



## NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

November 2007

“IN ALL THINGS THAT GOD MAY BE GLORIFIED”

### **Middle States**

On October 21,22,23, and 24 a team from the Middle States Commission on Elementary Schools visited Our Lady of Fatima School to review our Strategic Plan within the context of our school. The team visited all classrooms and spoke with our faculty and members of our parish staff, our Strategic Planning Team, parents and students.

The team will file a report with Middle States, making commendations and recommendations based on what they saw and heard. We are most grateful for the time that the Middle States team spent in our school.

We are also grateful to all of our parents, students, faculty and staff for making this visit a great success. In a special way, we thank our Knights of Columbus, in particular Mr. Katurakes, for creating a wonderful meal to begin our visit. We are also grateful to Ms. Mary Lou May, for working with our school children and preparing them as a choir to lead the assembly in song at our Evening Prayer.

A copy of the plan is available to our families for review. Once we get the final report back from the team, we will make it available to anyone interested in reading it.

Thank you everyone for your support in this effort.

### ***Confirmation***



***The Spirit of the Lord is upon them!  
May our 9th Grade Confirmation candidates  
be open to the power of the Spirit  
as they receive the sacrament of***

***Confirmation***

***on Saturday, November 10, 2007 at 7:00pm.***

### **IMPORTANT CALENDAR CHANGE FOR NOVEMBER**

Please note the following change to the calendar for November. This change is so we can accommodate conference requests and prepare for the distribution of report cards in early December. Grades 3-8: PLEASE REMEMBER TO PICK UP YOUR PARENT ACCESS CODE IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE!

**NOVEMBER 20     Regular Dismissal     Conferences 4:30 –6:30**

**NOVEMBER 21   NO SCHOOL     Conferences 8:00am to 1:00pm**

## Formal Visit By

### Dr. Lou DeAngelo, Assistant Superintendent of Schools

On November 2 Dr. Lou DeAngelo, Assistant Superintendent of Schools will be making a formal visit to Our Lady of Fatima. He will be visiting the classrooms and observing both teachers and students. Dr. DeAngelo will also be meeting with our teachers at the end of the school day. He will also be looking at our Strategic Plan and discussing our goals and objectives.

We welcome Dr. DeAngelo to our school and hope to engage in discussion on school growth and improvement.

## Ecumenical Celebration

The annual celebration of the covenant between Asbury United Methodist Church and Our Lady of Fatima Parish will be held on Monday, November 19 at 7:00 at Asbury United Methodist Church. An ecumenical prayer service will be held followed by light refreshments in Asbury's fellowship hall. We hope that many of our families will be able to attend.

## Fund Raiser Report

Thank you to all of our families for their support of the annual fund raiser. Proceeds of this fund raiser go directly into the general school fund.



## Top Selling Students

Rm. 001	Mamie Barrett	Rm. 108	Eric Steinbeiser
Rm. 012	Logan McHugh	Rm. 205	Jonathan Caicedo
Rm. 101	Tommy Marino	Rm. 206	Eric Perko
Rm. 102	Julia Rizzo	Rm. 207	Marissa Janicki
Rm. 103	Mollie Russell	Rm. 208	Madison Marino
Rm. 104	Francisco VanDame	Rm. 203	Keith McQuillar
Rm. 105	Arielle Truax	Rm. 204	Emily Brown
Rm. 106	Carly Herkins	Rm. 201	Anthony Pistoria
Rm. 107	James Kelleher	Rm. 202	Christopher Gentile



The following students and their families sold 50 or more items and therefore qualified for the Grand Prize of the Limo Ride to Grotto's in Newark.

Arielle Truax	Patrick Gentile	Chris Gentile	Emma Russell
Joanna Cousineau	Jessica Cousineau	Madison Marino	Mollie Russell
Selena Richardson	Eric Steinbeiser	Thomas Marino	

## Home and School



The Home and School is grateful to those families who participated in the recent Claire's Gourmet Fund Raiser. Pick up for this Fund Raiser will be on **Tuesday, November 20 from 2:00pm to 6:00pm**. Please make arrangements to have your items picked-up on this day. There will be no one available on Wednesday, November 21 for late pick-ups. Any items not picked-up will be donated to charity.



## Christmas Bazaar

**Merry Christmas! Ok, how about thinking early Christmas!** We are doing a lot of hard work and planning for the annual **Our Lady of Fatima Christmas Bazaar**. A great selection of crafts, toys, ornaments, and great food will be available the weekend of November 16-17-18. Volunteer positions are still available. Please call now to support this very important fundraiser. Call Pat Harris, 325-2169 or Greg Scholl 456-9575 for more information. If you have not been scheduled yet, please call Pat also.

Snowman/Gift Tree Booths Donations are due November 2nd. Please remember to send in your donation. This booth is funded totally by your donations. To insure every child can win, we need every child to bring in an item. Thank you.



## Collectable Items

**With the holidays approaching this seems a good time to remind everyone of the following items that we continue to collect for school and other ways to save for school..**

**Box Tops For Education:** Clip those Box Tops for Education and send them into school. We are able to turn these Box Tops for Education into cash! These funds are used to support our technology needs here at school.

**Campbell Soup Labels:** We are still collecting these labels. Periodically we are able to order sports equipment for recess and gym program.

**A+ Bonus Bucks:** Do you shop at Giant Foods? Using your Bonus Card, simply designate OLF as your school of choice to receive funds. Information on this program can be found at [www.giantfoods.com/aplus](http://www.giantfoods.com/aplus) or at you local Giant Foods Store.

## Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus have once again donated funds to help with tuition assistance. Our Lady of Fatima School is most grateful for their continued support in our continued effort to help families in need.

## 60th Anniversary Celebration

The 60th Anniversary of our parish and school is upon us. We are interested in forming small "class reunion" committees. Attention all alumni, please consider volunteering to help in this celebration. Contact Ms. Kenney at school if you can help!



*On behalf of the  
faculty and staff,  
Happy Thanksgiving !*



**Picture Retake Day:**

Nov. 6 8:30-9:30