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B.J.'s Corner

From the Principal

Surprise -

Monday morning a sink hole developed near the gym. In order to keep students and families safe, traffic was re- routed through the backyard (playground).

The hole will not be repaired until after 8:00p.m. this evening. Hopefully, it will be completely finished by tomorrow morning? Stay tuned...

I am happy to report that our very old phone system is being replaced. A new phone will be in every classroom and will allow teachers to receive voice mail, contact the office and have intercom capabilities. The additional plus to the system is the upgrade of our servers and the high speed internet. Wow... we really are advancing.

Las Friday's staff training by APD on "Lockdown" procedures drove home the point that we can never be too cautious – therefore, everyone who comes through the front door must have a visitor pass. Please be patient. The staff at St Charles are working on procedures for lockdown and these will be shared with

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An Ode to America

We rarely get a chance to see another country's editorial about the USA. Read this excerpt from a Romanian Newspaper. The article was written by Mr. Cornel Nistorescu and published under the title 'C'ntarea Americii, meaning 'Ode To America' in the Romanian newspaper Evenimentulzilei 'The Daily Event' or 'News of the Day' & nbsp;

~An Ode to America~

Why are Americans so united? They would not resemble one another even if you painted them all one color! They speak all the languages of the world and form an astonishing mixture of civilizations and religious beliefs.

Still, the American tragedy turned three hundred million people into a hand put on the heart.

Nobody rushed to accuse the White House, the Army, or the Secret Service that they are only a bunch of losers.

Nobody rushed to empty their bank accounts.

Nobody rushed out onto the streets nearby to gape about.

Instead the Americans volunteered to donate blood and to give a helping hand.

After the first moments of panic, they raised their flag over the smoking ruins, putting on T-shirts, caps and ties in the colors of the national flag. They placed flags on buildings and cars as if in every place and on every car a government official or the president was passing. On every occasion, they started singing: 'God Bless America!'

I watched the live broadcast and rerun after rerun for hours listening to the story of the guy who went down one hundred floors with a woman in a wheelchair without knowing who she was, or of the Californian

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DON'T FORGET – DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS SUNDAY, MOVE YOUR CLOCKS UP!

you before school starts 08-09.

Attached to the flyer is a breakdown of costs for water, gas and electricity. I encourage you to review the numbers and remember to Thank God for your “small” utility bills.

B.J.

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Classroom News

The Storehouse Food Drive

A big thank you to all those Cardinals who have contributed to our annual food drive for the Storehouse! As of 3/3/08 we have collected 2,282 items. Our goal is 15,000. Please remember that during this Lenten Season we are especially called to serve others. Please consider giving up a dinner out and instead using the money you would spend to purchase items for the Storehouse. Instead of going out enjoy a simple meal at home with your family and play a game and give thanks for your blessings by helping out others. If every student could bring in a few items, it would add up to a large amount! During this Lenten season of prayer, fasting, and giving to the poor, we ask God to give us a loving heart.

Thanks!!!

There once was a glorious man called “Mac”

Every year to St. Charles he would come back

He called us the “little school with the big heart”

Now we must all do our part

Let us work to keep his spirit alive

Through our St. Charles food drive.

Stations of the Cross

Each year the Middle School presents the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at St Charles Church. We need students to volunteer for this. The costumes are in dire need of re-vamping/replacing. Please contact Mrs. Donato if you can help in any way to help our students shine in their portrayal of our Lord’s passion. Leave your name and contact information with either Mrs. O’Connell or Mrs. Castillo.

Music

Things are a humming in the Music Department these days. Students have been working on original music and lyrics or both over the past weeks.

7th and 8th graders participated in a competition sponsored by the CCHD (Catholic Campaign for Human Development) on the theme of Poverty in the USA. After researching the topic, students, working in teams, wrote lyrics for a song and some wrote music as well. In all, 13 submissions, mostly song lyrics, were sent in to the competition.

Meanwhile, students in grades 2nd through 6th were exploring original melodies, either on the resonator bells or on recorders. They or the music teacher wrote down their tunes and sent them in to the HEY MOZART! Project which promotes work by young composers. Over 80 original melodies were sent in to this competition.

