FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

Saint Andre Bessette, a Holy Cross Brother, had a very simple message, "Be saints." As Holy Cross educators, we take these words seriously as we live to be good examples for the boys. In order to be good examples, Saint Andre offered advice to live as saints--believe, pray, serve and trust. These are powerful words filled with multiple meanings. Believing that God is always with us, no matter what life throws our way is paramount to "living like a saint". Our goals as educators are to encourage our students to find this belief, to understand that whether things do or don't go our way, God is always with us. It is up to us to believe. I believe a... [Click here to read more.]

2014-2015 CYM SOCCER CHAMPIONS!!!

The Varsity 'Red' Soccer team, coached by Mr. Farley and Mr. Manlove defeated St. Ann's School in the championship game played Sunday at St. Mark's High School. The winning goal was scored by Ben Horgan, assisted by Drew Blackwell. We couldn't be any prouder! Congrats to all of our boys!

VOCATION AWARENESS DAY

On Wednesday, from 9-12, the Academy had the unique opportunity to host nearly 300 6th graders from St.John the Beloved, St. Ann's, St. Mary Magdalen, IHM and Ursuline for a Vocation awareness assembly. The students learned about how God
calls us to a Vocation whether this calling is for married life, single life, religious life or Priesthood. Students heard details of the personal journey of many priests and nuns from the Diocese of Wilmington. The students asked insightful questions and were happy to participate in breakout-group discussions. We are grateful to the Catholic Schools Offices and the CDOW for arranging this assembly and allowing us to host it.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR & BOXTOPS

The Scholastic Book fair was a great success! The boys were very enthusiastic about the different reading materials. Close to $4000 in sales were reported. In addition to the cash bonus, the Academy will now receive over $1200 in Scholastic Merchandise. This number includes a $194 bonus for exceeding last year’s sales. A very special 'thank-you' goes to Marie Gilligan, an alumni parent and current library volunteer who supported the sale by providing all of the items on the raffle table. Please continue to send in your Box Tops for Education. Last year we collected almost $700 by submitting these to the Box Tops program.

PARENTS' GUILD UPDATE

The Parents' Guild is grateful for your continued support of our school events. With the Brother Ralph Edmiston Classic (basketball tournament) and Christmas Trees on Parade (CTOP) events happening in the next four weeks, we ask for your involvement. The next monthly meeting will be Thursday, 11/20 at 7pm in the Thomas P. Sweeney Library. We will structure the tasks for the tournament which starts on 11/28 and for CTOP which is 12/5. We'll provide more details next week. Hope to see you in two weeks at our meeting!

LETTER DAYS

Monday, 11/10 'b'
Tuesday, 11/11 'c'
Wednesday, 11/12 'd'
Thursday, 11/13 'e'
Friday, 11/14 'f'

LUNCH MENU

Monday, 11/10:
Crispy Chicken Sandwich ($3.25)
Rice ($1.25)

Tuesday, 11/11:
Deli Sandwich with Chips ($3.25)

Wednesday, 11/12:
Pasta with Meat Sauce ($3.25)

Thursday, 11/13:
Steak Sandwich ($3.25)
French Fries ($1.50)

Friday, 11/14:
Pizza ($2.00) ($2.25)

MEMORIAL MASS

Our annual Memorial Mass will be held on Sunday at 10:30 am in the Rollins Center.
HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS TICKETS

We have been invited back to sing the National Anthem again! Parents of members of Academy Singers, Academy Chorus & Men's Ensemble, as well as any family who wishes to attend the Harlem Globetrotters game in March are asked to please email Ms. Dehart with your choice of $26 or $34 tickets, and how many tickets you anticipate needing. Payment is not yet required but we need to reserve our seats based on their cost at this time. Many thanks for your prompt response.

CAFETERIA HELP REQUESTED!

If you haven’t yet signed up to help in the cafeteria, please do so. We need at least 3 volunteers for each day, and we’re asking all families to sign up for at least one day! Click here to see our list of immediate need.

SOCIAL SKILL

It is generally considered rude to yawn in public as it is sometimes perceived as a sign of boredom or disinterest. Try to yawn discreetly by covering your mouth or turning your head and say 'excuse me' if someone notices.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING TOURNAMENT

The 45th Annual Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament, now known as the Brother Ralph Edmiston Classic, will run from 11/27 to 12/6. Sponsorship Ads in the program book are available for sale. Support your son, the teams and our school by sponsoring an ad. Contact Vince Dills.

OPEN HOUSE

Thank you to all the parents and students who volunteered at our Open House last Sunday. We so appreciate your willingness to be available on a weekend, and to share your thoughts and encouragement with prospective families!!!