

Cathedral School Review

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Lost

Have you ever gotten lost? How about when you were a child? Fr. Bob told us about a time when he got lost in a store.

He couldn't find his mother anywhere. As he searched the aisles and departments, he became steadily more scared. Finally, he couldn't take it any more. He stopped in the middle of the store and bellowed "Mom!"

Immediately, she responded, "I'm over here." Even though, the young Fr. Bob had lost sight of his mom, she had been able to keep tabs on him the entire time. Now, he still didn't quite know where "here" was. So, he continued to move through the store, shouting "Mom!" Eventually, as she continued to tell him that she was "over here," he found her. Hoorah!

In the same way, we feel as if we've gotten separated from God—that we're lost. But, even though we may not be able to see Him or hear Him, He's always right nearby, ready to draw us closer to Him. All we need to do is to call out and ask for His help. Our Heavenly Father always stands ready to guide us home to Him and to tell us, "I love you!"

In Other News...

Mass Schedule

March 12—planned by 1st Grade

March 19—planned by 6th Grade

We would like to invite you to celebrate the Mass with your child and his or her class on Wednesdays at 8:45 a.m. Grandparents, other relatives, and friends are also welcome. Hope to see you there!

Library Schedule

March 13—Grades K, 1, & 2

March 20—Grades 3 & 4

First Lady Salutes Catholic Schools

The March 2008 NCEA Notes newsletter included the following article:

This year marked the 34th annual Catholic Schools Week

and, while that date is not a benchmark year, it certainly is one that will go down in the annals of the event.

That is because First Lady Laura Bush made a special visit to Holy Redeemer Catholic School in Washington, D.C., and told a small assembly of students, parents and other supporters that Catholic Schools Week is "the perfect time to recognize the contributions that Catholic schools make to

students all across our country."

Mrs. Bush continued, "Today, 99 percent of Catholic-school students graduate from high school—and 97 percent go on to college. That's an unbelievable record...[and] not only do Catholic educators develop young minds, but they also prepare children for lives of compassion and service."

In short, Mrs. Bush salutes the

“unbelievable record” of Catholic schools nationwide.

That’s high praise, and exciting news! Thanks be to God!

Mardi Gras Totals

Once again, we had a record-setting year for our Mardi Gras Dinner and Auction! The totals are listed below:

Income

| | |
|---------------------|---------------------------|
| \$ 180.00 | Game: Balloon |
| \$ 266.00 | Game: Lucky Buck |
| \$ 980.00 | Game: Survivor |
| \$ 845.00 | Game: Reverse Bingo |
| \$ 525.00 | Game: 50/50 |
| \$ 730.00 | Game: Deal/No Deal |
| \$ 14,732.00 | Auction – Silent and Live |
| \$ 4,085.00 | Cash Donations |
| \$ 325.00 | Dinners |
| \$ 9,334.50 | Ticket |
| <u>\$ 31,677.50</u> | |

Expenses

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|-------------|---------------------|
| \$ 150.00 | Advertising |
| \$ 308.74 | Supplies/Decorating |
| \$ 2,361.09 | Grocery |
| \$ 438.00 | Linens |
| \$ 17.98 | Balloons |

Expenses (continued)

\$ 449.15 Beverages
\$ 3,724.96

\$ 27,952.54 Net Profit

As a quick point of comparison, we netted \$24,722.53 in last year’s Mardi Gras. Thank you to the many people who donated time, money, materials, auction items, and creative energies. Your help is very much appreciated, and has contributed to our success. In addition, we praise and thank Almighty God for His many blessings!

PACE Officers Needed

We will have several officer positions opening up in PACE for the 2008-2009 school year. Next year, we will be looking for a new President, Vice-president, and Secretary. Please prayerfully consider donating some of your time and energy to one of these valuable and rewarding positions. Thank you!

God’s Blessings on Your Birthday

Joey Bushaw, Grade 1—March 9

Emmanuel Mello, Grade 5—
March 6

Jonathan Miller, Grade 5—
March 8

Lexi Wilkins, Kindergarten—
March 11

Fundraising Opportunities

Each week, we will highlight a different on-going fundraiser. This week, we will take

a closer look at Box Tops.

At the top of many boxed food products, you can find a “Box Top” label. If you just cut out this small label and send it in to the school, we can earn a surprising amount of money! You can watch for the following types of products that carry the Box Top label: cereal, baking, baby & child care, paper plates, meals, frozen food, disposable tableware, snacks, storage bags, refrigerated food.

In addition to these products, there are many other ways to earn Box Top credit for Cathedral School! You can also shop online at a wide variety of stores, including JC Penney and Land’s End.

The brands are too numerous to list here! For more information, you can go online to <http://www.boxtops4education.com>. Or, you can visit the school office.

We thank you for your support. God bless!

Here are some fundraisers that help Cathedral School:

- Campbell’s Soup Labels
- Box Tops for Education
- Ink Doctor—\$154.90, so far this year
- Our Family Labels—\$950, so far this year!
- Target Card—\$225.94, so far this year
- Pop Tops

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School Board Corner

The Cathedral School Board’s meeting will be on Wednesday, March 12th at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

In the upcoming meeting, we will finish updating the board’s by-laws, discuss long-range planning for the school (including discussion of a possible expansion of the school), and consider other new policy questions.