



St. Joseph School

Weekly Newsletter November 17, 2005

A Note From Staff Sergeant Mark Martinez to The St. Joseph Community

I would like to take this time to thank everyone for your support and prayers for my squad and the 168 Marines who deployed from Fox Company. Through God's graces we brought home every man we left with. During our six months in Iraq we traveled over 230,000 miles, escorted over 10,000 military and civilian convoy vehicles and transported over 3,000 detainees. Our constant vigilance, training and dedication to each other brought us through a dozen IDE attacks with only one minor injury and no unavoidable loss of life, friend or foe. We are all home, safe and happily reunited with our families. Your thoughtful letters and care packages were moral multipliers that we waited for at mail call. There is however still a need for your prayers as reunions are not all joyful. There have been numerous engagements called off and two marriages are now on the rocks. The sacrifice servicemen make for freedom are great and lasting; but we bear them with pride and ask nothing more in return than remembrance. On a personal note, the individual help given to my family during Aubrey's pregnancy can't be calculated. And in true returning warrior fashion, Aubrey and I just learned that we will be adding a new addition to our family.

Semper Fidelis
Staff Sergeant Mark Martinez

Our Hearts Desire– Auction 2006 February 11, 2005

Thank you, thank you, thank you!! The procurement and sponsorship phase is finally complete. We have many great items available and we can't wait to reveal them to everyone. A special Thank You goes to Kathy Hui and Maggie Johnson (and their team) for their tireless efforts the past few months. You are absolutely amazing!

Fund –An-item this year will benefit a COMMUNICATIONS systems, which will include a newly installed intercom, synchronized bells and clocks and lock down features at both Issaquah and Snoqualmie. What a great opportunity to unify and protect our children.

Our Invitations Chair is still in need of Michael's & JoAnn's coupons for supplies. Anyone willing to donate their coupons for the next couple of weeks can place them in the Auction mailbox or hand them directly to Elaine Hayden. Thank you for helping us save lots of money on paper and adhesive.

A Charming Little Company has offered to create St. Joseph bracelets for the night of the auction. The bracelets are made with a sterling silver chain and charms with authentic Swarovski crystals. The cost of the bracelet is \$100 with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the auction. If you would like to purchase one of these beautiful bracelets, please contact Michele McDiarmid by February 1, 2006.

Thanksgiving Week Schedule For Issaquah & Snoqualmie Campus All Grades

- Monday-November 21-Early Dismissal-K thru 8 AM K meets. Regular Schedule for Pre-school
- Tuesday-November 22-Early Dismissal-K thru 8. PM K meets in the morning. Regular Schedule for Pre-school
- Wednesday-November 23-No School- Pre-K thru 8 Regular Schedule for Pre-4
- Thursday-November 24-No School
- Friday-November 25-No School

Thank You From Mrs. Policar

Dear St. Joseph Families,

I was overwhelmed at the outpouring of your loving thoughts and wishes for me at the "Goodbye" party last Friday night. I humbly thank you for the very generous gifts. My favorite being the Recorder Karate Master trophy!

My eight years at St. Josephs were trying, building and life giving years, as I gained spiritual knowledge through teaching and got to know the students' loving spirits. I miss the children every day. They are talented and highly capable and love to share those gifts with all of you. Do not underestimate their abilities. Watch them as they grow and marvel at the wondrous gift God has graciously given you in them!

I will still be around to enjoy the fruits of their labors at their programs and masses.

Thank you again for the wonderful opportunity! God bless us all and God bless St. Joseph School and Parish.