Middle school students had previously worked on creating an original “Alleluia” which may be sung at a school mass in the future. Stay tuned to hear the results of all these efforts. Ninette S. Mordaunt

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Fundraising

Scholastic Book Fair

The Book Fair will be from March 10 – 14. Save up your dollars to get as many books as you can. More Info to Follow! (See attachment).

Sock Hop

See the attached flier. Come and join the fun!!

This will be a great family event!!

Saturday, April 5, 2008 4-7p.m.

Jog-A-Thon

Coming soon! April 24th

Calendar of Events

DON'T FORGET TO MOVE YOUR CLOCKS ONE HOUR FORWARD ON SATURDAY NIGHT!!!

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Scholarship applications are available for 08-09 in the finance office. Payment of a non-refundable \$20.00 application fee must be submitted. You can apply online: www.factstuitionaid.com. Application deadline is April 15th.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

Come and buy Girl Scout Cookies. The dates have been changed to Wednesday, March 5th and next Tuesday, March 11th. There will be a table set up after school. Support our girls!

SUMMER SESSION RETURNS

Anyone interested in attending the Summer Session can pick up a packet from the front office or from After Care Personnel. **The deadline for enrollment is April 1, 2008.** Do not miss this deadline!!!

SCIENCE ATOMIC FUNDRAISER

Thank you to the 31 students who participated in the Atomic Fundraiser. This Friday, March 7th pizza and soda will be provided to those 31 students. Thanks again, we raised almost \$1000.00. A list of students will be provided to the teachers.

hockey player, who gave his life fighting with the terrorists and prevented the plane from hitting a target that could have killed other hundreds or thousands of people.

How on earth were they able to respond united as one human being? Imperceptibly, with every word and musical note, the memory of some turned into a modern myth of tragic heroes. And with every phone call, millions and millions of dollars were put into a collection aimed at rewarding not a man or a family, but a spirit, which no money can buy.

What on earth can unite the Americans in such a way?

Their land? Their history? Their economic Power? Money?

I tried for hours to find an answer, humming songs and murmuring phrases with the risk of sounding commonplace, I thought things over, I reached but only one conclusion... **Only freedom can work such miracles.**

Cornel Nistorescu

It took a person on the outside - looking in - to see what we take for granted! Let's not take our freedom for granted.

God

Bless

America!!

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Kudos to...

Mrs. Ninette Mordaunt for her starring role in the play, "The Curious Savage". Her performance as Mrs. Savage was stellar!! Little known fact: Mrs. Mordaunt is an active performer in various Albuquerque little theater productions.

Nurse's Niche

Children and Artificial Nails: A Growing Art?

Our society is very focused on looks. Magazines, billboards and television are filled with beautiful people. Today's girls wear make up, highlights, and artificial nails. At St. Charles, girls as young as eight years old wear acrylic or artificial nails even though the handbook specifically states these are not to be worn at school. There are many arguments for and against artificial nails, so keep in mind this is my side of the story.

Acrylic nails are regulated by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). These nail products are considered cosmetics and hence must be free of poisons or harmful ingredients. This is not to say that the ingredients are completely safe, it means that if used correctly by a professional they are relatively not dangerous. Even so, nail salons that use these products are **not** regulated by the FDA. Nail salons are regulated by the state. So what does all this mean? Anyone can walk into a nail salon and get acrylic nails, even children. So who makes sure that they are safe for children? Answer: Nobody.

Acrylic nails can be harmful to the natural nails. They can cause serious problems including skin infections, fungal infections, and allergic reactions. Skin infections can occur from unsanitary tools. It can cause the nail to thicken and harden or even become yellowish. Fungal infections occur in a gap between the natural and acrylic nail leaving a warm moist environment. It can leave the nail looking deformed. Sometimes an allergic reaction may occur around the skin of the nail. The skin can become red or peel as a reaction to the nails or the glues that attach them. In some cases, adults have experienced permanent nail damage from any of these problems.

The demands of society on our children are tremendous. Our job is to ease them out of childhood but not too soon. Acrylic nails are for adults. It is an adult decision to acquire these ten digit artificial miscreants. It is a health decision that an individual must make and children are too immature to make that choice. Keep them children for now and tell them they can't have artificial nails until they have a job and can afford to pay for them and their maintenance.

Nicole Sandoval RN

May I Suggest?

Q: When can we find out who's picture got into the C's for Cardinal book?

A:.. I am keeping it a surprise until the book is published.

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