



## From the Desk of Mrs. McDermott 12/07/11

### Dear Parents/Guardians

If you have been in the building this week, hopefully you noticed the freshly painted lunchroom, kitchen, faculty room, and principal's office. Over 50 volunteers from Big Shoulders came on Saturday morning and worked very hard to help us clean and paint the school building. We are extremely grateful for their continued support and dedication to the St. Bruno school community.

### Honor Roll/Perfect Attendance/Citizenship Awards

Tomorrow after 9:30 a.m. Mass, we will recognize those students who have earned a place on the Honor Roll. Those students who have had perfect attendance (no tardies, early dismissal, or absent days) will also receive a certificate. Select students will receive Citizenship Awards for acts of kindness and good neighborly behavior.

### Extended Day

Please note that all students must be picked up no later than 6:00pm. We understand that emergencies can happen, but when they do, **you must** make a phone call to inform Ms. Jean that you are running late. Parents who continue to pick up their child/ren after 6:00pm will be charged \$5.00 per each minute that they are over the closing time of 6:00pm. and may face exclusion from the program.

### After School Clubs

Please note that most clubs finished this week. Club Penguin has one more class. Harry Potter has two more classes left. New classes will start towards the end of January.

### Box Tops

Wow! Last year we raised \$300 in total from collecting Box Tops. So far, in one month we have raised \$106.10, not including those submitted online. This is a great accomplishment! Keep the Box Tops coming in each month or complete some of the activities online to earn more points. Here are the amounts sent in from each class: PreK 3 – 100, PreK 4 – 64, K – 194, 1<sup>st</sup> – 301, 2<sup>nd</sup> (201) – 112, 2<sup>nd</sup> (206) – 75, 3<sup>rd</sup> -35, 4<sup>th</sup> – 32, 5<sup>th</sup> – 0, 6<sup>th</sup> – 138, 7<sup>th</sup> – 10, 8<sup>th</sup> – 0. Congratulations to the 1<sup>st</sup> graders who collected the most Box Tops. They have won a milk and munchkin breakfast.

### Sports Notes

Unfortunately, the minimum requirement for sweatshirts was not met, therefore Sports could not place the order. All checks and cash refunds can be picked up from the office.

### Santa Brunch

FSA will host brunch with Santa this coming Saturday, Dec 10 at 10:00am – 4:00pm. You can stop by for brunch or lunch, visit with Santa, and work on some crafts. All family and friends are invited!

### FSA News

If you ordered candles in FSA's recent fundraiser, they are available for pick up on Thursday and Friday morning. Please email FSA if these days don't suit your schedule. Thank you again for supporting this fundraiser.

FSA is sponsoring a Free Movie Night on December 13. If you have not already done so, please complete and return the permission slip.

FSA are looking for gently used uniform pieces. If you have any that no longer fit your child/ren, please send them to the office. If there are enough uniform pieces, FSA will hold a resale during Brunch with Santa on Saturday, December 10.

## **Madrinas Group**

Thank you to those parents who have already signed up to help form a "Madrina" group within the school. I will be contacting you with more information etc. after next week's School Board meeting. Also, if any other parents are interested, please let me know.

## **Tips for Internet Safety**

It is extremely important that our students' computer use at home is supervised and/or monitored at all times. Students in all grades talk among themselves about the websites they visit at home, the games they play, and the things they see. Often this is not appropriate for their viewing let alone to talk about with another student. Below are some parental tips and guidance for internet safety.

- Clear, simple, easy-to-read house rules should be posted on or near the monitor. Create your own computer rules.
- Look into safeguarding programs or options your online service provider might offer. These may include monitoring or filtering capabilities.
- Always read a website's privacy policy before giving any personal information. Also make sure that a website offers a secure connection before giving credit card information.
- Websites for children are not permitted to request personal information without a parent's permission. Talk to children about what personal information is and why you should never give it to people online.
- If children use chat or e-mail, talk to them about never meeting in person with anyone they first "met" online.
- Talk to children about not responding to offensive or dangerous e-mail, chat, or other communications. Report any such communication to local law enforcement. Do not delete the offensive or dangerous e-mail; turn off the monitor, and contact local law enforcement.
- Keep the computer in the family room or another open area of your home.
- Get informed about computers and the Internet.
- Let children show you what they can do online, and visit their favorite sites.
- Have children use child-friendly search engines when completing homework.
- Know who children are exchanging e-mail with, and only let them use chat areas when you can supervise. Limiting chatroom access to child-friendly chat sites.
- Be aware of any other computers your child may be using.
- Internet accounts should be in the parent's name with parents having the primary screen name, controlling passwords, and using blocking and/or filtering devices.
- Children should not complete a profile for a service provider and children's screen names should be nondescript so as not to identify that the user is a child.
- Talk to children about what to do if they see something that makes them feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused. Show them how to turn off the monitor and emphasize that it's not their fault if they see something upsetting. Remind children to tell a trusted adult if they see something that bothers them online.

## **Regards**

**Katrina McDermott**

### **Upcoming Dates:**

Thurs Dec 8 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception – 9:30 a.m. Mass

Mon. Dec 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass 8:00a.m.

Tues. Dec 13 – FSA sponsored Movie Night 6 – 8:30pm, School Board 6:30pm

Thurs. Dec 15 – Christmas Pageant

