



OUR LADY
STAR OF THE SEA
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



REECE'S PIECES
#12 – November 14, 2008

MISSION STATEMENT

Each student and staff member brings to our school unique talents and abilities which nurture spiritual, academic, emotional, social, and physical development. Living as responsible citizens, we know Christ is ever-present. He is the model and inspiration for our faith community.

THANK YOU!

Thanks, parents, for your support of our 2008 Scholastic Book Fair. As usual, our Library staff did a marvelous job coordinating the event! Special thanks, also, to all parents who worked at the Fair. Your assistance was greatly appreciated! There were so many wonderful books available for purchase. I hope your family is enjoying some of those! Proceeds do support our Library program and I'll be happy to share that information with you as soon as the final accounting has been completed. ***Thank you, one and all!***

THANK YOU, GIRL SCOUTS!

A very delicious and enjoyable breakfast was provided for our faculty and staff by the Girl Scouts very early in the morning yesterday. It was a wonderful treat and we are all very grateful to you! If there is a BREAKFAST BADGE, you all earned it!!



BAGEL ORDER FORMS FOR OUR FIRST BAGEL SALE WERE SENT HOME YESTERDAY (THURSDAY) AND ARE DUE BACK ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

We look forward to our November 20th Bagel Sale which will begin right after morning prayers.

AN EXCITING ASSEMBLY COMING TO STAR OF THE SEA!!

Please be sure to read the attached **PRESS RELEASE** regarding next Thursday's visit and performance by Britney Christian. This opportunity came upon us very quickly and we are fortunate to be one of only a few Michigan schools to be given this opportunity through the kindness and generosity of Mr. Gary Davis from Prairie Farms, our school's milk supplier. We are all very excited and grateful for this opportunity.

Ms. Christian will also present 50 autographed CD's to our school AND one student from each homeroom (Kindergarten through Grade 8) will be randomly selected to get an inside look

at the official tour bus. Those names will be drawn on MONDAY and parents will be notified if their son/daughter was selected.

AUCTION 2009: HELP US MAKE OUR GARDEN GROW!

The countdown to Auction 2009 has officially begun. In only four months, the festivities will begin as we welcome Spring at Star's Spring Fling and only one week later, as we gather in the Starlit Garden. The auction committees have been hard at work, but now need your help to make this year's auction a successful one! Item and cash donation forms are available in the school office or online at www.olsos.org/school. If you have any questions or need suggestions on what to donate, please contact the Auction office at 313-884-3835. Please remember, all Auction funds are used directly in our classrooms to benefit each one of our children. Without these funds, it would be impossible to keep tuition affordable. Worthwhile programs and advancements would be fewer or possibly eliminated. *Did you know that the Auction proceeds are a budgeted income item?* Our school's operations depend upon it. We ask that you keep in mind the reason we are all here and that each Star student is the ultimate beneficiary of our generosity as we all help make the Auction a huge success! ***Please unite with the Auction committee members to help us bring the best to our children.***



KROGER KASH!!

Kroger cards are still available for family members and friends to also become involved with this easy fundraising opportunity for our school. *Thanks for all you are doing to support the program!* It is going very well, so far, and the more families regularly loading their Kroger cards, the more our **Star Parent Association** receives to assist their many efforts in support of the school!

Kroger cards will be available after the 9:30 mass this week-end and after masses the following week-end, as well. ***Great job, everyone!***



MEN'S CLUB - FIXIN BREAKFAST!

Support the Star of the Sea Men's Club and their good work throughout the year by bringing the family out to the **16th Annual Pancake Breakfast** this **Sunday, November 16th between 8:00 A.M. and Noon.** *You can't beat the deal they are offering and can feed the entire family for only \$8.00. **Support the Men's Club and enjoy someone else doing the cooking!***

STAY WARM!

