

The Cardinal Flyer

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BJ's Corner

Dear Families,

"The only people who never fail at anything are those who don't try anything."

This has been a very busy February. Tonight is Reconciliation for the 2nd graders and a few 3rd and 4th graders. This service starts at 6:30 p.m. in our church.

ITBS testing is underway and continues through Friday. Please insure early to bed in the p.m. and breakfast in the a.m. Testing is for 3rd through 8th only.

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair is quickly approaching. Books will be on sale in the gym from March 8th through March 12th.

Enjoy your week.

B.J.

Important News: ITBS Testing

This week February 22nd through 26th will be our annual ITBS tests. Students in grades 3rd through 8th will take them. I use the results to adjust our teaching of curriculum.

Please insure your child/children do not miss time from school this week. Make sure they are well rested and have a good breakfast.

Thank you.

The Little School with the BIG heart!

Did you know that our small school is the number one contributor to the Storehouse? The Storehouse provides free food and clothing to people struggling with poverty in our city. In 2008 alone, The Storehouse gave over 3.1 million meals to hungry New Mexicans. We are asking our Cardinals to help the Storehouse by donating nonperishable food items. As a school we have donated over 150,000 items. This year our goal is to once again reach and exceed 10,000 items.

Calendar Update

February 22nd – 26th
ITBS tests 3rd-8th

February 26th –
Second Trimester
Report Cards

Spring Pictures

Spring pictures will be taken on Friday, March 5, 2010. No money will be due on that day, proofs will be sent to the school for you to preview and to order pictures at a later date. Students do not need to wear uniforms for these pictures.

Boys Basketball

	Home	Away		
February 24 th	– St. Mary's Belen	St. Charles	B-Team	5:00p.m.
February 25 th	– St. Charles	St. Mary Abq.	C-Team	4:00p.m.
			B-Team	5:00p.m.
			A-Team	6:00p.m.
February 26 th	– Holy Ghost	St. Charles	C-Team	4:00p.m.
			A-Team	5:00p.m.

Financial Aid Scholarships

All financial aid applications for the school year 2010-2011 will be done online through FACTS. The web address is www.factstuitionaid.com. There is a \$25.00 fee to FACTS for this service. The deadline is April 15, 2010. We do not have any applications in the finance office due to "Going Green." This applies to the Maloof Scholarship, which is given in August and the Archbishop's Scholarship, which is given at the end of October or the first of November. If you wish to apply for any of these scholarships, this is the only way to do it.

Yearbook Final Offer!

There is still time to order your 2010 Yearbook. Don't miss out on our first full color book with all your classmates and events of the year. The yearbook is available for \$40. Reserve your copy online today at jostensyearbooks.com. This is your last chance, don't delay!

A Message from St. Charles School Advisory Council

Dear Parents and Friends,

As we continue our Lenten Journey with an opportunity towards examining ourselves and questioning our commitment to follow in Christ's footsteps. Lent is a time for self-denial but more importantly it is a time for great works of mercy, charity and service to our sisters and brothers who are less fortunate than us. In Psalm 116 we can find grace and guidance for our Lenten Journey – *"How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good he has done for me? The cup of salvation I will raise up and I will call upon the name of the Lord."*

We urge each family of St. Charles School to embrace our annual food drive for the Storehouse that also begins today. Sometimes our children get caught up on the competitive nature that surfaces in classrooms trying to out do each other. Others are motivated by the prize and bragging rights that come with collecting the most food items. Though healthy competition is a natural part of the educative experience, let us all work to focus our children's hearts and minds on the intrinsic nature of this annual school wide initiative. Our Lenten season provides an immeasurable opportunity for spiritual growth and faith formation. Our annual food drive is an opportunity for our children to experience the joy that comes from being a means through which Christ's

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love and mercy flows towards others.

How can our family's participation in this year's food drive be a meaningful experience for our children? How can our Lenten journey and our deeds be the way that our children better understand how much Christ needs each of us to do his work here on earth? How can our St. Charles family, as a whole, experience the very same spiritual growth by joining together in our acts of charity for those in our community who need us? Are we the instruments of Christ's mercy that we need to be?

An Ash Wednesday Prayer

By Christine Sine

We have chosen to fast
Not with ashes but with actions
Not with sackcloth but in sharing
Not in thoughts but in deeds
We will give up our abundance
To share our food with the hungry
We will give up our comfort
To provide homes for the destitute
We will give up our fashions
To see the naked clothed
We will share where others hoard
We will free where others oppress
We will heal where others harm
Then God's light will break out on us
God's healing will quickly appear
God will guide us always
God's righteousness will go before us
We will find our joy in the Lord
We will be like a well watered garden
We will be called repairers of broken walls
Together we will feast at God's banquet table
