

April Newsletter

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Happy Easter, everyone! Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! Through Christ's death and resurrection salvation has come into the world restoring our hope for eternal life with God. What a joy it is that our students have the opportunity to study in a school where we can prepare for and celebrate these spiritual feasts. Our school continues to grow and to provide plenty of opportunities for the intellectual, social, emotional and spiritual growth.

Enrollment and Registration: Registration for next year continues strong. Remember that the deadline to send in the complete application for tuition assistance from the Catholic Foundation from the Diocese of Norwich is April 30th, 2010. **This application replaces our old financial aid application, so there will be no other opportunity to apply for financial aid later.**

Raffle: Thank you all for helping with our school raffle to benefit our facilities renovation project. Our first collection date brought in \$4,540 in raffle tickets sales. Please, continue to sell as many tickets as possible. Anyone could use \$10,000 and, from our previous renovation projects, you have already seen that our school does great things with the money. The more money we raise, the more we can do. Our students benefit so much from these efforts! On a separate note, I would like to thank the members of our Girl Scouts Brownies Troop 63126, under the direction of Mrs. Julie Allen and Mrs. Kathleen Doyle, for preparing the posters to keep track of our classrooms' raffle sales. Great job!

Technology Update: Our school continues to incorporate technology in the classroom to better serve our students needs. We have received a donation of three new Mac laptop computers. They are now being used in the first grade for their new on-line RAZ Kids individual reading program. This program allows the teacher to keep track of each student's reading progress.

Middle School News: The 7th graders are the winners of the Middle School Homework Challenge for the month of March. The following students received a Principal's Dress Down Pass for a perfect homework record: Daniel Clark, Shenandoah Terry, Edyta Wolk, David Abraham, Alannah Bunkley, Kiana Foster-Mauro, Christina Lawton, Beatrice Mills, Summer Mills, Matthew Murphy, Courtney Rose, Kimberly Thomson, Megan Bosetti, Michelle Chapman, Shannon Forrester, Elizabeth Jennerwein, Briana Kleiner, Lauren Lomasney, Francesca Matira, Ellie McCarthy and Joey Warmus. Congratulations!

Also, on Thursday, April 14th, our 8th grade French class received a guest speaker. Dr. Josee Clutier came to speak to them about her career experience. The whole conversation was in French! We would like to thank our French teacher, Mme. Snitkin, for coordinating this activity for our students.

Finally, we are proud to announce that the applications for the National Junior Honor Society have been submitted and the students have received their letters of acceptance. The following students are Sacred Heart School's inaugural members: David Abraham, Shannon Forrester, Kiana Foster-Mauro, Benjamin Godley, Briana Kleiner, Francesca Matira, Cameron McCarthy, Ellie McCarthy, Beatrice Mills, Matthew Murphy, Luis Ortega, Courtney Rose and Shenandoah Terry. Congratulations! An Induction Ceremony will take place during Mass on Tuesday, May 3rd at 7:00 PM in the church.

Elementary School News: On Thursday, April 7th, our students, second grade and up, had the opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation to prepare for Holy Week and Easter. Thank you, Fr. Dariusz, for making the arrangements to have two other priests come to help administer this sacrament.

Also, our third grade students, led by Ms. Santangelo submitted poems to Creative Communications, for their Spring Poetry Contest. Recently they received a letter that all of their poems qualified and will be published in their upcoming anthology of poems.

Other School News: On Saturday, April 2nd and Sunday, April 3rd, our Children Chorus once again participated in the Mystic Area Ecumenical Children's Choral Workshop and Festival. The Chorus performed eight anthems along with other children's choirs in the area. What a great opportunity for our students! We would like to acknowledge our Music teacher, Mrs. Barbara Billings for coordinating this activity.

Our last Parish and School Family Night will take place on Saturday, May 7th, after the 4:30 Mass in the cafeteria. It will be a pizza party in honor to our mothers and will be hosted by our School Board. Please, make sure to read the invitation from our School Board included in this newsletter.

Finally, we are well into the planning stages of our annual Golf Tournament to benefit the RISEN Program and LRC. The tournament is scheduled for Friday, June 10th, 2011 at Shennecossett Golf Course. For more information you may go to our website at www.sacredheartgroton.org and scroll down until you see our ad and links.

The month of May is one of our busiest months of the school year, with so many special days and activities. Please, make sure to pay special attention to the school calendar, which, as always, comes home with this Newsletter.

May the risen Lord bless you and your families this Easter season and always!

In Christ's love,

Dr. Calle