It's that time of year when we need to remind all students (and parents) that **hats, gloves, scarves, winter coats, boots, etc.**, are going to be needed most days from this point forward. Students do go outside for recess most winter days and we want them to be able to enjoy their time outside because they have come well prepared. **Thanks for your help!**

ATTENTION ALL ALTAR SERVERS

The server's schedule packet for DECEMBER, JANUARY, and FEBRUARY was emailed this week. **Please call Mrs. Cleland if you did not receive the email** (pgcleland@yahoo.com).

Since this is the first time the schedules have been sent this way, Mrs. Cleland wants to be sure all have received it.



FA LA LA LA LA, LA LA LA LA!!

Only 24 days until we'll be decking the halls for this year's Christmas Music program, scheduled for **7:00 P.M. on December 10th, NOT December 17th.**

Looking forward to an enjoyable evening of holiday music!



ALL SCHOOL MASS

Thank you, 8th grade, and Mr. Ignagni, for leading us at mass this morning and for the special tribute to all Veterans.

Well done! Join us next **FRIDAY, November 21**, as the 6th graders plan and lead the 8:30 mass. *We love to see many STAR parents in attendance!*



AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE S.P.A.

The 2nd meeting of **S.P.A.** was attended by a few more parents than the first meeting. Those parents assembled together were full of wonderfully creative ideas and enthusiasm and ready to rise to the challenge of a \$30,000 2008/2009 fundraising income budget which has been requested of **S.P.A.**

I am very confident that our Star Parent Association will do all it possibly can to plan events which will help them attain the goal. **Continuing to increase the number of Star parents actively participating in S.P.A. is extremely important. I ask all Star parents to respond to S.P.A.'s requests for assistance throughout the school year.**

The next meeting has been scheduled for **JANUARY 13th**, rather than the 6th. I hope we fill the room with dozens of enthusiastic parents ready to become actively involved in the good work of our parent association.

DISMISSAL TIME!

- Please remember that students really do need to be picked up by 3:30 P.M.
- **Students who are still here after 3:30 or even later really MUST go to Latch-key (Kids' Club) for safety reasons.**



LOOKING AHEAD!

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| Sat. 15 | O.L.S.O.S. Christian Service Charity Event in A/B Rooms |
| Sun. 16 | PANCAKE BREAKFAST |
| Mon. 17 | <i>Feast of St. Elizabeth of Hungary</i> |
| Tues. 18 | Student of the Month Assembly – 8:30 A.M.
Britney Christian assembly – 10:00 A.M.
Faculty Prayer 7:25 AM
6th grade D.A.R.E.
N.J.H.S. Tutoring - 3:20-4:00 in Library |
| Wed. 19 | N.J.H.S. Spirit wear day \$1.00 – per student |
| Thur. 20 | BAGEL SALE – after morning prayers 10 A.M. – Britney Christian
N.J.H.S. Tutoring – 3:20-4:00 in Library |

Fun with Panda – 3:20

Fri. 21 8:30 A.M. All-school MASS planned by Gr. 6



WRAPPING UP

I actually had the chance to go on a field trip this week with the 4th grade and really enjoyed my time listening to the DSO. The highlight, of course, was the theme from Indiana Jones! Every once in a while I get a chance to tag along and really enjoyed the time with the 4th grade.

Let's remember to keep others in our prayers as we approach the holidays, and if possible, think of ways to help make the holidays a little more enjoyable for those less fortunate than ourselves. Poverty comes in many forms – not only financial. Let's remember those who are spiritually or emotionally in need. Let us remember those who are lonely and in need of companionship and attention. Let us remember those in need of healing. Sometimes, the days become so busy at this time of year that the season comes and goes without ever really having had the time to make someone else's life a little happier or a little less difficult.

Despite our own difficult times, we are blessed with one another and with many opportunities. I am certainly grateful for all of you and all you do to ensure a quality, Christ-centered educational experience at Star of the Sea. May Our Lady shine brightly in your lives throughout this joy-filled season!

May God bless your family and God bless Our Lady Star of the Sea!
Have a great week-end! Mr. Reece