

September 28, 2006

Dear Families,

Thank you, again, for your great attendance on Tuesday at Back-to-School Night. While it makes for a long day for you and us (especially when the weather was a “perfect ten”), the teachers always comment the next day that it was well worth the effort. Getting a chance to connect, talking about the year, and answering questions helps ensure we’re all on the same page with the same goals.



Next up... parent-teacher conferences in mid-October.

HANDBOOKS

If you were unable to join us at Back-to-School Night, the 2006-07 Family Handbook will be today’s packet. And remember... the phone directory included is for the convenience of our families and staff. Please do not release it to outside vendors.

FAITH

As I mentioned on Tuesday evening, we are using themes this year to help us live out our mission: *Building lives of promise. Living lives of faith.* Adapting the traits outlined in William Bennett’s Book of Virtues, we are focusing on faith, as the virtue for this first trimester. Using his stories adapted for children, we’ll weave the message into our daily interactions. We’re looking forward to the framework leading us in new and exciting directions. Watch your classroom newsletter for examples.

KAREN

The news on Ms. Pasqualetto’s condition continues to be hopeful. Blood tests indicate the treatments may be making some headway against the tumors. We’ll know more after some more thorough tests next week. She is extremely grateful for your continued prayers and support.

AUCTION

Don’t forget to join us if you can: next Monday, Oct. 2, at noon in the social hall. We’ll serve pizza, debrief last year’s event and begin plans for March 24. Plenty of opportunities to help. If you are prevented from coming, don’t forget to call to get first choice on jobs.

LUNCH

Still looking for additional assistance with our Tuesday and Friday lunch programs. We’ll be adjusting Tuesday’s menu so it is less time consuming to serve, but we’ll still need some more hands. Call Rose Wisner, (425) 226-6600, to volunteer.

WAMOOLA

If you have a Washington Mutual debit card account (or would like to open one), make sure to get registered for the WaMoola program for schools. This month, every time you use it, we get TRIPLE points! The link for more information is: www.wamoolaforschools.com. For triple points, use the code: RYSS3P2.



MAGAZINES AND WRAPPING PAPER

As mentioned on Tuesday night, we now have a way for you to renew your magazine subscriptions and buy quality wrapping paper on line with the school benefiting from your purchases. We can avoid having any big fundraising drives if everyone just remembers to use these sites when doing their normal shopping. Grandparents and friends are great people to steer this way as well. Every sale nets the school between 40-50% profit. Not bad... and very easy.

For magazines go to: www.magfundraising.com/smsbellevue. The site is pretty simple to use.

For wrapping paper, go to: www.sallyfoster.com. Click on "seller's section." Create an account as a new user. Our school code is: 0885230. The original sale end date was set as September 29. You may want to enter that. I've requested it be extended to Oct. 13.

Finally...

We are so appreciative when you have the chance to join us at Mass on Wednesdays. The kids love seeing you there praying with us. If it works into your schedule at 9am, know you are always welcome.

And thanks, too, for driving slowly on the campus. I also have to remind myself at times that it is always better to be a minute later rather than risk an accident with one of these beautiful children. Together, we can continue to make this a safe place.

We are off to such a great start. With the sun shining so brightly, I find it hard to believe we're almost into October! Make sure to squeeze every last bit out of this weather with your kids. The chores can wait! Have a great weekend.

Dan