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REILLY REPORT

NO SCHOOL TOMORROW! As you can see on the calendar, tomorrow is an in-service day for the teachers. We are heading to other schools to get a different perspective on school programs. Though we have many programs to celebrate, there is always room to improve. My hope is that this experience will inspire the staff to consider other programs as well as motivate us to hold onto aspects of our programs that serve our students well.

We had an accident in the parking lot Wednesday morning between a parent's car and a bus. The vehicles were damaged, but thankfully there were no serious injuries. The Hamilton County Sheriff's Department and the Green Township Police Department are investigating the accident. This is a clear reminder that extreme caution must be used in the lot. Our biggest challenge seems to come from substitute drivers who do not know the routines. The second challenge is from people who do not park in marked spaces and finally, adults who do not wait on the sidewalk to meet their children. Safety is always our first concern!

Our 2010-2011 school year calendar draft is attached to this week's *Wire*. Important dates to take note: First Day of School: September 1st, 2010. Last Day of School: June 3rd, 2011.

Two separate projects in the neighborhood have begun. Both the North Bend Road widening project and Mercy Hospital construction started this week. The two projects are not directly related, but both will affect traffic around here. At a preconstruction meeting with the company doing the roadwork, I appreciated the concern and cooperation they are showing our Parish. The roadwork is scheduled to be completed in the fall. You might be interested to know that Mercy has hired two local contractors to salvage building materials to be donated to Habitat for Humanity and Building Value before the houses are demolished.

On Wednesday, March 17th, we will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the **"Wearin' of the Green"**. In place of the usual dress code, students may wear green clothes that are appropriate for school. Blue jeans are also acceptable.



You may have heard a rumor that seven leprechauns have taken up residence in the school building. As many of you know, leprechauns can make good things happen for people. In that spirit, we are having a contest at school. The students are searching for and listing the locations of the "Wee Folk." To gain an entry in the contest, the students need to record the location of all seven and do seven good deeds. Entry forms need to be in the office by the end of the school day on St. Patrick's Eve. One of the successfully completed entries will be drawn to receive a pot of gold! (Well, not actually gold, but definitely full of treasure!)

Our sixth grade trip to **Camp Campbell Gard** brought out the best in the every student. The camp counselors were abundant with compliments on how well mannered they were, how well they cooperated and listened. Their best was also evident shortly after we returned. It was about 40 minutes after we arrived back at Hilvert Center and most campers had headed home with their parents that we learned several student had what looked like bug bites. After Mrs. Siefert confirmed the bites were likely from bed bugs, we knew we needed to get the word out to the campers. We called all 116 families (and the teacher chaperones) to advise them to get their gear bagged until it could be put through the dryer on high heat. (As recommended by the Hamilton County Health Department.) Eventually we received direct reports of five families that found evidence of bed bugs, and we were told second hand that there were five others.

We contacted camp and were able to identify two of the 5 cabins as areas of concern. They apologized and stated they were totally unaware and stated no one had stayed in any of the cabins since before

Thanksgiving and had not received any concerns at that time. They explained they will super heat the cabins with torpedo heaters to eliminate the issue for the next group, but of course, that didn't help our families who were left hearing the abundant nightmare stories about bed bug infestations.

When the campers returned to school on Monday, we could not be sure that everyone had heat treated their shoes or backpacks (about a dozen students had used their back packs as luggage for camp.) We instructed all the students to bag their backpacks and coats while at school on Monday. This allowed us some protection of cross contamination and time while we sent a letter and information to the sixth grade parents.

I want to thank the office staff (and Mrs. Engel) for staying after hours on Friday to make the phone calls and especially all the families and campers for their cooperation during a truly difficult turn of events. The Ohio State University and Hamilton County Heath Board Web Sites have good information for your review.

LUNCH MENU

(fruit and milk are served daily)
Week of March 15th

- Monday Hamburger or cheeseburger with potato rounds
- Tuesday Sausage pizza with carrots and dip
- Wednesday Loaded baked potato, yogurt, muffin
- Thursday Walking taco with salad
- Friday Cheese-filled breadstick with salad

UPCOMING LITURGIES

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| Mar. 16 | Mr. Davis, Rm 118 | 9:15am |
| Mar. 18 | Mrs. Behrle, Rm 208 | 9:15am |
| Mar. 23 | Mr. Renner, Rm 308 | 9:15am |
| Mar. 25 | Mrs. Colina, Rm 203 | 9:15am |
| Mar. 30 | All School Mass, Gr 2 | 2:00pm |
| Apr. 1 | Holy Thursday – Reenactment | 1:30pm |

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar. 11 Skating Party – Skatin' Place 6:30-9pm
- Mar. 16 School Committee Mtg, 7pm, Library
- Mar. 17 St. Patrick's Day – Wearin' O' the Green
- Mar. 18 Confirmation Vigil, 7pm - Church
- Mar. 19 Eucharistic Adoration Vocations - 10:15-3pm
- Mar. 19 Confirmation, 7:30pm, Cathedral

- Mar. 19 Student Council Meeting, 8:15am
- Mar. 24 Better Babysitters Class begins
- Mar. 26 Spirit Day - Pregnancy Center West
- Mar. 26 USA Delegation returns
- Apr. 1 End of 3rd Quarter
- Apr. 1 Spring Picture Day
- Apr. 1 Holy Thursday – Reenactment
- Apr. 2 Good Friday – No School

SCHOOL NEWS

KEEP YOUR STUDENTS PROFILE CURRENT



Families are reminded to notify the school office of any changes that occur throughout the year. It is very important that information such as phone numbers, addresses, employment, emergency contacts, etc. are kept current. Thanks for your help.

