

Cathedral School Review

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Getting Ready

This week at Mass, Deacon Denny talked to us about getting ready for Christmas. First, he asked what Christmas was all about. The students answered that it was all about Jesus' birthday, about His birth. Then, he asked what would be some good things to do, in order to get ourselves ready for Jesus' coming. The responses were many and varied. They included answers like "confess our sins and

ask forgiveness," and "love one another," and "share things with others."

Not one of them had to do with decorating, baking, hosting, driving, buying, wrapping, or any of the other many secular things that we get caught up in, so often. The wisdom of children!

That isn't to say that baking goodies or buying a present for someone is bad. But, when we forget why we're *really* doing it, then it becomes bad, because it separates us from Jesus.

So, in this Advent season, we have a great opportunity to enjoy the real "reason for the season" - Jesus Christ, our Lord and God, our Savior and our King!

In Other News...

Mass Schedule

January 7—planned by the teachers

January 14—planned by 3rd 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

January 6—Grades 5 & 6

January 13—Grades K, 1, & 2

No School

We will not have any school from Monday, December 22, 2008 through Friday, Janu-

ary 2, 2009, in observance of Christmas, as well as the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. The school office will also be closed during this time. School will resume on Monday, January 5, 2009. Have a safe and blessed Christmas, and a happy new year!

Toys for Tots

We are coming to the end of our Toys for Tots

drive. Friday will be our last drawing. So, if you are able, please bring in a donation to this worthy cause, providing toys for those children who otherwise wouldn't be able to receive one. For every \$0.25 one of our students brings in, they will have their name entered into a drawing for a special prize. If you have any questions, please call the school office. Thank you, in advance, for your kind

generosity!

Congratulations!

We have reached our goal in the Walk to Win program, and have won \$500 for our physical education program. Thank you for your assistance to make this happen!

Baskets for Mardi Gras

As we look ahead to our upcoming Mardi Gras Dinner and Auction, we'd like to remind you to pick up some items for your child's classroom basket. Kindergarten and 6th Grade are putting together a Primary Aged (K-3) Basket, 1st Grade is assembling a Christmas/Winter Basket, 2nd Grade is compiling a Fall Basket, 3rd Grade is getting a 4th of July/Summer Basket together, 4th Grade is working on an Intermediate Aged (Gr. 4-6) Basket, and the 5th Grade is getting a Sports Basket ready for the Auction. If you have any questions, please

call the school office (281-1835) or Janel Kresl (281-1580). Thank you for your help and support!

Snowmobile Safety Training

You and your child have the opportunity to learn more about snowmobile safety on January 5, 6, 8, and 10, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the National Guard Armory. Participants must be 12 years of age or older. Children need to bring their parent or guardian with them for registration. For more information, please contact Mike Boucher (281-3419) or Les Knaack (281-1797).

God's Blessings on Your Belated Birthday

Alex MacGregor, Grade 5—
December 15

Fundraising Opportunities

Each week, we will highlight a different on-going fundraiser. This week, we will take a closer look at the Campbell's Soup Labels.

There are actually many different brands that will work—not just Campbell's soup products! Other products that work include Spaghetti O's, Pepperidge Farm, V8, Franco-American, Swanson, Market Day, and Prego.

When you clip the label to send in, just make sure that it contains both the UPC code and the point value. Two ex-

amples are shown below:



Example of a 1-point label



Example of a 5-point label

If you'd like more information, you can stop by the school office for a handout, or look at <http://www.labelsforeducation.com>.

Then, just drop off the labels in the school office. It's amazing how these labels add up. We thank you for your support. God bless!

Here are some other fundraisers that help Cathedral School:

- Campbell's Soup Labels
- Box Tops for Education
- Ink Doctor
- Our Family Labels
- Target Card
- Happy Joe's
- Giving Tree
- Pop Tops

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School Advisory Council Update

In past issues, we've mentioned the School Advisory Council's new sub-committee structure. One of these sub-committees is the Recruitment and Marketing Committee. This group helps to promote the school, develop our marketing plan, and design a variety of marketing strategies. Members of this sub-committee are Colleen MacRae and Paul Bissonette. If you have any ideas for marketing or recruitment, please let them know. Thank you!

The Cathedral School Advisory Council's next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 14th at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend!