

# The Cardinal Flyer

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## BJ's Corner

Dear Families,

ITBS testing is behind us and a reminder that the intent of the testing is to inform us (St. Charles School) what we need to work on in the curriculum. It is a snapshot in time of each child's ability throughout grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>.

Our St. Pius test results are in. All students that were tested were accepted! Kudos to all teachers, parents and students.

What do Principals Do? The many students who have shadowed me over the past three months would say walk a lot, drink cocoa, meet with all kinds of folks, answer phones, doors, chat with every teacher and Martin several times a day. The bottom line on all this is simply, "that it is harder than it looks."

Most Saturdays I spend three to four hours "catching up" on professional readings. Last Saturday, I read the March 8<sup>th</sup> edition of Time Magazine. I was especially interested in two articles, the first, Chat Roulette, a site created by a teenager in Moscow. Online chatting becomes more dangerous by adding webcams that puts your child's face to face with total strangers. Just log on and the site will connect you to more than 10,000 users. Without describing what is on the site, I can say that reality makes it "decidedly unsafe for kids."

Secondly, did you know in Spain and the Netherlands, home schooling is allowed only when a child is extremely ill? In Germany parents can be fined and lose custody of their children for home schooling them. In Austria home schooled kids have to take annual tests and in the U.S.A. almost anything goes! The rules vary from state to state. Lastly, I did finally finish a mystery "206 Bones" by Kathy Reiches.

Take care, have a great week.

B.J.

## 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. **As of Friday, we have about 4400 items. We are half way to our goal. Keep up the good work.**

## Calendar Update

**March 5<sup>th</sup> - Spring Pictures (students do not have to wear uniforms)**

**March 9<sup>th</sup> - Mass 9:00am 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester Awards will be given.**

**March 12<sup>th</sup> - Early Dismissal 12:30p.m.**

## 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.

## Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts

If anyone is interested in starting a Cub Scout and Boy Scout troop here at St. Charles for next year, contact Principal B.J. at 243-5788. We would love to start a troop here.

## 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](http://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](http://jostensyearbooks.com). This is your last chance, don't delay!

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