

# ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

"CARGILL'S CHRONICLE"

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!



*My Dear Parents: Special Blessings to you and your family for a faith filled 2009. A very special thank you for your gracious thoughts, prayers, and treats during the Christmas season. The faculty, staff and I are most appreciative of your thoughtfulness and care. You and your child/children are a gift to us!*

**CARPOOL REMINDER:** As the new year has begun, please remember that school **BEGINS** at **8:25 AM**. All students should be in their classroom, unpacked and ready to begin the day with morning prayer at **8:25 AM**. Please remember to allow for heavier traffic on bad weather days and on special occasion days, such as, the upcoming Inauguration events. Also, please remember that cars can not enter off of Ferndale Street onto the street between the residence and the community center. That is a "DO NOT ENTER" and an EXIT ONLY. Thank you!

**FREE THROW COMPETITION:** All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest. The competition is on Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> from noon to 3pm at St. Joseph School. For all events please see the website, [www.goodsams.org](http://www.goodsams.org) for more information.

**"HAPPY BIRTHDAY REMINDER!"** Please remember that a special treat at SJS is that students may dress out on their birthday. The birthday dress out attire is to be "Church Appropriate Attire." Absolutely **no jeans** are to be worn on this special day. Thank you!

**"A SPECIAL DAY,"** for our second graders on **Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> 2009** as they will celebrate a joyful sacrament by attending the **First Penance Liturgy at 9:00 AM**. A special thank you to Mrs. Bolka and Mrs. Metcalfe for preparing our students for this special sacrament.

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:** Please note: St. Joseph School does follow Fairfax County School System in regards to weather closings and weather delays. If storm watches are in the area, please be tuned in to local television and or radio stations for weather information. Thank you!

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT AND REMINDER: MARK YOUR CALENDAR!** St. Joseph School will be closed on Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> 2009, in tribute to Martin Luther King and Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> 2009 for the Presidential Inauguration.

**"LOOKING FOR A CO-CHAIR FOR THE UNIFORM EXCHANGE!"** The individual must be willing and available to participate in selling used uniforms six times a year. Four of the exchanges are during Donut Sundays and (1) at "Back to School Night and (1) the day of the School Supply Pick-up. Please call Stephanie Crum (703-464-0972) or (703-303-8891). Thank you in advance for your consideration.

**"OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE TEACHERS:"** If interested in teaching in the Diocese of Arlington you are invited to attend any upcoming Open Houses. **Tuesday, 1/27, 7-9pm, St. Thomas More Cathedral School; Wed. 1/28 10-12 noon, St. Francis of Assisi School; and Thurs. 1/29 10-12 noon All Saints School.**

**Thank you! Thank you!**

We would like to thank St. Joseph Extended Day students for taking time in the afternoons to make Rosaries to be sent to soldiers through the Ranger Rosary program based out of St. Mary's Church in Annapolis, MD. The students who made Rosaries are Kevin Hennessey, Gillianne Yarber, Paul Asuncion, Debi McNamara, Richard Shapiro, Kendal Davis, Anabel Mazariego and Tuan Tran. These Rosaries will be sent to soldiers in our Armed Forces overseas.

### **Financial Aid for 2009/2010**

Each year interested families are asked to complete a FACTS student aid application form, which, this year, must be submitted by **March 16, 2009**. If you have children in high school and elementary school, the deadline is **February 13, 2009**. Only one application per family is required.

The Diocesan Tuition Grant Program eligibility requirements call for students in grades Kindergarten through grade 12 to fulfill all of the following criteria:

1. Student attends or is accepted by a Diocesan Catholic school.
2. Student is a baptized Catholic or convert officially received into the Church
3. Family resides within the boundaries of the Diocese of Arlington
4. Family is a registered and active member of a parish in the Diocese of Arlington or a military base parish.

Call or visit Teresa Carry in the Finance Office for an application. Or log on to [www.factstuitionaid.com](http://www.factstuitionaid.com) to apply. A \$20 application fee must be sent to FACTS with your application. Apply early; there is no grace period and applications received after March 16 will not be eligible. Financial information from 2007 is acceptable; you need not wait for 2008 tax returns. Use your 2008 W2's if available at the time of application. Please call Teresa Carry in the Finance Office at 703/880-4313 with your questions.