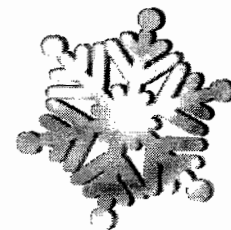


Saint Mary's Newsletter

Wednesday, January 5, 2010



Dear Parents,

By dating this letter as the first one of the year 2010 means that we are at the mid-mark of this school year---90 days down and 90 more to go. This past Monday, January 4th, we had a professional meeting for the teachers. It was a most profitable day as the teachers were able to plan and prepare for the second semester. When the children arrived on Tuesday, everyone was ready to "go" and have a wonderful start of 2010.

I do want to thank you for all the thoughtfulness that was shown to us throughout the holidays. All the prayers, cards, and remembrances of all kind were deeply appreciated. Thank you and know that you are remembered in my daily prayers.

Our first graders will continue taking the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) assessment starting today, Wednesday, January 6th. You have received a schedule from the first grades teachers. We feel that the first grade schedule had to be modified in order to provide the best testing environment for the students. The assessments were scheduled and started today, Wednesday. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Our annual Health Screening will take place on January 12th, 13th, and 14th.

Extremely important information will be sent to you very soon pertaining to registration for next year. We are planning for the registration of all our presently enrolled children to take place the last week of January. You will receive a packet pertaining to this by January 15th. The registration will remain the same that is \$300 per family. Our commitment to you is that we will continue to strive to provide the very best of education or each student. Tuition rate has not as yet been finalized but we do want you to know that we are committed to provide the very best education possible for each student at Saint Mary's. It is our desire to help as many students as we are able to.

Contest to ascertain winners for our Spelling Bee, Geography Bee, and Religion Faith Bowl will be held this month:

Spelling Bee Wednesday, January 6th at 1:45pm

Geography Bee, Thursday, January 7th, at 1:45pm

Religion Faith Bowl, Thursday, January 21st, at 1:45pm

Other scheduled assemblies are:

Mid-School Honor Roll Assembly, Thursday, January 14th at 2:10pm.

Science Fair, Thursday, January 28th.

We once again remind you that because of a special workshop to be held at the Catholic Schools Office for all Archdiocesan Teachers there will be no classes on Monday, January 11th.

God bless you

Sister Marianella, S.C.
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