In His Love,
Connie Policar

Issaquah Book Fair Results Are In

We had a fantastic book fair this year, resulting in over \$4,200 in **profits** taken in books and resource catalog items. Many of the books are already in the classrooms. Thanks so much to all who purchased books from the fair, and a special thanks to all the super and FLEXIBLE volunteers who made the fair happen! Regards, Maralea Binz

Important Dates to Remember

Conference Week: Mon, Tues, Wed., **November 21, 22, 23**

Thanksgiving Holiday: **Thursday, Nov 24 & Friday Nov 25**

WEEKLY EVENTS:

Moms In Touch-Issaquah: Monday from 9:00 to 10:00 am

Moms In Touch-Snoqualmie: Monday from 1:50 to 2:50 pm

Chess Club-Snoqualmie: Thursdays from 7:55 am

Chess Club-Issaquah: Fridays from 8:20 to 8:50 am

Issaquah School Office: 425-313-9129
Snoqualmie School Office: 425-888-9130
Parish Office (Emergency Use Only): 425-392-5516

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FOOD DRIVE FOR NOVEMBER



We're collecting food during the month of November. Food from Issaquah will go to the Issaquah Food Bank. Food collected in Snoqualmie will go to Snoqualmie Valley Respectful Giving Program.

Please send non-perishable items with your student. There will be collection boxes in each classroom at both campuses. Thanksgiving is just around the corner and the need is great. Thanks for your help!

Issaquah Lost and Found

Colder weather means coats and sweaters — which often get taken off and left behind at recess! The lost and found bin in Issaquah is overflowing — if you are missing a coat or sweater, stop in to find yours.

Mark your student's clothing! Please be sure to mark your student's clothing items! All the items in our lost and found have no names! A good place to mark sweatshirts and sweaters is on the interfacing that backs the logo.



Snoqualmie Campus Lost & Found

The Lost & Found in Snoqualmie will be in the front hall next week. Anything not retrieved will be delivered to the clothes bank at the end of November.

CYO Basketball



We still have a couple of openings on the boys 6th grade basketball team. If you (and a friend) are interested call Tom George at 425-392-4516 or Dick Amidei @ 425-313-9901.

Grateful?

Let the pie baking wait and come celebrate your blessings from the Lord. St. Joseph Parish is hosting an ecumenical service at 7:00 pm Wednesday, November 23, 2005 at St. Joseph Church. All denominations are invited and welcomed. Contact Sara Wilson, church secretary @ 425-392-5516 if you can help bring cookies and sweets for hospitality following. Blessings to all.



The school office will be closed Nov.23,24 & 25

AUCTION CLASS CHALLENGE WINNERS

Yeah! We are happy to announce the winners of the First Annual Class Challenge

Super First Place

Mrs. Waldo's first Grade!

They were the first class to reach 100%

First Runner-up award

Ms. Baldasty's AM Kindergarten

Class reached 100% by November 2

Snoqualmie Campus Award

Ms. Jones's 6th Grade

Snoqualmie Class having the highest % of

Forms turned in by November 2

Preschool Award

Mrs. Shikany's 3's class

Preschool Class having the highest % of

Forms turned in by November 2

Thank you to all the parents who worked so very hard to help make their classes such great winners. We couldn't have done it without you!!!

The Procurement Team

Christmas Craft & Vintage Treasures Sale

Mark your calendars, St. Joseph youth are sponsoring a Christmas bazaar on Friday, December 9 & Saturday, December 10 in the church hall. All parishioners and school families are invited to a private sale on Friday, December 9 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Vendors include some of our very own talented parish artisans. A select group of vintage items will be available as well. If you are or



know of an artisan who would like to buy a table, contact Monica Hart @ 425-557-7918 or monica-hart@comcast.net.

Absence Reporting

Please report to the school office when your child is home sick. If the family is traveling, please notify the teacher & school office in advance. For your child's safety please keep us informed. Thank you!

Happy Thanksgiving To All Our Families

Thanksgiving is a day to give thanks for our gifts from above with hearts full of happiness, true joy & love. May your home be blessed, your love be rewarded, and your lives be enriched by him to whom we give thanks for all we have.



May you be blessed abundantly this Thanksgiving by our Father in Heaven.

God Bless You All!

From the staff of St. Joseph School

