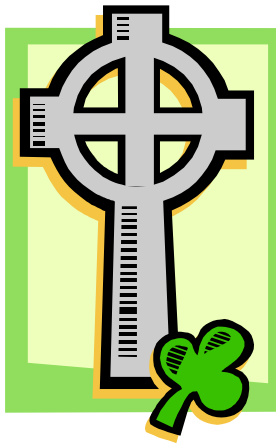


John Ireland School Newsletter

John Ireland School is a Catholic community, welcoming students of all faiths, devoted to Gospel values, academic excellence and Christian service.

Dear Parents,

Friday August 26, 2011



In just a few days your children will be joining our JI family to begin the 2011-2012 school year. Our excellent staff will be welcoming them (some quite literally with open arms) with unconditional love, eager to help them grow in Faith, Academic Excellence, and Service. Thank you for entrusting your most precious gifts to us for the next nine months. We promise to give them the best that we are and the best that we have.

During this week, our staff has been meeting to pray together, finalize schedules, review important health and safety issues, plan healthy lunches, learn more about the SMARTBOARD (so the children won't have to show us how to use it), make sure all materials and lesson plans are ready, rooms are attractive and neat, and just everything that is needed to begin a very successful school year. **Are we ready? Oh, yes we are!!! WELCOME BACK!**

We have new students joining our JI family this year...9 kindergarteners, a boy and a girl in grade 4 and a boy in 3rd grade. Grades 1, 3 and 4 are our biggest classes this year. We have room for more. We'd love to see our family grow.

Of course, several important activities begin within the first few weeks of the new school year. Please write them on your calendar so you won't miss them:

Mon., Aug. 29 school begins;

We gather at 7:50 to raise the new flag and bless the new school year. Kindergarten

Wed., Aug. 31

Short beginning of the school year prayer service;

First day of "real" school for our Kindergarten children;

Thurs., Sept. 1..All School Mass at 10:45 a.m.

Fri., Sept. 2 - 5...No School in the district

Tues., Sept. 6...Band Begins

Thurs., Sept. 8....Parent Information Night and Open House.

Fri., Sept. 16.....Marathon Kick-Off

Thank you to everyone who registered your family through the TADS program. It is new to all of us, and we realize difficult for some. The program does, however, help our school in many ways. Hopefully, you will find it helps you, as well.

We are still waiting for a few of you to complete the enrollment process and tuition agreements. This information is necessary to complete your child's emergency contact card and tuition payment plans for your family. If you receive any notifications, please be prompt in completing your enrollment or tuition agreements. Thank you!

Once again, I want you to know that if you have any questions, concerns, suggestion for this school year please come in and share them with me. I'm sure you realize that we cannot always respond to concerns the way you might want, but I assure you we do address them.

Together, parents and staff, will make this 2011-2012 school year a positive and happy year for the children, as we live out our mission: welcoming students of all faiths, devoted to Gospel Values, Academic Excellence and Christian Service.

Upcoming Events

- August 29 – First day of school 1-6
- August 31 – First day of school for Kindergarten

Parent Enrichment Corner Thoughts from Parent to Child:

- *I gave you life, but I cannot live it for you.*
- *I can teach you things, but I cannot make you learn.*
- *I can give you directions, but I cannot be there to lead you.*
- *I can allow you freedom, but cannot account for it.*
- *I can take you to church, but I cannot make you believe.*
- *I can teach you right from wrong, but I cannot decide for you.*
- *I can offer you advice, but I cannot accept it for you.*

Sister Therese