



# The Cardinal Flyer

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## BJ's Corner

Dear Families,

Last Friday's carnival was a huge success thanks to the many moms and dads who came and monitored the booths. Thank you everyone.

Our profit for the carnival is \$5,037.25.

If you listen to 99.5 FM radio you may have heard the advertisement for our open house during November. This is part of a small marketing blitz designed to help fill the seats in a number of classrooms. (not to exceed 20) If you know of a family who is able to attend, please help me out by suggesting a tour, anytime in November between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Thank you for all you do for St. Charles.

B.J.

## Kudos to the Middle School Buddies

A special thanks to all of the middle school buddies that ensured the success of the Halloween Carnival for the lower grades. The eighth graders that shepherded my fourth graders were wonderful role models, and my students loved being with them. It seemed that this was true for the other grades, as well. St. Charles middle school students, you are all terrific!

Jane Wilkinson, 4A

## Kudos:

To all my students in 5<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade who took such good care of their buddies on Friday.

To our boy's football team. They tried very hard this season. Go Cardinals!

Congratulations to Rachel Silva, St. Charles Alumni and Assistant Coach for varsity volleyball team. Rachel was selected for the Disney College Program. This nine month internship program offers academic education in corporate analysis, marketing, and personal career development strategies. It's company from the inside. Disney promotes this program to be an experience of a lifetime. Best wishes Rachel!

Congratulations to Anelisa Montoya (6A). She will be performing with the NM Young Actors in the production of "Willy Wonka Junior" at the KiMo Theater. You can see her perform on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00p.m. or Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00p.m. Call the KiMo at 768-3544 for information. Way to Go Anelisa!!

*Calendar Update*

## Koats for Kids

Koats for kids will start on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November and run until the 7<sup>th</sup> of December. The Koats for Kids program is designed for us to bring in old or gently used coats for the purpose of giving them to the less fortunate. St. Charles is getting a head start on this, as our December school days are minimal. Please go through your closets and bring the coats, sweaters or jackets to your child's classroom or to the box in our front hall. Thanks for your assistance in this wonderful service project. BJ

Hats, gloves and scarves are not collected.

## A Huge Thank You!!

Thank you to all the families that have donated Clorox Wipes. We really appreciate you! Martin uses a large amount every day. Thanks again for your generosity.

## You Can Help with the Yearbook!!

**Get your pictures in the yearbook!** The Yearbook Staff invites students and parents to submit photos for the yearbook. If you've got great photos of school and community events or you and your friends just having fun, we'd like to see them. Our photographers can't be everywhere. Help us get as many photos as possible to create a terrific book everyone will want to have.

Here is how you can submit photos online:

- Go to: <https://images.jostens.com/login>
- If it does not automatically log you into the site, enter username: 400006460 and password: joyful
- Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload.
- Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.
- Click "Save Details".

It's that easy! Submit your photos today! The last day to submit photos is 2/21/2010.

Thank you, and enjoy the rest of the school year!

Donna Gallegos  
Yearbook Adviser and the 2010 Yearbook Staff.

*The Yearbook Staff will review all photos and determine final yearbook content. We cannot guarantee that all submissions can be used in the book.*

## Sports News

### Girl's Basketball

Congratulations to the girls that made the Basketball teams.

Our first game is Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> here at St. Charles against St. Thomas

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C-Team 4:00  
 B-Team 5:00  
 A-Team 6:00

	<b>HOME</b>	<b>AWAY</b>	
November 5 <sup>th</sup>	OLA	St. Charles	C-Team 5:00 A -Team 6:00
November 9 <sup>th</sup>	Annunciation @OLA	St. Charles	B-Team 5:00
November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Our Lady of Fatima	St. Charles	C-Team 4:00 B-Team 5:00
	Hope @ OLF	St. Charles	A-Team 6:00

### **A Message from the School Advisory Council**

Dear Parents and Friends,  
 Accreditation, assessment, and accountability, three A-words in education that do relate but are separate concepts having to do with measuring children's educative experience in schools. Today, we will focus on accreditation in education.

Like many other fields, the education field is structured in part by standards that are recognized as indicators of excellence in children's development and performance and as indicators of quality in programs designed to educate students. If you visit the Catholic Schools web page at the Archdiocese of Santa Fe website, you will find the standards and learning outcomes expected for every child in Kindergarten through Eighth Grade in all schools in the Archdiocese. These are in a sense the objectives that teachers design their curriculum around to assure that students are succeeding at the expected level. These standards are also the basis by which children's learning, development and performance is measured through assessment. We will look at student assessment in detail next week.

How do we know if our schools are performing well? One way is to rely on word of mouth or what we may call "conventional knowledge" and another way would be to rely on knowledge gained from evaluation science, what we may call "disciplined inquiry." An example of the former would be what I read in the Op-Ed section of the newspaper a few weeks past. The article taught me that though public schools in New Mexico have very poor graduation rates for certain ethnic minority children, Catholic schools have a graduation rate of over 98% and ethnic minority children make up the majority of children in New Mexico's Catholic schools. This is a strong indication that Catholic schools are succeeding in their core mission. But how do we know for sure?

Another method of measuring quality in education is through the process of accreditation. During the month of September, a national team visited our school along with every other school in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. This example of evaluation science was conducted by a national team of evaluators from AdvanceED Accreditation. As their website states:  
*"AdvancED is the unified organization of the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI) and the*

*Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI). AdvancED is dedicated to advancing excellence in education worldwide through accreditation, research, and professional services. AdvancED creates the world's largest education community, representing 27,000 public and private schools and districts across the United States and in 65 countries worldwide, educating 15 million students."*

The Archdiocese of Santa Fe Schools are the only the sixth diocese in the country to achieve Archdiocesan/District Accreditation. All schools are now accredited for the next five years. The national team that visited St. Charles focused on our school's accountability in areas of Catholic Identity, Vision and Purpose, Governance and Leadership, Teaching and Learning, Documenting Results, Resource and Support Systems, Stakeholder communication, and Commitment to Continuous Improvement. Our evaluators were experts in education from eight other states and the Public Education Department here in New Mexico.

As part of the accreditation visit, Advisory Board President, Mr. Tom Tafoya and myself met with the team to answer questions they had for us in the areas mentioned above. Having experienced these accreditation visits before at two universities, I can honestly say that I was very impressed with the high degree of professionalism and accuracy demonstrated by these evaluators. Though I had heard of AdvancED before, I had never met with any of their staff and found them to be very competent in their review of our school. I think this was a solid review of the little school with a big heart.

As we await their report, we can be sure that we will receive ideas and direction from the report to continue improving our school and to assure that is positions itself well for the future. St. Charles Borromeo School has a long history of excellence. Part of this is attributed to periodic external review and commitment towards continuous improvement. Next week, we will look more closely at the second measurement term that focuses directly on children's learning, development and performance: assessment.

Please remember to buy script! Please share your ideas about how we can improve on selling more script in our community. Feel free to mail your ideas to "dr.davidatencio@gmail.com"

Respectfully,  
David Atencio

