



# NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## February 2008

“IN ALL THINGS THAT GOD MAY BE GLORIFIED”

*“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, A light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.” Luke 2:29-32*

*This beautiful scripture passage reminds us of the faith of Simeon and Anna who recognized Jesus as the Messiah, the one sent to save all humankind from darkness and death. These two faithful servants, never gave up hope. Even in their old age, they firmly believed that they would have the experience of seeing the Messiah, for after all, God had made a promise to them. In the beautiful “Canticle of Simeon” we are reminded of the hope and strength that comes to us through the power of prayer. It is through prayer that we experience the presence of Christ in our lives and it is through the Eucharist that we are given the nourishment to be people of Christ.*

*Our 8th grade and 2nd grade begin this month their preparation for two great sacraments, Confirmation and Eucharist. Let us pray for these children as they learn and experience the power of God in their lives so that they too can become strong and faithful people of hope.*

### Religious Education Update

#### First Eucharist

February 10 at 9:00am Parent /Child Meeting #1 (English)

February 17 at 9:00am Parent/Child Meeting #1 (Spanish)

March 9 at 9:00am Parent/Child Meeting #2 (English)

March 30 at 9:00am Parent/Child Meeting #2 (Spanish)

#### Confirmation

February 2      Session #1      9:00-12:00

February 9      Session #2      9:00-12:00

February 23      Session #3      9:00-12:00

March 1          Session #4      9:00-12:00

March 8          Session #5      9:00-12:00

March 15        Session #6      9:00-12:00

(Make-up)

#### Lent Begins

February 6

Mass 6:30 am

Mass 8:30 am Grades K-4

Mass 10:30 am Grades 5-8

Prayer Service 12:00 Preschool

Mass 5:00pm

Mass 7:00pm PREP

Mass 8:00

Ash will be distributed during each Mass and Prayer Service.

All students preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the fall are expected to attend all sessions.



## **Catholic Schools Light the Way!** *Happy Catholic Schools Week to all!*

Attached is a schedule of Catholic School Week Events.. Always a highlight of the school year, the students are looking forward to the many activities. This school year the students will be adopting the “Little Sisters of the Poor” for their service project. Classes will be assigned specific items to be brought in to be used to create “Goodie” bags for the residents. The student council will be sponsoring several events to raise funds for the Little Sisters. Celebrate with us as we join other Catholic schools in our Diocese and Nation.

### **SCRIP**

The Home and School has introduced the SCRIP Program to all families. PLEASE consider using this program. Order forms for “gift” cards are available on the school web-site or directly through school. All of us go to the grocery store each week. Consider buying a grocery store gift card from the SCRIP Program. It costs you nothing other than the value of the card. The school in turn receives a percentage back from SCRIP for using their program. It is a win-win opportunity for everyone. If successful, we may attempt to do away with other fund raising activities that are costly to you.

PLEASE support this effort of the Home and School!

### **Fire Prevention Poster/Essay**

We are very proud of the success of our students in the annual Fire Prevention Poster essay Contest. New Castle County Winners.

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Winners</b>	<b>New Castle County</b>	<b>State</b>
Kindergarten	Gregory Miller	1st Place	2nd Place
Grade 1	Morgan O’Neill	3rd Place	
Grade 2	Nicholas Morgan	2nd Place	
Grade 3	Brandon Pendrak	1st Place	2ndPlace
Grade 5	Jonathan Caicedo	1st Place	1st Place

### **Communication Issues**

Parents and guardians should be aware that the school day of teachers is quite filled. Opportunities for teachers to call or answer e-mails is limited throughout the day. It is unreasonable for any parent to expect a teacher to answer any sort of communication immediately. Teachers are in the classroom throughout the day, including at times, through their lunch hour. The faculty has been asked to respond to a parent phone call within 24 hours. A number of our teachers are beginning to use e-mail as **ONE** way of communicating. It has come to my attention that parents and guardians are continually e-mailing teachers throughout the day, expecting immediate answers. This to me is unacceptable. If it takes more than one e-mail to clarify an issue, than a phone call or a parent/teacher meeting is in order. Please do not place the school or teacher e-mail on any sort of forwarding list. We consider this an intrusion to our network. Our school e-mail system is a secure network that is monitored and is to be used for professional purposes and any sort of spam messages will not be tolerated. The choice of using e-mail as a means of communicating is up to the teacher. **PLEASE REMEMBER THAT PARENT ACCESS TO STUDENT GRADES IS AVAILABLE IN GRADES 3 THROUGH 8. Passwords are available in the school office.** Thank you for your help and understanding in this matter.

## **Registration for 2008-2009 Please Take Note!**

Re-registration for the 2008-2009 school year has begun and will end on February 20. At the time of re-registration, the family yearly non-refundable registration fee of \$100.00 will be due. Families who plan on registering their children for the 2008-2009 school year will be required to pay the non-refundable family registration fee of \$100.00 by February 20.

A registration form has been sent home and/or mailed to each family.

Your timely response to the re-registration will be appreciated.

Please note that the registration fee for all families will increase after February 20.

## **Diocesan Tuition Assistance**

Applications are now available for tuition assistance for 2008-2009 through the *Diocese of Wilmington, Vision for the Future Program*. All registered diocesan school families are eligible to make application for assistance. The neediest of families are selected each year as fund recipients.

There are strict guidelines and timelines that must be met for the completion of the application. Any family interested in applying should contact Sheryl Cook at the rectory office (328-3431) as soon as possible.

### Aviso Importante:

Tenemos ahora disponibles las solicitudes para asistencia económica a través del *Programa Visión para el Futuro, Diócesis de Wilmington*. Todas las familias registradas en la diócesis y que pertenecen a nuestra escuela son elegibles a solicitar asistencia. Las familias más necesitadas son seleccionadas para recibir fondos cada año.

Tenemos fechas estipuladas y guías muy estrictas que deben ser cumplidas para poder llenar la solicitud.

Cualquier familia interesada en solicitar, debe contactar a Sheryl Cook en la oficina parroquial (328-3431) a la mayor brevedad posible.