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## REILLY REPORT

The time to decide if you would like to be a part of the delegation visiting China in March is now! Letters providing more information are available in the school office. Students will need to fill out a written application and schedule a face-to-face interview as our first steps in the selection process.

Attached to the Wire is information about an attempt to restore some of the funding to students in non public schools that was cut last March and July. At this point, we are still looking for ways to recover from the \$140,000 cut. If the legislators and Governor pass the proposed bills, we will be in much better shape for next year.

Our Halloween celebration is next Friday! As you read last week: Our annual Halloween parade will be at 2:00 P.M. on October 30th. We encourage creative costumes that promote healthy imagination and fun. Since we will be walking around, students will not be permitted to wear masks. We also ask that no weapons of any sort, including plastic look-a-likes, be brought to school. Costumes should be carried to school in a bag or backpack. Homeroom parents will be here to help with the celebration, but it is still best if students are able to put on their costumes without assistance. Make up and hair coloring is permitted if it can easily be applied just before parade time safely and without making a mess! All students (and adults) are encouraged to participate. Parents, grandparents, neighbors, and all are invited to line the parade route. Plan to get here a little early to park. Lawn chairs are optional.

Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> is also Spirit Day. We are supporting the Children's Library and Community Clinic in our sister San Jose parish in Guatemala. Students are asked to donate **\$1 (or more)** and are invited to follow our Spirit Day/Halloween dress code. (In addition to the usual Spirit Day dress code). Every dollar donated will help to buy books for the children and adults who come to the community clinic that is run by Sr. Sarah Mulligan,

S.C. These donations will continue to help this important library grow!

As October ends, so does shorts season for our students. Keep in mind that students will continue to go outside for recess when the temperature is 20° or above, so please have them dress appropriately. Remember that only uniform sweatshirts (navy or gray) may be worn during school. If you need to purchase one, please pick up an order form in the school office. Our dress code is described in the family handbook which can be found in the front of the student planners or online at the school website.

After School Enrichment packets are being sent home today with every student. The program dates this year are Wednesdays: January 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. The deadline to return registration forms is 9:00 A.M. on Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Remember that class sizes are limited. New this year, a lottery system will be used for placement.

There is just one more week before the end of the first quarter and parent teacher conferences will be taking place on November 19<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Information and request forms will be sent home with the youngest student in each family on Monday. Please return the form to the school office no later than Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Conferences will be scheduled in the order in which they are received. Confirmation notices will be sent home on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

H1N1 Update: We have had plenty of reports of students with flu like symptoms and appreciate the fantastic cooperation in keeping children home until they are symptom free. No word yet on the arrival of the vaccine.

If a student is absent from school, they may not attend any after school or evening activities or practices.

## LUNCH MENU

(fruit and milk are served daily)

- Monday Fried chicken salad
- Tuesday Popcorn chicken with corn
- Wednesday Mini corn dogs with potato rounds
- Thursday Walking tacos with salad
- Friday Cheese-filled breadsticks with salad

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 25 Mercy Open House – 11:30-2:30
- Oct. 26 Boys Basketball Tryouts grades 2-4
- Oct. 27 Boys Baseball Signups – 6-8pm
- Oct. 28 Magazine Limo Lunch
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- Oct. 30 Spirit Day – Guatemala Clinic & Library
- Oct. 30 Halloween Parade – 2pm
- Oct. 30 End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

## UPCOMING LITURGIES

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| Oct. 27 | Mr. McGowan, Room 319     | 9:15am |
| Oct. 29 | Miss McGrath, Room 214    | 9:15am |
| Nov. 3  | Mr. Renner, Room 308      | 9:15am |
| Nov. 5  | Grade 1, Grandparents Day | 9:15am |

## SCHOOL NEWS

### BOX TOPS REALLY ADD UP

Since 1996, our school has earned over \$25,000 through the Box Tops for Education program. It only takes ten Box Tops coupons to equal one dollar in earnings for our school. When you forget to clip the Box Tops from participating brands, it's like throwing a dime away! Check your pantry to find Box Tops on brands like Cheerios, Ziploc, Betty Crocker, Pillsbury, and Hefty, just to name a few. Send them to school and we'll take care of the rest. Our first submission date is at the end of October, so hurry and send in those Box Tops! For more information, visit [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com).

### MAGAZINE LIMO LUNCH

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to ride in the Limo Lunch. We had an overwhelming response. Those who were chosen have already been notified by email of the schedule and details. If you were not chosen to ride in the Limo, please feel free to meet us at LaRosa's to see your child. We are still looking for 1<sup>st</sup> grade parent volunteers for Thursday, October 29th at 11:15. If you can help, please contact Julie Harvey.

## PARISH NEWS

### BOY SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Boy Scouts of St. Ignatius Troop 850 will be hosting their 6<sup>th</sup> annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 7am-Noon. Please plan on joining us for a wonderful breakfast and fellowship in the school cafeteria. We will also have door prizes that will be raffled off as part of this fundraiser. If you would like to make a charitable donation of either cash or other items for our raffle please contact Scott Currie. Advance tickets are available from any Boy Scout and tickets will be available at the door on Sunday morning. Thank you for your continued support of our active Boy Scout Troop – we really appreciate it! Thank you and we hope to see you Sunday!

### ENCHANTED EVENING UNDER THE STARS

The St. Ignatius School children have been working hard to finish all their donations for the "Enchanted Evening under the Stars Auction" on Saturday, November 7, 2009. Have you purchased your tickets yet? Ask your kids about their class creations and make sure that you contact Barb Campbell at 661-6565 or Sharon Hafertepe to purchase your tickets today!

### BOYS BASEBALL SIGNUPS

St. Ignatius Baseball signups for boys K through 8th grade will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 27th from 6-8pm in the Wildcat Room. You can print the registration form from the website at [www.saintiaa.org](http://www.saintiaa.org) and the fee is \$55. If you have any questions, please contact Jim McMahan, Tom Barford, or Rob Wessel.

## ENRICHMENT NEWS

### ELDER HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Elder High School will hold an Open House on Sunday, Nov. 1st from noon-2:30pm. Tour campus, meet faculty, attend presentations on various topics including tuition and financial aid. Elder's newest athletic facility, the Panther Athletic Complex, will also be open for tours from 1-3:30pm. Contact the Admissions Office at 921-3744 with questions.

### SWIM LESSONS

Mercy Healthplex will be offering group swim lessons for ages 6 months-adult starting Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>-Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>. Private and semi-private lessons are available by appointment. For registration or more information, please contact Annie Macke at 389-5465.