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B.J.'s Corner

From the Principal

May Peace, Joy, Hope and Happiness be yours during this Holiday Season and throughout the New Year.

B.J., Faculty and Staff

*****Just a reminder! All actors 3-4-5 need to be at the Kiva at 6:15 p.m. Parents – please drop off students at West doors and then get in line. All other children need to be there at 6:30. Parents, please, drop off children at west doors.**

Make sure and get your tickets – deadline is 3:00 December 20, 2007.

Athletic News

Congratulations to our Lady Cardinal Basketball teams!!

A-Team and B-Team won the championships!!

C-Team went undefeated, and lost in the tournament.

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His Beckoning Invitation

Born in a stable, cradled in a manger, He came forth from heaven to live on earth as mortal man and to establish the kingdom of God. During His earthly ministry, He taught men the higher law. His glorious gospel reshaped the thinking of the world. He blessed the sick. He caused the lame to walk, the blind to see, the deaf to hear. He even raised the dead to life.

What was the reaction to His message of mercy, His words of wisdom, His lessons of life? There were a precious few who appreciated Him. They bathed His feet. They learned His word. They followed His example.

Down through the generations of time, the message from Jesus has been the same. To Peter by the shores of beautiful Galilee, He said, "Follow me." To Philip of old came the call, "Follow me." To the Levite who sat at receipt of customs came the instruction, "Follow me." And to you and to me, if we but listen, shall come that same beckoning invitation, "Follow me."

As we follow in His steps today, we too will have an opportunity to bless the lives of others. Jesus invites us to give of ourselves: "Behold, the Lord requireth the heart and a willing mind."

Our opportunities to give of ourselves are indeed limitless, but they are also perishable. There are hearts to gladden. There are kind words to say. There are gifts to be given. There are deeds to be done. There are souls to be saved. "Go, gladden the lonely, the dreary; Go, comfort the weeping, the weary; Go, scatter kind deeds on your way; Oh, make the world brighter today!"

A wise Christian once urged, "May we not spend Christmas, but keep it." When we keep the spirit of Christmas, we keep the spirit of Christ, for the Christmas spirit is the Christ spirit.

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Great Season Ladies.

GOOOO CARDINALS!!!!!!

Classroom News

Science Fair

The Event that you have been waiting for:

The **Second Annual St. Charles Science Fair Awards Banquet** will be Thursday evening **January 24th** from 5:00pm. to 6:45 pm. The Science Fair banquet will be in the Cafeteria, advanced tickets will be sold after Winter Break. (Remember The Science Fair Expo is a Mandatory event for all Middle School students and their families).

The Awards ceremony will begin at 7 pm. This is the time for students to “shine” and be given praise for a job well done. Please invite extended family members and friends. Stay tuned for further details in December.

JUDGES NEEDED

We are looking for a few good Science Fair judges who would like to volunteer their time on Wednesday January 23rd from 8am to 1pm. Light Breakfast refreshments, and Lunch will be provided. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer as a judge, please feel free to contact Aline Gonzales-Saiz at 792-8982.

Junior Girl Scout Troop 318

The Junior Girl Scout Troop 318 held their Investiture and re-dedication Ceremony last Tuesday. Congratulations to Janelle Cote, Libby Fidel, Jennifer Hernandez, Sonia Herrera, and Justyce Millan. The troop will complete their book donation service project today, when they deliver the books that the students and staff at St. Charles donated to the children at Carrie Tingley Hospital. Thank you St. Charles for your support! Francie Fidel

Luminarias for Sale

Support our St. Charles Boy Scouts by ordering luminarias today. \$6.00 a dozen, delivered the weekend before Christmas. Call Phil Sitges at:363-5209 or email your order to ariv9801@msn.com. (Please include contact name, number and address). Payment on delivery.

WHAT STUDENTS NEED TO WEAR FOR THE CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

K-1-2- A large(X-large) white T-Shirt to represent an “angel dress” , Tennis shoes and white socks. We will supply “halo” head bands. (Please wear white shorts or something light – so it doesn’t show underneath the T-Shirt).

3-4-5- Desert –Colored slacks and tops – solid, neutral colors like beige, brown, and dark green (no blacks). Tops must have sleeves, preferably long; Tennis shoes and socks. We will supply Bedouin head gear.

Mid-School – Solid colored top with sleeves, red or green, or alternatively, a Christmas theme top with reds/greens in it; solid colored bottoms. Colorful scarf which will be worn around neck/shoulder a la Christmas-Caroler- look, Tennis shoes and socks. **Note on tops:** Any sleeve length is OK, but absolutely no sleeveless tops.

Geography Bee News

Congratulations to the following students who will represent their classes in the St. Charles School Geography Bee to be held on January 10th, 2008.

Winners

Alternates

4A Andrew Savedra	Amy Moore
4B Connor Munsey	Billy Torres
5A Marcus Escalante-Nelson	Estefan Gonzales
5B Rafael Sarmiento	Johnny Marrujo
6A Kaitlyn Archebeque	Ariel De Herrera
6B Jasara Benedict	Brianna Chavez
7A Andrew Villanueva	Alysia Hernandez
7B Matthew Willie	Brittney Gulin
8A Jacquelyn Solis	Andres Gallegos
8B William Bonachea-Niwa	Christopher King

Remember to study over the Christmas vacation. Please note the alternates will only participate if the class winner is absent on the day of the school bee.

Calendar of Events

KOATS FOR KIDS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS IN THINKING OF AND CARING FOR THOSE WHO MIGHT SPEND A COLD WINTER WITHOUT THE HELP OF OUR CARDINAL FAMILY. WE COLLECTED OVER 300 COATS!!!

