

World's Finest Chocolate Candy Drive

Feb. 19, 2010 - March 12, 2010

- Friday, February 19, 2010 is the date of our kick-off for this year's Chocolate Candy Drive
- Permission forms and information about this annual event have been sent to all families – **and all families are reminded that participation is MANDATORY for ALL.**
- **Each school family must sell at least 3 cases of WFC chocolate to meet your fundraising responsibility.**
- This year, because of the requests of so many parents, we will be using the variety cases of chocolate rather than the one flavor almond bar.
- **There will be many activities during our three week candy drive – so remember to send in the money per case as they are sold so your child/children can receive credit.**
- Again, everyone is expected to participate in this Candy Drive and to help our school reach our \$21,000.00 goal.

THE SEASON OF LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY

Our School mass will be at 11:00 AM on

Ash Wednesday – February 17, 2010

*Grade 3 will be responsible for preparation of this Ash
Wednesday mass.*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING THE SEASON OF LENT

Students will observe Stations of the Cross on Friday morning during this Season of Lent.

Prayer Partner classes will conduct the Stations which are scheduled to begin at 11:30 AM each week.

All families are welcome to attend and participate in these special services

FEBRUARY 19 = Grades 7 & 3 FEBRUARY 26 = Grades 6 & 4

MARCH 5 = Grades 5 & 2 MARCH 12 = Grade Kinder

MARCH 26 = Grades 8 & 1

Registration and Re-Registration of Students for the 2010-2011 School Year

- We have begun the registration and re-registration process for ALL STUDENTS
- This is for ALL STUDENTS CURRENTLY ATTENDING OUR SCHOOL and FOR THOSE WHO ARE NEW FOR THE COMING 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR.
- If you have relatives and/or friends interested in having their child/children attend our school please have them call the school office for the registration information and be sure to mention who recommended them –
- See our “Enrollment Challenge
- **Enrollment Challenge Participants earning their 50% discount for April 2010 Ocon Family and the De La Torre Family**

CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION TUITION AWARD PROGRAM DETAILS

- ⇒ The Tuition Award Program is funded annually from the Archdiocesan Education Foundation for families needing assistance meeting the full cost of our school’s tuition
- ⇒ Information and applications for your child who is currently enrolled or has been accepted for the 2010-2011 school year may be obtained from the school office
- ⇒ Submit completed application DIRECTLY to our school office and include the required documentation
- ⇒ Financial documentation MUST be presented for the application to be complete
- ⇒ Answer each question FULLY and SIGN the application.
- ⇒ The DUE DATE for all completed applications is on or before Monday, February 1, 2010. LATE APPLICATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED UNTIL FEB 12 2010

2010-2011 ENROLLMENT CHALLENGE DRIVE

We need ALL St. Teresa of Avila School families to participate in this “CHALLENGE DRIVE” for the coming 2010-2011 school year.

Share the “Good News” about St. Teresa of Avila School with your friends, co-workers, family and neighbors AND get them to join our school community.

What Do We Tell Our Families and Friends?

- Tell them how St. Teresa of Avila infuses students with dividends for life and develops the “whole” child.
- Tell them how we build the intellect and character of our children to prepare them for a better tomorrow.
- Tell them about our excellent academic program that includes Spanish, Music, Fine Arts Appreciation and Computer classes with internet training for ALL grades, Kinder through grade 8.
- Tell them how our schools ITBS standardized test scores show our students achieve well above their expected National Achievement rankings.
- Tell them about our caring faculty and staff, about our safe multi-cultural community and about our outstanding sports and extra-curricular programs.
- Tell them to call for an personal appointment to visit “The Hidden Treasure of Silver Lake” in action.
- And then tell them to register to join our school for the 2010-2011 school year.

Here Is Our Thank You For Your Support !

- ⇒ You will receive a 50% discount on your APRIL 2011 tuition payment as our *Thank You* for recommending our school AND having the NEW family register and attend.
- ⇒ The NEW family must enroll, start on the first day and attend for the entire school year.
- ⇒ AND, if you recommend and bring TWO NEW FAMILIES that meet the criteria-you will receive a 75% discount on your APRIL 2011 tuition payment.

The “**ENROLLMENT CHALLENGE DRIVE**” has begun – and your support and recommendation of our school will make the difference.

***St. Teresa of Avila
Panthers
Sports Corners***

**February is National
Bird Feeding Month**

All of our Panther athletes are doing a fine job as they continue their competition in girls and boys "A" and "B" basketball. We also have a Pee Wee team that competes at Lincoln Park. This means that we have competitive sports available for the majority of our students here at St. Teresa of Avila School.

Our Sports program ROCKS and our student athletes and our volunteer coaches are the best.

The next sports coming up after basketball will be *track and field, girls soft ball, boys volleyball and golf.*

If you are interested in any of these sports for your child to participate and/or to be a volunteer coach contact the school office or see Coach Galaz, our Athletic Director.

ALWAYS WITH PANTHER PRIDE

Jesus referred to the "birds of the air" as a way of showing us how much God loves and takes care of us. This month, birds in northern climes are often hungry. Put out suet and seed for your winter visitors and pray with the Psalmist: "You will beasts and all tame animals, you creeping things and you winged fowl. Praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; His majesty is above earth and heaven" (148:10,13).

**Parish-School Mass
Saturday, February 20, 2010
5:00 PM**

All students and parents expected to attend this Mass which will celebrate the First Sunday of Lent. Students in grade 3 will be responsible for this February 20 mass but ALL SCHOOL FAMILIES are expected to attend as this is our monthly Parish/School mass.

A Month of Sunday Gospels

February 7, 2010 – Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time – Luke 5:1-11

After the disciples have fished all night and caught nothing, Jesus tells them to put their nets out again. Not sure, but trusting Jesus, they do it – and catch an overflow! Then Jesus tells them He has a bigger job for them: to be His disciples and reach out to people.

February 14, 2010 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Luke 6: 17, 20-26

In Luke's Gospel, the beatitudes are presented in two parts: four categories of people who are "blest" (the poor who trust God, those who hunger for God, those who weep because there is much suffering in the world and those persecuted because they live their faith) and four categories of people who will be unhappy because they do not put their trust in God (the rich, the well-fed, the uncaring, those who live by the world's values instead of the Gospel).

February 21, 2010 – First Sunday of Lent – Luke 4: 1-13

After Jesus' baptism by John, Jesus went to the desert for 40 days to prepare for His mission. While there, alone in prayer, He was tempted three times by the devil: with promises of comfort (bread), authority and power, and false glory (daring to test God). Jesus stays true to God and defends himself each time with words from the Old Testament.

February 28, 2010 – Second Sunday of Lent - Luke 9: 28b-36

While Jesus, Peter, John and James are on a mountain praying, Jesus is transformed before them – full of glory. Peter, John and James see him talking with Moses and Elijah, Old Testament figures representing the Law and the prophets. Then a cloud overshadows them and they hear a voice saying, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him."