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St. Luke Catholic School Newsletter

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Mr. Weber Says: Our school focus for November is **Goodness**. Being “good” is not some wimpy way of acting. It is actually quite challenging and often requires a specific intent. It is more than just pleasing or doing what others want. It is also a valuable trait that serves us well as people. Being around someone who is generally good is a lot more enjoyable than someone who is not.

It is critical that we model this for our children. Our actions speak louder than pious platitudes. Being good requires being aware of the needs of others and responding to them. It can't be “all about me”. I need to reflect on my own awareness of others, especially when things are pretty wild around me. Can you help your children grow in this important trait?

How About Doing Good? Each November the parish and school work together to help support the **Catholic Charities Christmas Store**. We will collect needed items between November 2 and November 20. Our Student Council is sponsoring our school collection and will deliver the items the store on November 23. The Christmas Store allows parents, who have been screened for need, to select new gift items for their children and families. They are required to pay something toward the gifts selected, thus allowing the parents both dignity and ownership.

The types of items needed are as follows:

For Children:

1. Toys- dolls, trucks, balls, toddler toys, etc. Nothing that requires batteries (no play-doh or stuffed animals- they have enough!)
2. games for all ages- (they have enough Candyland and Chutes and Ladders)
3. jeans or school pants for boys in size 7-14, girls' size 2, 3, 5, 7, 8 and 12
4. winter tops or school shirts for boys and girls in size 7-12
5. winter hats and gloves for girls and boys

For Adults:

1. Jeans and pants, especially mens 38-60 and ladies 14 and up
2. gloves for men, hats for women
3. men's underwear, size large, 3X and up. Women's underwear size 5, 6, 7, and 8

For Families:

Household items such as blankets, crock pots, dishes, cookware, kitchen and bath towels, sheet sets, etc.

Congratulations: Thanks to Mrs. Betsy Clark for sponsoring our Student Council and congratulations to those elected to serve their peers!

7th grade

8th Grade

Patrick Diehr

Becca Anglen

Rachel Lorentz

Jack Frenzel

Maggie Sontag

Margaret House

Nick Stewart

Joe Moore

Chris Sullivan

Olivia Rangaswami

Lily Young

Avery Sipe

Youth Ministry Discovery Books: St Luke Youth Ministry is selling Discover Books (formerly called Zoo Books) to raise money to update the Youth Ministry room. Each book costs \$25. There are coupons for reduced prices for pizza, car washes, greens fees, admission to movies and theaters, and more. If you are interested, call the youth ministry office or look for our YM, Mary Barnstead, walking in the car pool line. I have books now available for purchase. Questions? Call Mary Barnstead, Youth Minister, 259-4373, ext 257

Play Like A Champion: ©Play Like a Champion Today™ is a sports ministry program that is designed to change the climate of Catholic youth sports throughout the United States. The St. Luke Athletic program is in the process of implementing this program, which was developed by Notre Dame faculty and staff, by offering workshops for all coaches who have a desire to help today's youth develop as athletes, and most importantly, as people. It is St. Luke's policy that all coaches attend one of these workshops. The next scheduled workshops are November 15th from 1:45 to 4:30 and February 21st from 1:45 to 4:30. Please plan on attending one of these workshops and help make a positive, lasting impression in a child's life. Please RSVP Pat Moran at pmoran@stluke.org by November 12 for the November 15 session.

Liaison Needed: The Catholic Conference and the Indiana Non-Public Education Association (INPEA) represent us at the state level. We are in need of a parent liaison to alert other parents when constituent contact is needed at the statehouse. The prime role would be to e-mail our state representatives on issues concerning education that impact our school and our students. When timely issues arise, the liaison would be contacted to alert other parents and to make our concerns heard by our representatives. Please contact Mr. Weber if you would be interested in helping with this important task.

Financial Notes: Please be sure to follow up on your family commitment to the parish from last year and make your commitment for this year. The parish invests heavily in us, and it is critical that be generous in our stewardship to the parish.

Open House: Join us for our open house for grades 4-6 tomorrow. Parents with students in grades 4-6 are especially invited to the middle school open house on Thursday. Come to the reception and information session in the library at 9:00AM. The teachers will speak about their programs. You are invited to take tours, starting at 9:45 and/or visit classrooms until 11:00. *Please feel free to invite friends or neighbors who may wish to know about St. Luke as an option for a smaller but excellent middle school experience for their child.*

Theology of Reconciliation: Parents of second graders who are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation are to attend the Theology of Reconciliation meeting on Thursday, November 5 at 7PM. Anyone who would like to learn more about the sacrament may attend, as this will be an adult oriented program.

Picture Retake Day: Picture retake day is scheduled for the morning of Thursday, November 12. This is primarily for students who missed the first picture day or those who want the picture retaken. If you wish the picture retaken, you must return the original pictures with a note from you authorizing the retake. Please keep the class picture if you return them because there will not be a class picture with retakes.

Principal's Coffees: You are invited to a coffee with the principal on either Tuesday, November 17 for grades K-4 or Wednesday, November 18 for grades 5-8. All coffees are at 8:15 and in the Reception Room. There will be a coffee at 6PM on February 2, 2010

Community Notes:

Bishop Chatard Open House Nov. 8: Bishop Chatard High School will host its annual Open House on Sunday, Nov. 8, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. All middle school students and their families who are interested in learning more about the academic opportunities, athletic and extra-curricular activities, and faith and service programs available to Bishop Chatard students are encouraged to attend. Applications for the Class of 2014 will be available.

For more information about becoming a student at Bishop Chatard, please visit www.BishopChatard.org or contact Kelly Jennings, director of admissions, at (317) 251-1451, ext. 2242.

Anna's House: Our teachers have been working directly with "Anna's House." It was founded by Lucious Newsome a few years before he died. This multi-service center in the Haughville area helps in one of the poorest areas in the city. The teachers are going to cook and serve a meal for over 150 people who come for perhaps their only full meal of the day later in November. Anna's House provides a food pantry that serves over 400 families each week. They need either plastic or paper grocery sacks. This would be a great way to recycle paper or plastic store bags. If you have an overstock of this type of bags, this would be a great use for them. They need 400 bags a week! Mrs. Prater is coordinating this collection. Please contact her at kprater@stluke.org.