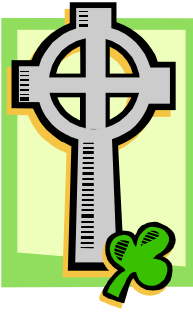


# John Ireland School Newsletter

John Ireland School is a Catholic community, welcoming students of all faiths, devoted to Gospel Values, Academic Excellence and Christian service.

Tuesday, June 01, 2010



## Dear Parents,

### Upcoming Events

~ Aug 18<sup>th</sup> Time to be announced:  
**Family Fun Night**

~ Sept 7<sup>th</sup> First day of school 1-6<sup>th</sup> grades

~ Sept 9<sup>th</sup> First day of school for K students

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And so, we come to the end of another happy school year. Yes, we had some challenges (illness and fractured bones included) and we had some failures, but most of all we had tremendous success.

- 18 “innocent” children received Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion.
- Fourth graders learned how to serve at *Mass*, and did so very well.
- *Kindergarten children* led us in Prayer Services and read at *Mass*.
- 60% of our sixth graders received the President’s Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence.
- Two thirds of our student body received honors for the Presidential and National Fitness Awards. (We have very healthy children.)
- Countless students received awards and honors for meeting or exceeding their goals in the Accelerated Reading Program.
- Over 80% of John Ireland students scored above the National Percentile in reading and math on Iowa Tests of Basic Skills.
- Class Composite Scores in reading and math were excellent: All class composite scores were above the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile

Grade	Reading	Math
2	87%	93%
3	99%	78%
4	82%	78%
5	97%	91%
6	84%	87%

- JI students did exceptionally well in the Regional Science Fair in Mankato, as they do every year.
- An active Student Council involved us in many activities.
- Staff and Students lived out Christian Stewardship by giving countless hours of Christian Service through donations to the Food Shelf, Santa Anonymous, helping in church, Adopt-A-Grandparent Program, Pennies For Patients, Tabs for Emma (Ronald MacDonald House), CFF, gift to an orphanage project in Africa, and the list goes on.

And, I could go on-and-on about these wonderful teachers and wonderful children and the wonderful support from you, the parents.

**ALERT! ALERT!** John Ireland School is joining the district Connect Ed Emergency System for next year. You will receive, by email, a form to complete listing phone numbers and how you would like to be ALERTED when school closes or when there is an emergency. Some of you, who have children in the public school, are currently on this system. We will be able to use it, as well, if we have an emergency at JI. The cost to families is \$3.60 per year. In today’s environment, this has now become an emergency necessity. We are grateful to the district for this opportunity.

**Registration:** Thank you to all who have registered for next year. If you haven't registered, yet, we would appreciate it if you would do so soon. In two weeks, we will be ordering books and materials for next year

**Tuition:** Thank you to all who have paid tuition and other fees and/or are continuing to make payments. Our bills are coming in as we get closer to the end of this fiscal year. We do appreciate your promptness in paying.

Stay Connected. Check the website now-and-then for updates and pictures.

Prayers for your family as you begin the wonderful "summertime!"

*Lord God,*

*During this school year we have all shared many things. We were all linked together by our faith and our time together. These ties are now broken and we say good-bye and end our year together. Lord, bless each of our students, our staff, our families and our friends, especially those we will not see again. Keep each of us in Your care during the coming summer and throughout our lives. Guide our steps and strengthen our hearts until we gather once again in Your Kingdom. May each of us help to make our home a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace, and safety. May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves but about helping others enjoy the blessings of the summer time. We pray in Jesus Name. Amen.*

*Sister Therese Collison*



## Cookbook Update.....

The Cookbooks did go into print; however, they did not get done in time to be handed out for the last day of school. We will contact everyone who ordered a cookbook when they arrive. We ordered a few extra, so if you missed the pre-sales, you can purchase one at the school office for \$10.00 per book.

# SAVE THE DATE FOR A FUN FILLED EVENING!



## FAMILY FUN NIGHT

- BBQ
- GAMES
- MEETING NEW FAMILIES
- VISITING WITH "OLD" FAMILIES
- FUN FUN FUN

WHEN: AUGUST 18<sup>TH</sup>  
TIME: TBA

## VIDEOS FOR SALE

The following videos are available to purchase at the school office. Stop by or call to reserve a copy today!

1. Spring Program - \$10.00
2. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation and Reception - \$10.00
3. 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Exercise Video (*from Luck of the Irish*) - \$10-15 suggested donation