



From the Desk of Mrs. McDermott
02/23/11

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you to PreK 4, 4th, 8th grade teachers and students for preparing Sunday's Family Mass. We would like to see all the students responsible for the Family Mass attending – we are a Catholic School and should be celebrating if not weekly, at least at the Family Masses.

In today's envelopes you will find the 2011/2012 Tuition Contract. Please read through the letter explaining the changes and the contract carefully. If you have any questions, call or email me at kmcdermott@stbruno.com. Contracts with the \$100 registration fee are due back by April 1. After April 1, we can no longer guarantee your place. Again, this is especially important for incoming PreK, 2nd, 3rd, and 6th grade classes.

TerraNova

Next week our students in grades 2-7 will take the TerraNova tests. Title I students in 1st grade will also take the test. The TerraNova assesses students' knowledge level in Reading, Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies. The students will also take an INView or IQ test. The most important things that you can do for your child/ren are: make sure they get a great night's sleep, have a healthy breakfast, bring in a healthy snack each day of testing, make sure they have two #2 pencils, and give them positive encouragement before and after school.

Kaboom Playground

Please continue to send in the Valentine Pledges. The due date was yesterday. When we initially shared the news with you about the playground and what fundraising would be necessary, we anticipated about \$80 from each family. Through the poinsettia sale, the book sale, and parents/teachers working a Home Run Inn booth at the Taste of Chicago as well as our Alumni donations, we were able to cut this down to approximately \$40 per family. Many of you have really helped out with the dance-a-thon, some of you have not. Yes, this fundraising is not mandatory, but it is needed in order to fulfill our students' dream of having a playground. I am asking that you all really try to sell those 4 Hoops Mania tickets that went home two weeks ago. It is a sweepstakes, and it is confusing, but the company figures out who wins. PLEASE participate. PLEASE send in the completed ticket stubs with the \$40 a.s.a.p. If any of you can sell more, we have extra in the office. We do not want to have to run another fundraiser.

Vision and Dental Exams

All Vision and Dental exams/forms are due in the office by Tuesday, March 1. Students in Grades K, 2, and 6 are required to have a dental exam. Students in Kindergarten and all new students in grades 1 – 8 are required to have an eye examination.

If your child failed the school vision test they need to take a second one. If you have the results of the second test, please send them in to the office.

Holy Communion Meeting

The first mandatory meeting for the parents of 3rd graders who are receiving the Sacrament will be tomorrow evening Thursday, Feb 24 at 7p.m. in the school lunchroom.

Zumba for Adults

The Zumba class will start tomorrow evening Thursday, Feb 24 at 6p.m. in the St. Joseph Room. Please make sure all registration forms and payments are turned into the office before the class starts. The total cost is \$35. Wear something comfortable.

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St. Joseph Table

Please support this Parish Fundraiser. Tickets are \$10 per person, \$5 per child (5 and under are free) and are available through the school office or the Rectory Office. The rectory staff has received some phone calls about purchasing tickets for the St. Joseph Table and mandatory fundraising. Per this year's tuition contract the purchase of raffle tickets for the St. Joseph table will not count towards the mandatory \$450 fundraising fee.

Regards,

Katrina McDermott

Upcoming Dates: Thurs. Feb 24 – Holy Communion Meeting, Mon. Feb 28 – March 4 TerraNova Testing, Thurs. March 3 – Reconciliation Meeting, Friday March 4 – Report Cards go home