K-8 CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

PLACE KIVA AUDITORIUM

DATE THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2007

TIME 7 P.M.

JOIN US AT THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MUSICAL! BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY! TICKETS ARE ON SALE IN THE FINANCE OFFICE. YOU MUST PURCHASE TICKETS PRIOR TO THE SHOW. ADULTS \$6.00 CHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE, BUT MUST HAVE A TICKET. **NO TICKET SALES AT THE DOOR**

TEACHER RETREAT DAY!

PLACE ST. CHARLES

DATE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2007

TIME 8 A.M.

***CALENDAR CHANGE – PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

SLEEP IN AFTER THE MUSICAL! THERE WILL BE **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS ON DECEMBER 21, 2007.** IT IS A TEACHER DAY!

COOKIE DOUGH

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED SORT AND DISTRIBUTE THE COOKIE DOUGH. WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!! A SPECIAL THANKS TO JOE AND ODALYS SAIZ FOR COORDINATING THE FUNDRAISER.

Kudos to...

Sydney Hunter, she recently raced in a triathlon with a 150 yard swim, a 4 mile bike ride, and a 1 mile run. She has been training for the race since summer. We drove all the way to Anthem Arizona to participate. She was 8th in her age group! Way to Go Sydney!!

Raymond Hunter, he submitted a wonderful drawing of St. Charles School to the Journal. It was published on The Fun Page last Sunday. Good Job Raymond!!

Wrote Dickens, "I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come round— ... as a good time: a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely, and to think of people below them as if they really were fellow-passengers to the grave, and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys."

In his classic *A Christmas Carol*, Dickens's now converted character, Ebenezer Scrooge, declares at last: "I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year. I will live in the Past, the Present, and the Future. The Spirits of all three shall strive within me. I will not shut out the lessons that they teach."

Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ—He who was burdened with "sorrows, and acquainted with grief"—speaks to every troubled heart and bestows the gift of peace: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

He sends forth His word through the many thousands of missionaries serving far and wide proclaiming His gospel of good tidings and salutation of peace. Vexing questions, such as "Where did I come from? What is the purpose of my being? Where do I go after death?" are answered by His special servants. Frustration flees, doubt disappears, and uncertainty wanes when truth is taught in boldness, yet in a spirit of humility by those who have been called to serve the Prince of Peace—even the Lord Jesus Christ. His gift is bestowed individually: "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him."

There is no better time than now, this very Christmas season, for all of us to rededicate ourselves to the principles taught by Jesus the Christ. It is the time to love the Lord our God with all our heart—and our neighbors as ourselves.

Yearbooks are on Sale Now!!

Our theme this year is "We Are Family" and we want our whole St. Charles Family to get a copy.

Only one book captures this year's incredible events and experiences at St. Charles- your 2008 yearbook. Order your yearbook now to ensure a copy for your family. The price of the yearbook is \$30.00. Placing your order is quick and easy:

Fill out the attached order form. Send a check payable to St. Charles and turn in the form and check to the business office.

OR To place a credit card order, go to jostens.com, locate St. Charles, and click on the 2008 Yearbook link.

Deadline for ordering your yearbook is January 18th. If you have any questions you can contact Mrs. Gallegos, the yearbook advisor, at 243-5788.

May I Suggest?

Q: Can Middle School wear jeans on Thursday to the dance? PLEASE! Someone from Mid-School

A: Sorry, no we are leaving shortly after for the Kiva.

Q: Dear Principal BJ,

Can we have free dress day every month? Please (P.S. I did this in my other school). From Raul Garcia

A: Raul, Thanks for the question. I'll consider it for next year.

Q: Can people sign up on Sunday or Saturday to help clean the school starting in January? Caroline Dunn

A: Wow! Great idea... visit with me and we'll plan on a Spring clean up together. Way to Go Caroline.

Nurse's Niche

Christmas is a special time of year when family and friends get together in the spirit of the holidays. Often we decorate the house or bake cookies to share with those less fortunate. It is also a time that we must be especially guarded about our children's safety. At Christmas time we tend to be complacent about safety. Here are a few special tips to keep your holidays safe.

Poinsettias, holly, and mistletoe often decorate our homes. Although very appealing to the eye, these plants can be poisonous. Another potential poison for children is alcohol. Remember to eliminate all partially consumed glasses as children enjoy mimicking their parents. These items should be kept out of the reach of children. If you believe your child consumed anything poisonous, contact the poison control center at 800-222-1222.

Secure the family Christmas tree so that it does not fall. Keep all breakable ornaments away from children. If one breaks ensure that proper disposal and removal of glass.

Baking and cooking go hand in hand with all the wonderful events of Christmas. It is important to remember to keep the oven door closed and turn all pot handles inward. Always assist children with baking and cooking to prevent burns and scalds.

It is common knowledge that car accidents increase over the holiday season, especially in New Mexico. Even though it is the law, be sure to buckle your child's seat belt. Never, ever drive your vehicle after drinking alcohol. And be a defensive driver this Christmas season. If the family must travel by car this year and you suspect a drunk driver on the road call 877-394-4258.

Observe a fire and emergency safety plan. Meet with all your family members and put together an emergency contingent plan for everyone. Write down important phone numbers and post a fire exit plan in a central location. Review responsibilities with all family members. It is important that everyone knows what to do in case of an emergency. Also, even though you have changed and checked the smoked detectors at daylight saving time, double check them for proper operation.

Have a safe and blessed Christmas this year.

Nicole Sandoval RN

