



The Cardinal Flyer

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BJ's Corner

Building community was one of our aims for last week's carnival. Due to the significant turn out, this was evident. St. Charles School hosted over 240 adults and the entire student population and siblings. Students in grades K through 3 paired up with mid-school students.

The chair person this year was Annette Paez who worked long and hard hours to make this year's event so successful.

This week we "kicked off" the annual cookie dough sale. As you may recall, last year's cookies had no trans fats, resulting in a somewhat tasteless experience. We switched companies and have been able to bring trans fats back. After a taste test conducted by staff, these cookies are delicious. If every child sells at least one box of cookies, we will make \$1800. Try to sell five each!

I ask for your continued support. Have a great week.

B.J.

Halloween Carnival

It takes a community to build a school, and that is what I saw on Friday, October 31, 2008, at the Halloween Carnival. My name is Annette S. Paez and I was given the privilege to oversee the Halloween Carnival. This year, the carnival brought in over \$6,307.00 - the most money the carnival has ever brought in. This money will help the school with any upcoming expenses that we are sure to incur. More importantly, our children had a fun and memorable day!

The Halloween Carnival was a success only because of parents and families who worked together for our children. Thank you to the following individuals who gave financially with donations, their time, energy and/or ingenuity: Pearl Coy—Rodriguez prepared and oversaw the preparation and selling of the wonderful, delicious food that was served; Eric Ames worked tirelessly to get prizes for drawings; Andrew Ortiz donated cotton candy; Maria Griego-Raby donated caramel apples; Martin Lujan, Ron Henry and Ted Sandoval set-up and tore down the carnival; Dianne DeHerrera, Dave Buchholz and Theresa DiMatteo sold tickets for the entire three hours of the carnival; Angelica Castillo handled all the pre-sales for tickets; the parents who assisted with the food preparation and sale of the food; the St. Charles staff who worked throughout the day to keep the carnival going; volunteers who checked the booths to make sure they had everything they needed; the volunteers and middle school students that decorated so that everything was festive; the room parents that were in charge of classroom booths (they did a fantastic job- they were creative and extremely fun); the volunteers that worked the classroom booths; those families that donated food; and finally, Principal B.J. and Assistant Principal Harrison for giving our school the opportunity to have this wonderful carnival.

Calendar

**Nov. 4th – Girl's
Basketball Game**

**A,B& C Teams
Home against Hope
4:00, 5:00 and 6:00**

The Halloween Carnival represented success in the most important way - it showed that we are so much more than just another school, we are a community!

Annette Paez

May I Suggest...

May I suggest that we get to wear red nail polish because we are Cardinals and red is our color!

B.J. - Thanks for asking. As much as we love red. Sorry, No!

Could we have buddies for mid-school? Please.

B.J. – The buddy system worked well last Friday. We will do it again.

Don't Forget to Participate in Scrip

Order your Scrip cards. We order on Tuesdays. This is a great way to help the school, and it is convenient for shopping and giving gifts. Check the web site for more information. Order forms are available in the office. Keep bringing in your plastic bags!

After Care Worker Needed

We are looking for a college age student to work in After Care starting as soon as possible. If you know anyone who is interested in a part time job and is responsible and reliable, please have him/her contact Ms. Harrison at 243-5788.

KOATS For Kids

KOAT-TV sponsors the annual collection of gently used or new coats for the less fortunate. We will begin collecting this week due to our December holiday schedule.

Book Drive for The Christmas Season

For the past fourteen years St. Charles Borromeo Parish has hosted the Christmas Store, which has been in existence for twenty-two years total, in the school's gymnasium. The Christmas Store is a project that was created to provide the parents of low income families the opportunity to "shop" at the gym for their children among the vast donations of toys and books given by various organizations and individuals. Parents leave with one toy and one book for each of their children.

Aside from this, parents also receive a voucher from the New Mexico Community Foundation to be used for shopping at Target for their children. One voucher per child is issued, the monetary value based on the age of the child -- newborn through twelfth grade. The merchandise is purchased tax-free thanks to Target. The New Mexico Community Foundation keeps an account for the Christmas Store with the money raised throughout the year via, once again, generous donations from organizations and individuals.

Last year the Christmas Store was able to serve 400 children. This year, due to a decrease in funds, the goal is to serve 300 children. One area in which the Christmas Store is lacking and in which St. Charles school can get involved is in providing a good selection of books specifically for 5th -- 12th graders. St. Charles would like to start a drive for new or "gently used" books for this age group during the month of November. You can send a book with your son/daughter to school. Upper elementary and middle school students may have a recommendation for a book they enjoyed and

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think someone of their age may enjoy as well; otherwise Principal BJ will include a list of possible books on our website.

The Christmas Store will take place this year on December 13th at Target and December 20th at St. Charles gym. They always need volunteers for these mornings. If anyone is interested in volunteering or would like to learn more about the Christmas Store, you can contact one of this year's coordinators, Robin Sandler, at John Marshall Social Service Center at 848-1345. We realize this is one of many causes we face these days, assisting people less fortunate than ourselves. Thank- you for your consideration in support of this cause during the upcoming Christmas season.

