



NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

November 2011 Faith Family Future

Confirmation 2011

Lord, send down Your Spirit and renew the face of the earth!

May our 9th Grade Confirmation candidates

be open to the power of the Spirit

as they receive the sacrament of Confirmation

on Saturday, November 5, 2011 at 11:00am.

Many Blessings!



Confirmation 2011 Orientation

All students and their parents who have registered for the **2012 Confirmation Class** are required to attend the **Confirmation Orientation Session** on Tuesday, November 8 (English) at 6:30 or Wednesday, November 16 at 6:30 (Spanish) in the Parish Hall. Information regarding the program will be discussed and materials distributed. Please plan on attending.

Save the Dates

October 25	Rescheduled Hayride
October 28	Home and School Halloween Pizza Party
November 9	Arners Night
November 18-19-20	Christmas Festival
November 21	Picture Retake Day

Our Lady of Fatima

2nd Annual

**Wine Tasting and Specialty Beer
Evening**

Saturday, December 3, 2011



Our Lady of Fatima Christmas Festival

The Our Lady of Fatima Christmas Festival continues to grow in popularity, while retaining many of your favorite booths and activities. Please take time the weekend of November 18-19-20 to join us as we celebrate the opening of the holiday season Fatima style. Please remember to send in your volunteer forms as soon as possible. Our holiday elves are doing a lot of hard work and planning to make this Christmas Festival the best ever! A selection of homemade crafts, baked goods, candy, toys, ornaments, and great food will be available the weekend of November 18-20. Santa will be making several appearances throughout the weekend. Close to 20 crafters and vendors will be available to help with your holiday shopping.

Please contact Pat Harris at (325-2196) or olchristmasfestival@gmail.com for more information.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher conferences will be held on October 27 and 28. A conference form has been sent home and parents and guardians were asked to return it by October 21. Conferences will be scheduled and a notice sent home with the students.

Report Cards & Parent Access

The marking period will end on November 22. Parent Access will be turned off on November 14 so that the teachers will have time to prepare the report cards for distribution. Report cards will go home on Wednesday, November 30. Parent Access will be turned back on Thursday, December 1.

A Note From Mrs. Kaib, our Counselor

On the evening of November 4th, CHADD (Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorders) is sponsoring a parent workshop called "**Become a Parent Coach.**" The goal of the workshop is to introduce parents and caregivers to the concept of coaching. The presenter, Dr. Richfield, will offer kid friendly tools for self control and social skills. If you would like more information, you can e-mail CHADD directly at

greater-Newark@chadd.net.

The **YMCA** will also once again be presenting the **SELF Program** to the students during the month of November. We are grateful to our Home and School for providing the funding for this program.

Upcoming Events

November 11, 2011 No School This is our Faculty Retreat Day!

Please remember our entire faculty in your prayers!

November 18-20 Our Lady of Fatima Christmas Festival
Come and join in the celebration!

November 22 Trimester 1 Ends

November 23-24-25 Thanksgiving Break!

November 27 Advent Begins

November 30 Report cards go home

Picture Retake Day

Picture Retake day will be Monday, November 21. Students must return their pictures in order for retakes to be taken.

Any child that was absent on the original picture day will have their pictures taken.



New Roman Missal

Beginning with the first Sunday of Advent and the new liturgical year, the changes to the Roman Missal becomes reality. All families have received information on the changes and the teachers are working very hard with the students to get them ready to be active participants in the change. Fr. Etim has been into grade 5-8 and has discussed the changes with the students. Fr. Etim will also be walking the students in all grade levels through the Mass, describing in detail the changes that will occur. Our parish bulletin also has many great inserts describing the changes that we are sure you will find interesting.

The changes in the Roman Missal give us an opportunity to reflect on what we say and do at Mass. Hopefully, we will develop a greater appreciation and understanding of our Mass and for the Holy sacrifice of the Eucharist.

Parish Outreach

Our Parish Outreach Program serves the needs of many of the poor within our immediate community. Almost daily, someone knocks on the door of the rectory requesting food for their home. Our Parish Outreach, through the generous donations of the parish and school community, maintains a food closet with the basic staples of food. During the school year, our school families are asked to help fill the closet. The holidays are a particularly hard time to maintain the demand. When the requests come home, please be as generous as possible. We simply ask that you add the item to you weekly shopping cart and then send it into school. We gather our items near the Blessed Mother statue, as a reminder of Mary's concern for the poor and needy. Our Lady of Fatima Parish Outreach for your assistance in maintaining the food closet.

October 28, November 1, November 2

The school **Halloween Parade** for grades 1-4 will begin at 10:30 on Friday, October 28. Classroom celebrations will follow immediately after the parade.

On Friday, October 28 we will also celebrate **PINK DAY** in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. For \$1.00 students may add some form of PINK to their uniform. Student Council will send the proceeds to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

On November 1, the students will be attending the 8:30 **ALL SAINTS MASS**. Talk to you child about their Baptismal name. Students have been studying about the good works of the Saints.

November 2 is the **Feast of All Souls** and we remember those who have gone before us with the Day of the Dead Altar being prepared for us by members of our Hispanic community. More information on how our entire school community can participate will be sent home.



Happy Thanksgiving

*On behalf of the entire faculty and staff,
we wish everyone a very blessed
Thanksgiving.*

