



THE CARDINAL NEWS

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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR ~ Our chairs and co-chairs have been working on their plans and tasks in preparing for the 28th Annual Christmas Bazaar! Work and planning for the next bazaar begins the day after the last bazaar. The Bazaar is a long-standing tradition and our largest “money-maker”. Please help these ladies by responding to their requests for donations and assistance. Every CPTO fundraiser directly affects tuition costs.

Co-Chairs are still needed for two areas: Booths and Kids Corner. The Co-Chair fills the duties as the chair for the next bazaar. Please contact **Julie Paxton** (paxton1985@att.net) if you would like to volunteer.

A job that did not make it on our volunteer sign up sheet is workers the morning of the bazaar to help booth vendors carry in their materials. This shift begins at 7am until 9am and is a great way for dads to get involved. Anyone up for the work should let Julie know.



NOODLE DAY

Unfortunately, the teachers and students could not be here to participate in this year’s “noodle day” on Nov. 6th. We certainly wish to extend our appreciation to the St. Ann’s Society and all of the men and women who have worked so hard to organize and assist in making noodles in support of the parish and school!

NOVEMBER IMPORTANT DATES

- ✓ Friday, November 6th ~ Diocesan Meeting - NO SCHOOL
- ✓ Friday, November 6th ~ Noodle Day in the gym
- ✓ Saturday, November 7th ~ Trivia Night at 7pm in the gym
- ✓ Tuesday, November 10th ~ Veteran’s Day celebration. Mass at 8:15 and all school program following in the gym
DRESS UNIFORMS K-6th
- ✓ School Advisory Board meeting, 7pm in Room 10
- ✓ Thursday/Friday November 26/27 ~ Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER IMPORTANT DATES

- ✓ Saturday, December 5th 28th Annual Christmas Bazaar 9am-2pm
- ✓ Wednesday, December 23rd - January 3rd Christmas Break
- ✓ Monday, January 4th Back to School (No public school, **no bussing**) Make up day for November 6th
- ✓ Monday, January 18th ~ IN SCHOOL (no public school, **no bussing**) Make up day for Good Friday

Sacred Heart School is open to Catholic and non-Catholic students.

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Reminder: Second Semester Tuition Payments are due Jan 5 for the school year.

**Please send to: Sacred Heart Church,
107 E Main Street, Fowler, IN 47944**

NO PARKING SIGNS have been installed in front of school. **NO VEHICLES** are to be parked in these spaces during school hours.



School hours are identified as 7:45-3:15. This will free the space for our bus drivers, lunch delivery, and emergency vehicle access.

Students must enter via the east door in the morning. If you need to come in with your child in the morning, you may park in front of church and enter through the south door. This includes PS/PK.

WE WILL BE STARTING F.I.R.E. (FAN THE FLAME, INSPIRATION, THROUGH RELIGIOUS ENRICHMENT) WORKSHOPS AMONGST OUR LOCAL PARISHES. These workshops will benefit all members of our parishes. Our mission as confirmed members of Catholic religion is to live and share our faith every moment of our lives.

Workshop: Spiritual Plan for Life
Date: November 19, 2009
Time: 7:00 to 9:00 pm
Place: St Mary's, Dunnington

Workshop: Liturgy of the Hours
Date: January 21, 2010
Time: 7:00 to 9:00 pm
Place: St Charles, Otterbein

Workshop: Prayer
Date: March 18, 2010
Time: 7:00 to 9:00 pm
Place: St Patrick's, Oxford

Workshop: Call to Discipleship
Date: May 20, 2010
Time: 7:00 to 9:00 pm



ABOVE AND BEYOND ~ Our teachers are amazing! Even though they are paid far less than their public school counterparts, they continue to voluntarily accept additional responsibilities with no compensation. Recently they have taken it upon themselves to:

- Establish the Cardinal Club, an after school homework program,
- Establish a Spanish club for all grade levels (we now have 40 out of 94 students participating).
- Collaborate in the organization of a Geography Bowl,
- Compensate for the lack of an additional resource teacher, working together to restructure the reading program to better meet the needs of individual students,
- Schedule and follow-through with parent/teacher conferences beyond their contracted days/times.
- Organize and manage the Scholastic Book Fair,
- Participate in the Climate Audits of other schools in our diocese,

This is just the short list! We tend to take many things for granted. We aren't always aware of the differences people make in our lives. Our teachers and staff are true blessings!

FALL 09 IOWA SCORES:

Below you will find this fall's Iowa test scores plus an average of each grade's scores from 2005-2009. Keep in mind that these scores are not comparable to ISTEP scores. Iowa's are norm-referenced with percentiles established on a national level. ISTEP's are criterion referenced with a cut score established on a state level. They are two very different tests.

Grade	Reading Total	Language Total	Math Total
2	81	83	76
3	77	83	55
4	75	83	73
5	73	80	69
6	67	75	67

Average Scores from 2005-2009:

Grade	Reading Total	Language Total	Math Total
2	77	78	73
3	75	82	74
4	75	80	73
5	71	79	75
6	65	71	74

School Improvement Goals:

This fall's Iowa scores reinforced the fact that we are on the correct path concerning our school improvement goals. Lower scores were found in the areas of spelling and math computation across grades 2-6. Our efforts to improve phonics skills, math computation, and writing conventions will continue to be our focus.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- **Sensory Disorders**--Several of our faculty members are participating in an online course to better understand the needs of children with sensory disorders.
- **Math RTI**--Mrs. Jessie, Miss Klinker, and Mrs. Moore will attend this conference to gain knowledge regarding meeting the needs of our students on every level regarding math skills.

IYI--I will be attending the Indiana Youth Institute Conference in December. I am grateful to the Benton Community Foundation for covering the cost of this opportunity.

CLO Projects:

The Catholic Leadership Organization will be sponsoring two service projects in the upcoming months.

- **Thinking of our Soldiers**--We will be collecting items that will be sent to those who are fighting for our freedom. You should have received a note listing specific items that could be donated. This note referred to those serving overseas, however the items will also reach those serving on our homeland.

Pajama Drive--We will be participating in the Scholastic *Great Bedtime Story* program. Scholastic Book Clubs plan to donate 20,000 books to families in need. They hope to match each book with a pair of pajamas. We will be collecting new pajamas of any size between the dates of Nov. 30th to Dec. 4th. Those students who donate pajamas will have a Pajama Day on Mon., Dec. 7th.