



# The Cardinal Flyer

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## BJ's Corner

The next two issues of the flyer will take a look at the millennial generation, those born between 1980-2001. Professor William Damon at Stanford University embarked on extended research to answer the question on "Why are so many young people failing to launch- living at home longer, lacking career motivation, and struggling to make a timely transition to adulthood?" His answer to this is that homes and schools are not adequately nurturing kids' sense of purpose.

The study found one in five kids to be very purposeful. One in four were found to be drifting and discouraged. About 60 percent in the middle, meaning they had dreams, but they didn't have a plan to achieve them.

This generation is experiencing a confusion of what career path to take.

Could it be that they no longer grow up to follow in a parent's footsteps? What can parents and schools do to develop this sense of purpose? A helpful source is Dr. Damon's recently released book, "The Path to Purpose: Helping Our Children Find their Calling in Life" (Free Press, 2008). This study can be purchased as a used book at Amazon.com. Next week I will provide a snapshot look at Ron Alsop's book, The Trophy Kids Grow Up.

Question: Did you know what you wanted to be in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade?

Have a great week.

B.J.

## Because I Have Been Given Much

Because I have been given much, I too must give;  
Because of thy great bounty, Lord, each day I live  
I shall divide my gifts from thee with every brother that I see  
Who has the need of help from me.

Because I have been sheltered, fed by thy good care,  
I cannot see another's lack and I not share  
My glowing fire, my loaf of bread, My roof's safe shelter overhead,  
That he too may be comforted.

Because I have been blessed by thy great love, dear Lord,  
I'll share thy love again, according to thy word.  
I shall give love to those in need; I'll show that love by word and deed:  
Thus shall my thanks be thanks indeed.

--Grace N. Crowell 1877-1969

## Calendar

Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>- 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester  
Report Cards

Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>- Early  
Dismissal 12:30 (After  
care is available)

Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> No  
School Thanksgiving  
Break

### **Christmas Gift Ideas:**

C is for Cardinal – give a gift of a book that provides life long memories.  
Reduced rate – see our finance office.

### **Kudos to...**

Major Nayder for coming in and speaking with our 8<sup>th</sup> graders on Veteran's Day! Major Nayder is serving our country in the Air Force Reserves. She informed the students about her job and answered their many questions.

Taylor O'Connell for assisting me on Saturday at the St. Pius X Open House.

Phillip Alderete for a wonderful presentation in Social Studies on his visit to Washington D.C.

Mrs. Wilkinson's class on their imaginative projects on land formations.

Mrs. Saenz' class projects on various books read.

Mrs. Bridger's class on building habitat dioramas.

**Keep bringing in your plastic bags!** Just an update for plastic bag collection. We have turned in 24 bags for a total of \$120.00. Don't forget the school in this area that brings in the most bags can win \$3000.00. Save those bags during holiday shopping and bring them in. We have until March 31, 2009. **Save and bring in your bags on Monday, 11/24 and 12/1. There will be people collecting your bags during afternoon pickup. You won't even have to leave your car!**

***A special thank you to Miriam Benedict for bringing the Wal-Mart Recycling program to our attention! Way to go Miriam!!***

### **Girl's Basketball**

Nov. 18th – St. Thomas at Home C-Team 4:00, B-Team 5:00, A-Team 6:00

Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> – Bosque at Bosque B-Team 4:00

### **Girl's Basketball Pictures**

The pictures will be taken on Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at 3:20. Please bring your uniforms. If you wish to purchase individual or group pictures, you must bring in your money and order form on picture day. Order forms have been sent home.

### **Raffle Ticket Winners**

Congratulations to the lucky winners of our Halloween Carnival Raffle.  
Travis Askew- \$2000.00 Cathy Moore- \$1,000.00 and Jeff and Cheryl Serna- \$500.00

**Scrip is closed Thanksgiving Week!** 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.

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## KOATS For Kids

KOAT-TV sponsors the annual collection of gently used or new coats for the less fortunate. Send in those coats with your child or drop off at the front office.

## 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](http://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.

**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.*

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 5<sup>th</sup> grade** should have brought in a plain dark blue short sleeve t-shirt to leave in the classroom. 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. **If you have not sent yours in – there is a uniform check on Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. All actors must bring full uniform!**

**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 Capitan's Naval hat (white). If you have one you could loan us, please contact Mrs. Menicucci or Mrs. Gallegos ASAP.

### ***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 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.