



St. Jerome School Newsletter

Important Information

February 2010

St. Jerome Olympics

Students at St. Jerome will be participating in our very own Winter Mini-Olympics. Please see the attached handout for more details...



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Snack Program Update...

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus, Council 2748 for their donation of \$ 50.00 towards our program. Thank you also to the Knights of Columbus, Council 2748 Women's Auxiliary for their donation of \$ 50.00 as well.

Haiti Relief

During the next couple of months, our school will be collecting pennies in support of the **Haiti Relief** efforts. This collection will continue until the end of March. We will try to fill a large water jug with all of our coins.

Happy 100th

We will be celebrating the 100th Day of School on Friday, February 5th. Students will enjoy activities in their classrooms based on the concept of 100.



Family Day

There is a Holiday scheduled for Monday, February 15th. Families are encouraged to spend the day together and participate in some of your favorite winter activities. The school will be closed on this day.

Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday, February 17th at 9:00 a.m., we will be having an Ash Wednesday Celebration in the school gymnasium. Parents are welcome to attend. Please note that we will NOT be serving hot dogs on Ash Wednesday, as it is a day of fast and abstinence from meat. During Lent, we will continue to collect pennies for the Haiti Relief Fund.



Catholic School Council News...

Parents on our Catholic School Council are planning a Spaghetti Dinner Fund-raiser for Wednesday, March 10th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Please mark this date on your calendars. The food promises to be "yummy"!

Shrove Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday is the last day before Lent. There is a tradition of going to confession on this day, in preparation for Lent. Other names for this day include "Fat Tuesday" or "Pancake Tuesday", tied in with the tradition of Mardi Gras. This celebration represented the last day of feasting and fun before Lent which begins the next day on Ash Wednesday. Practically, it was a good time to finish up all the food that would be normally forbidden during Lent.



Lenten Practices

Lent is a time of reflection and prayer. It is a time of voluntary penance, choosing to join in the suffering of Jesus and bringing us closer to Him. We can choose to give up something like candy or TV, remembering each time we deny ourselves of the huge sacrifice that Jesus made for our sins.

