



NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

January-February 2012

“IN ALL THINGS THAT GOD MAY BE GLORIFIED”

Top Reasons to Choose Catholic Schools
The Value of Catholic Education in Challenging Times
Always worth repeating NCEA gives us some good reasons for
choosing Catholic School for your children.

- ◆ Catholic tradition and academic excellence in a community grounded in a common faith;
- ◆ Educating students to serve others and develop leadership;
 - ◆ Learning with a moral purpose;
 - ◆ A high graduation rate (99%);
 - ◆ Strong preparation for further education;
 - ◆ A safe and disciplined environment;
 - ◆ A balanced curriculum including art and music;
- ◆ Exceptional faculty who help students reach their highest potential;
 - ◆ Good stewardship of resources;

High School Scholarships Announced

We extend congratulations to the following 8th grade students who have been awarded scholarships to our area Catholic schools based on their performance on the High School Placement test held in December.

Anthony Dongfack and Paul Rush received scholarship offers from St. Mark's High School. **Paul Rush** has also received scholarship offers from St. Elizabeth High School and Salesianum .

We are very proud of the accomplishments of these students and wish them great success in their high school career.

Fire Prevention Poster and Essay Contest

Our Lady of Fatima is proud to announce the success of the following students in the annual **New Castle County Fire Prevention Poster Essay Contest. At the New Castle County level:**

Kindergarten:	1 st Place	Shavon Johnson
Grade 1 :	2 nd Place	Madison Merritt
Grade 2 :	3 rd Place	Emily Malone
Grade 4 :	1 st Place	Amy Day
Grade 6:	3 rd Place	Orlando Rivera
Grade 7 :	2 nd Place	Madeline Day

All first place winners were then judged on the State level and we are pleased to announce the following winners.

State of Delaware Winners

Kindergarten: 2nd Place Shavon Johnson
Grade 4: 1st Place Amy Day

Congratulations to all of our students !

Catholic Schools Week/School Registration

All parents and guardians are invited to attend the festivities being held during Catholic Schools Week. We especially hope that our parents and guardians will spread the word about Our Lady of Fatima and encourage their friends and other family members to send their children to Fatima. Parents and guardians are encouraged to act as hosts to prospective families by giving them a personal tour of the school. As mentioned earlier, registration is underway and we want to make sure that everyone gets an opportunity to apply in a timely fashion.

Bring a Friend to School

Do you know of a family interested in having their children attend Our Lady of Fatima School? We are encouraging students in grades 1-5 to invite a potential student to spend the day with them at Our Lady of Fatima. Parents are asked to call the school office (328-2803) to schedule the visit.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2012-2013 ***ATTENTION ALL SCHOOL FAMILIES!!***

Registration for the 2012-2013 school year is now under way!
Paper work has been sent home and is due to the parish office
no later than February 1.

Registration for all students "NEW" to Our Lady of Fatima is now open.

All **school** families with children who will be **new** to Our Lady of Fatima School beginning September 2012 are asked to contact the school office to arrange for registration papers to be sent home for completion.

All registrations are due to the school office no later than February 1.

Thank you for your cooperation!

SCHOOL FINANCIAL NEWS

If you are a school family who would like to apply for tuition assistance through the Diocese of Wilmington, please call Sheryl Cook at the parish office (328-3431) to receive your financial information and instructions as to how to apply directly on-line. Tuition assistance funds through the Diocese of Wilmington are limited and are awarded strictly based on need.

Home and School Upcoming Events

Joe Corbi Orders

The Lenten season is closely approaching and now is the time to stock up on those Joe Corbi treats and easy meals!

Order form and on-line instructions have been sent home. We ask that ALL of our families participate and help make this fund raiser a success.

Save the Date...OLF Basket Bingo March 3 is just around the corner!

Saturday, March 3 is the much anticipated date for the annual OLF Basket Bingo. A huge **THANKS to Mrs. Katzmir**e for once again agreeing to organize and chair this event. We anticipate the event to be sold out, so make sure you get your tickets early. Ticket sales will begin shortly so look for the flyer with the order form.

We also need families to sponsor a basket. Several families could go together and sponsor one of the 20 baskets that will be given away that night. Do you have a business or service you would like to advertise. Basket Bingo is a great way to get your name out and about! Contact Mrs. Katzmir at 571-5723 or 738-1559 for more information.

Save the Date...St. Patrick's Day Beef and Beer Saturday, March 17 will soon be upon us!

Top of the Evening to all as the Home and School celebrates St. Patrick's Day with a sure to please fun-filled evening! Mark your calendar and reserve your tickets early!

Our Lady of Fatima Scholastic Book Fair

The annual Scholastic Book Fair will take place during the week of February 6. Flyers will be going home with the students in anticipation of the many wonderful books that will be available.

All proceeds will go directly into the school library fund to help in the replenishment of library books. We thank you in advance for your help and support of this effort and we look forward to a successful book fair.



Mardi Gras

Mardi Gras celebrates our parents, guardians and all those who sacrifice so much for us! Join us on Tuesday, February 21 for our annual Parent and Guardians Donut Day from 7:00am-8:00am.



The Season of Lent Begins

On February 22 the season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday!

Masses that day are scheduled for 6:30am, 8:30 am (school children will be attending), Prayer at 12:00 (PreK will be attending), 5:00pm, 7:00pm (PREP will be attending) and 8:00pm (Spanish Mass).

Ashes will be distributed during Mass.