Entertainment Books

- Do you still need an Albuquerque/Santa Fe **Entertainment 2009** book?
- Would you like to purchase an **Entertainment** book from another city to use on a trip or send it as a gift to a friend or relative across the country?

Then go to www.entertainment.com/support

Just enter our school's account number **201324** click "continue" to start shopping. Even though our fundraiser is over St. Charles Borromeo School will continue to earn profits from your purchases of the local Albuquerque/Santa Fe book or any of the other city editions.

Save your Plastic Bags! Keep bringing in your plastic bags! The **Wal-Mart Kids Recycling Challenge** runs from October 1, 2008 until March 31, 2009.

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>
- If it does not automatically log you into the site, enter **username:1194132** and **password:wisdom2009**
- 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 2/20/2009.

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

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

St. Charles Choir Sings

**Saturday, November 22nd vs.
Arizona Sundogs – 7:15 PM
Santa Ana Star Center in Rio Rancho**
The St. Charles Choir will sing
God Bless America
During the Scorpions game

Discounts for all family friends and students

Students and Kids tickets \$7.50

Adults tickets \$9.50

Tickets must be purchased through the Scorpions' office

Fax orders to: 505-883-7829 or call in orders by phone to Dan at 505-891-7344

Name _____

E-mail: _____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

Date: Saturday, October 25, 2008

_____ # of Kids/students tickets @ \$7.50 = Total _____ # of

Adult tickets @ \$9.50 = Total _____

Credit Card (circle one) DISC VISA MC AMEX

Name on card _____

Card # _____ Expiration date ____/____

Signature _____

VNN# (LAST 3 or 4 NUMBERS ON SIGNATURE STRIP) _ _ _

- **Order forms must be submitted before 2:00 pm Friday Nov 14th**
- **This offer is not accepted at the box office, and must be redeemed through the Scorpions' front office.**

Christmas Musical Is Coming!!!

The time is drawing near for this year's Christmas Musical. The various grades will be required to wear a certain attire for the evening. The following is what will be needed by grade.

Kindergarten through 2nd grade will need to wear a plain (no writing or pictures) white, gray, pink or tan sweat suit. Students may wear the sweat suit inside out to hide any images or so the color is appropriate. They should wear athletic shoes.

3rd grade through 5th grade will need a plain dark blue t-shirt that they will bring to school and leave in the classroom by **NOVEMBER 14, 2008**. We will be attaching something to the shirt so send a shirt that you are willing to let us alter. Please put full name on tag. They should wear dark pants and athletic shoes.

Middle school will need to wear a solid green t-shirt (with sleeves and round neckline), khaki pants and athletic shoes.

Help! S.O.S.

For the Christmas musical, we are in need of a white suit, men's small. If you have one you could loan us please contact Mrs. Menicucci ASAP.

Workshop

Our Lady of Fatima Parish is holding a Sexual Misconduct Workshop on Saturday, November 15th from 9:00a.m. to 12:00a.m. Call Norma Vivian to register at 831-8159.

From the Pastor's Perspective

At the end of this week, we will begin the annual remembrance of the saints and the deceased. This is an opportunity for us to teach our children about the cycles of life, the place of heaven and the teachings on hell. With the Irish customs and their new year beginning with November, the Triduum (3 days) festival began. First, we would remember the saints (on All Hallow's Eve). This evening celebration or vigil, as we have come to know, became the night and day to dress as the saints of old. We hoped to become like them! This is why we would place masks on our faces, to resemble our heroes and grow in holiness. "Hallow" means to become holy or the

"holy's."

The new year, or "All Saints Day" helped us remember those who we felt made it to live with Christ in glory. This year, the solemnity, or highest ranking feast day, of All Saints, is on a Saturday and is not observed as a day of obligation, or a day in which we are required to go to Mass and refrain from work. (When holy days of obligation are on a Saturday or Monday, this requirement subsides. The Nativity of the Lord or Christmas, December 25 and the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, December 8 are the only two days in our country that are always days of obligation, no matter what day of the week they fall on.) At Saint Charles, we will still observe this holy day with a Mass at 9 a.m., Saturday, November 1.

Then on Sunday, November 2, the feast of the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, or what we used to call "All Souls Day," continues our remembrance of those who have gone before us. We remember all those who have died with a special Mass on this day. At Saint Charles, we have a novena, or prayers/Masses, that remember those who have died, for nine days in a row. Please come to the front office of the parish to have your loved ones remembered. You may also write their names in the *Book of the Dead*, in the place of honor of our church. Next to the *Book of the Dead*, we light the Paschal Candle, as a way to remember that Christ has lit their way to the Father. We also place items from the deceased in the Place of Honor, including skulls, as a remembrance in an ironic, or humorous way, those who have died. We place food, flowers and other items that were special to those who have died.

Helping our students talk about life, death, the resurrection, and other matters of the end of times assists them in growing in our Catholic faith. The "paschal mystery" is the birth, life, passion, death and resurrection of Christ Jesus. We enter into this same paschal mystery when we are baptized into Christ. What a wonderful opportunity for us to share with our students the natural process of life, similar to the process of life that is going on around us with the fall arriving – leaves and nature dying, only to come to rebirth and new life this spring.

