



## Principal's Corner

### *As Our Building Nears Completion*

As most of you know, the construction of an additional building to house four new classrooms, student restrooms, an art studio and a state of the art library equipped with a technology center has been going on since last March right on top of our playground. The students and faculty are getting quite excited as the outside façade is now completely bricked, all walls and doorways are painted, the electrical and air conditioning work is coming to an end and a move-in date is soon to be set. The students have told me they are eager to assist in moving every single book into the new library which will be the showcase area of the entire building. We plan to kick off Catholic Schools Week on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> with the dedication of our new annex. And while the successful Building on Tradition Campaign has raised \$1.7 million of the needed \$2.2 million cost of the addition, the Cathedral Parish has also secured a \$500,000 loan to allow the project to move forward. With this in mind, our Campaign continues so as to complete the repayment of this loan as quickly as possible. Stay tuned for more details about our Dedication Sunday as the date draws nearer.

## Lost and Found

It is that time of year again and our Lost and Found is over flowing. Please see Ms. Wendi to claim missing items. These items will be donated after the Christmas holidays. Please remember to label clothes and lunch bags!

## 2011 Panther Run

Thank you to Don and Nancy Clements, our Panther Run Sponsors and all the runners who participated in the 2011 Panther Run. It was a great success! We have a few extra black long sleeved Panther Run sweatshirts available in youth medium and youth large sizes. The cost is \$20. If you would like to purchase a sweatshirt, please contact Samantha Hebert at 802-6877.

## Greenery

A new shipment of greenery has arrived, and it is going fast! We still have a few western cedar garlands, 22 inch mixed evergreen wreaths, and pine cones left. You can come by the school to purchase the greenery. You may also call Julie McCall at 526-4946 for more information.

## School Calendar:

Advent Blessing (1B) 8:00 am Gym	Wednesday, December 14th
Advent Blessing (KA and KB) 8:00 am Gym	Monday, December 19th
Middle School Country and Western Line Dancing Exhibition 12:00—12:45pm Gym	
Christmas Music Program 12:30—2:00 pm Gym Christmas Parties 2:00—3:00 pm	Tuesday, December 20th
Christmas Holidays	Wednesday, Dec. 21st— Monday, Jan. 2nd
January Birthday Mass 8:30 am     Gym	Friday, January 6th
Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday NO SCHOOL	Monday, January 16th



*Wear Love!*



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### ICCS Bell Choir

'Tis the season to hear bells ringing. Students from the ICCS Bell Choir are playing bells with the Cathedral Mass Choir on the Sundays of Advent during the 9:30 am Mass. Thank you Thomas Odenheimer, Meryl Henry, Annemarie Ryan, Sydney Wilder and Clara Lang for your music ministry. The Bell Choir will also be playing for our Advent paralogies and Christmas Concert. Other students in the choir are Brandon White, Kyle Griffith, Dean Riviere, Elle Clement, and Cameron LaVan.

### St. Louis Registration

Registration packets for St. Louis went home this week with 8th graders. Registration will be held January 9th—January 13th for support schools. The mandatory Placement Test will be on Saturday, February 11, 2012.

### St. Nicholas Center Donation

At sixth graders Savannah Morgan and Savannah Greenlee's, birthday dance in August, in lieu of gifts, the girls asked for contributions to St. Nicholas Center. They made a very generous donation of \$1,025!

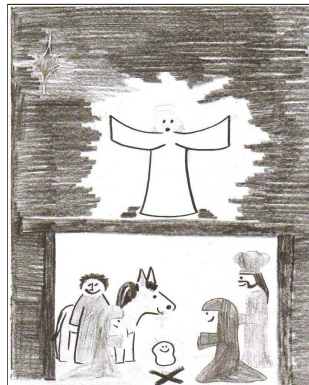


### Strides for St. Nicholas

The St. Nicholas Center for Early Intervention will hold its 4th Annual 5K Run and 1 Mile Resolution Run on Saturday, December 31. Registration will begin at 7:30am with the race starting at 8:00am from the ICCS Parking Lot. Forms are in the front office.

### Christmas Card Service Project

The Lake Charles City Hall Museum is currently hosting a Handmade Christmas Card Workshop through December 22nd. ICCS Middle School Students participated in this event as a service project. Their Christmas cards will be distributed to area nursing home residents through the Calcasieu Council on Aging Ombudsman Program.



### St. Margaret 2012 Chess Tournament

Saturday, January 7th  
Registration will begin at 9am. Entry forms are available in the front office or email [jreeves@STMCS.com](mailto:jreeves@STMCS.com) for more information. This is an individual event.

### 2011 Panther Basketball Home Schedule

#### December 8th

4:30pm ICCS 7th Girls vs OLQH  
7:30 pm ICCS 8th Girls vs EDS

#### December 10th

9am ICCS 5th Girls vs EDS  
10am ICCS 5th Boys R vs EDS  
11am ICCS 6th Girls vs OLQH  
12pm ICCS 6th Boys B vs OLQH  
1pm ICCS 6th Boys R vs EDS

#### December 12th

4:30pm ICCS 7th Girls vs OLS  
6:30pm ICCS 8th Girls vs OLS  
7:30pm ICCS Boys vs SH

### Black and White and Red All Over 2012 Auction

Auction plans are already underway! The Theme Basket Committee is working on new ideas. While you are out and about Christmas shopping please consider picking up an item for your class theme basket. For more information about Theme Baskets call Amy Tyler, 794-9303 or Jennifer Avery at 274-5989.

### Character Education

*Our character trait for December is "Speak Kindly"*

It sounds so simple - to speak kindly. Yet every day, we are confronted with situations where we lose our temper, or do not pay attention to how our words might be perceived. Just like our actions, words have the power to build up or break down, to hurt or to heal.