SPRING PICTURES

Lifetouch Photographers will be at St. Ignatius on Thursday, April 1, 2010, for spring pictures. An order form will be sent home next week.

ATTENTION EIGHTH GRADE PARENTS

Thank you to all who have sent in pictures for the scrapbook so far. The scrapbook is a school memory album. Homeroom class pictures from K-8 will be mounted, along with a variety of pictures that we receive from you. Our goal is to get as many different children as possible in the book. We are still in need of younger grade pictures from K-4th grade. Pictures should be school related, class parties, field trips, Olympic Day and group pictures. Please mark the grade on the back of the picture and send in by March 19th. Please mark the envelope "Scrapbook Pictures" c/o Abby Rieger. Since 8th grade memories are still occurring, pictures can be sent to Denise Guck through the rest of the year.

PTO SKATING PARTY INFO

Just a reminder – Tonight is the PTO Skating Party at the Skatin' Place from 6:30pm-9:00pm. Please join us for some fun with your friends!

CONGRATULATIONS

Rachael K. from Mrs. McGowan's homeroom received two "AA" (state cuts) for swimming the 50 Backstroke and the 100 Backstroke. She will be swimming at Miami University with the Clippard Barracudas this weekend to compete for a state title.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS UPDATE

Thanks again to those families who continue to use their Kroger Community Rewards Cards. St. Ignatius recently received \$5,266.42 for efforts between December 27, 2009, and February 20, 2010. These proceeds were generated by just 100 families who regularly use their Kroger Community Rewards Cards! If you are not using a card when you purchase groceries or gas at Kroger, please consider doing so. It is free and simple to use. If you are a Kroger Plus shopper, you still receive all the benefits of that status, including special prices and gas rewards. If you have a Kroger 1-2-3 credit card, you can use it to load your Kroger Community Rewards Card. The only difference is that St. Ignatius receives 4% of the amounts you load onto your Kroger Community Rewards Card, and nothing when you don't. Of course, the proceeds generated by the Kroger Community Rewards Card help support the many programs we all enjoy at St. Ignatius. If you do not have a Kroger Community Rewards Card, you can get one at the Parish Office. Please contact Leslie Odioso, Sue Newland or Carol Lecher if you have any questions.

SHOPPING FOR KIDS CLOTHES?

The PACE Committee has received a supply of coupons for Gymboree and Crazy 8 clothing stores. Each coupon entitles you to 20% off an in-store or online purchase through May 31, 2010. You can pick up a coupon at the parish office. If you plan ahead, you can also order gift cards for these retailers from the PACE Committee, and use the gift cards as payment for your in-store or online purchases. For more information, contact Leslie Odioso, Sue Newland or Carol Lecher.

PARISH NEWS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS

Eucharistic Adoration for vocations will take place on Friday, March 19th, from 10:15am-3pm. Please take some time and help to pray for vocations.

GIRL SCOUT NEWS

Congratulations to the 8th Grade girls who received their Girl Scout Marian Medal at the ceremony on February 28th. These girls began working on this medal in June 2008 and completed more than sixty service hours including a project to make, fill, and send 250 bags to orphans in Nigeria, Africa. These girls are Anna Buczkowski, Courtney C., Kate E., Erin H., Katie L., Danielle M., Abby M., Abby R.,

Megan V., Tara V., Savannah W., and Madison W. Outstanding job, girls!

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS

The book booth for the St. Ignatius Parish Festival will start collecting items beginning in April. We will be collecting used books, CDs, and movies. As you clean out your home, please donate any of these items to church. We will be collecting them in the bride's room in the back of church. Tax receipts are available in the parish office. We will also be in need of copier paper boxes with lids. These are ideal for storage. If you have any questions or would like to be involved with this booth, please contact Lynne Averbek. THANKS!

ENRICHMENT NEWS

RAISING RESPONSIBLE CHILDREN

Do you sometimes wonder if you are on the right track as a parent? If so, get support for what you do well, and learn how to raise likeable, responsible, and respectful children by attending, "How Much is Enough? Learning When to Say Yes and When to say *No*". This six-week class begins March 23rd from 7-9:00pm at Mercy Hospital Western Hills in the small dining room off the cafeteria. The fee is \$70.00 per person. For information call Sandy Keiser with Catholic Charities at 241-7745.

SPANISH SUMMER CAMP

Spanish summer camp is being offered June 14-17 at Our Lady of Lourdes from 10:15am-1:15pm. Registration is due no later than Friday, April 30th. Please pick up a flyer in the office or contact Senora Castano for information.

SUMMER READING SKILLS PROGRAMS

Miami University is offering summer reading skills classes in Cincinnati. There are 7 various courses available from entering Kindergarten through grades 9-11. For more information please call 800-978-3532. Flyers are available in the school office.

SUMMER CAMP INFO

Information on the following summer camps are available in our school office:

Miami University Summer Reading Skills
Spanish Summer Class
YMCA Camp Ernst
Mercy 2010 Summer Camp