On another matter: I hear often your frustration over in sport schedules and practices and other activities that your children are involved. The many practices and places one must take their children to; sports practices, games, dance classes, karate classes, swimming, etc., attending rehearsals of all types, especially on weekends and holidays, must be overwhelming. It is quite unfair to your family life. May I suggest something quite radical? Stop the madness! (To quote a famous guru of our times) Help set rules for the coaches and leagues. Tell them of your unhappiness and that they are overreaching into your family life. They are taking away your quality of life. While exercise and teams are so important to life development, so are the family and religious practices that are being quite literally sacrificed and tossed aside for the "god" of a sport. I know that you do not want to teach your family to break a commandment ("You shall not have other gods besides me.") However.... think about what we are doing to our families and societies. It pains me to hear of families separate and segregated for the holidays because of tournaments and more. Remember what the Gospel says and what we are required through our Catholic tenants of faith: God, family and then everything else. A friendly and loving reminder from your pastor who cares about you and worries about the what I have seen, and observed, and what I hear through you, and experience with families going through this frustration of over involvement. Perhaps the coach and/or sports organization should not be the guardian of your family schedule & life? Why are we letting them take over the Lord's Day? It is the Lord's Day and none others! Let us worship God alone; God alone are we called to worship.

Thank you for sharing your students with us at Saint Charles. They are a huge blessing. Let us continue to pray for each other.

In Christ our Eucharist,



Reverend John Thomas Lane, SSS
18th Pastor

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November 2008 Prayer

Order of Christian Funerals, 1989

Leader: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

Response: And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Leader: May they rest in peace.

Response: Amen.

Leader: May the souls of all the faithful departed

Response: through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Respect Life Month: Faithful Citizenship ***A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility***

The Catholic community is a diverse community of faith, not an interest group. Our Church does not offer contributions or endorsements. Instead, we raise a series of questions, seeking to help lift up the moral and human dimensions of the choices facing voters and candidates:

- When should our nation use, or avoid the use of, military force--for what purpose, under what authority, and at what human cost?
- How can we join with other nations to lead the world to greater respect for human life and dignity, religious freedom and democracy, economic justice, and care for God's creation?

This year, for president, and other offices, there is no "pro-ALL-life" candidate. Not one of the candidates presenting themselves follows the teachings of the Catholic Church. Please do your best in choosing who you will support with your vote. Please know that the Catholic Church has not sponsored or advocates one candidate or another.

Campaign for Human Development

Each November, we focus on this special campaign that was started by the US bishops in the 1970 to end poverty and develop grant programs to help people and organizations "hang on every day." CCHD funds community-based programs created and managed by low-income people. CCHD promotes acts of solidarity with the poor and supports grassroots programs aimed at breaking the cycle of poverty. Miriam Benedict, our Gospel/Social Justice Commission chair, serves on the local board determining grants for our community. If you have any further questions, or seek additional information, please contact her. In the meantime, support the annual collection on the third Sunday of November, November 16, 2008.

Christmas Store

A 21-year Saint Charles Tradition of service and support, the Christmas Store needs your help. Please volunteer some time to bring Christmas to children in need by signing-up with Robin Sandler at 848-1345. Send your donations to:

The Christmas Store
c/o New Mexico Community Foundation
343 East Alameda
Santa Fe, NM 87501

The Christmas Store needs volunteers for December 13th, 19th and 20th. Be a part of the St. Charles Borromeo tradition of helping families in need by giving a few hours of your time. Call Robin Sandler at 848-1345.

Calendar of Parish Events: All Welcome

- **ALL PRIESTS ON CONVOCATION:** Monday, November 3 – Thursday, November 6. There will be Communion Services on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday so that the priest may attend this important meeting for the Year of the Word: On Preaching. There are no confessions on Wednesday, November 5.
- **PLANNING YOUR FUNERAL LITURGIES:** A Mature Members Ministry Special Event with Father Lane, SSS: **Tuesday, November 18, 1 p.m. in the Committee Room.**
- **EUCCHARISTIC ASSOCIATES:** All are welcome – come for one or for all of this schedule, **Thursday (the day of the Eucharist), November 20:**
 - 4:15 p.m. Rosary (shrine chapel)
 - 5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer (shrine chapel)
 - 5:30 p.m. Novena with Saint Peter Julian Eymard (shrine chapel)
 - 6:00 p.m. Potluck dinner (Mahady Meeting Room, bring a dish to support the ham that Father Lane will make)
 - 7:00 p.m. Eucharist Talk (after supper in the MMR)

Religious Formation & Youth Ministry

- Middle School & High School Youth Group Meets Sundays @ 3:30 p.m. in the Youth Center (See the Orange Door).
- Youth Mass each Sunday @ 5 p.m.
- Mark Your Calendar — Ms. Sam Kauffman, nationally known speaker and dramatist, will be doing a presentation and Advent reflection (yes it's getting to be that time) on November 16 at 12:30 pm at the Newman Center Please plan an attending this very special opportunity to celebrate our spiritual heritage and beliefs.