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SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL

From the Principal's Desk

2009

Dear Parents/Caregivers:

I hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Blessed and Happy 2009. We celebrated Catholic Schools Week with the theme being "Celebrate Service". Our students were involved in many service projects throughout the year such as; Thanksgiving Food Drive, Mitten Tree Donations at Christmas, the Toy Drive, Hats on Day fundraiser for children with cancer, Breast Cancer Walk-a-thon, Halloween Visit by the Pre-K and Kindergarten students to Cusack Care Center. As you see, our students truly celebrate service throughout the school year.

Again, this school year we have added some new programs to our curriculum. We began Foreign Language – Spanish classes for Kindergarten to Grade 8. I thank Mrs. Migdalia Valencia for her great work in initiating this program. Our computer lab has been reorganized and we are due to receive seven new computers very soon. We were also fortunate to receive a grant from the Provident Bank to partially offset the cost of a new program, through Learning.com, for all students. Through this program, each student will be able to improve their skills in many subject areas. I know our students will truly benefit from this new computer program.

Our teachers and staff are busily preparing for our Middle States Reevaluation, which will take place in the fall of 2009. Please continue to pray for us as we go through this challenging process.

I thank our Home School Association Executive Board for all of their hard work during the year so far. The Halloween Party, Santa Sale and other fundraisers have been very successful. We are looking forward to our Tricky Tray fundraiser which is scheduled for Friday, May 15th. We would appreciate your help with soliciting gifts, wrapping prizes and many other jobs that are necessary for this important fundraiser. We would really appreciate any help you can give the Executive Board with the Tricky Tray.

Reminder, if you have not registered with the Honeywell Instant Alert System, please do so as soon as possible. This system has been working very well so far this year, so please take advantage of it.

Again, my thoughts and blessings are with all of you during this new year of 2009.

God Bless You,
John Richards
Principal