

# Ram Review

## Principal's Message

### A Busy Month

Welcome back from vacation and Happy New Year! For educators, January marks the beginning of a quick descent to June as we scurry to make decisions about the following school year. By now you have received the academic calendar for 2010-2011 and you've noticed the few changes. Parent Club meetings and other parent meetings will be important in the next few months as we finalize programs for next year so check the weekly Ram for notices. Additionally, January is the month in which the Board and I will begin looking at next year's budget by reviewing potential changes in enrollment. We are hoping for another great year of growth, but we also trust that families see the value in what we have.

The busiest part of January for us is the preparation for Catholic Schools Week- a nation-wide celebration of the gifts of a Catholic education. It is placed in

January to guide prospective families through a variety of weekly activities that are unique to Catholic schools. It is also scheduled close to the beginning of Lent, allowing us to recognize the gifts that our community shares with our school. Beginning with Catholic Schools Sunday on January 31<sup>st</sup>, Good Shepherd parents are encouraged to attend Mass at one of the parishes with their children in uniform as a way to thank parishes for their support. Following the Masses, students are encouraged to share with parishioners what they love about our school. Thank you to our parish liaisons at St. Joseph's, Resurrection, Our Lady Star of the Sea, and San Agustin. If you are interested in helping this day, please contact the office.

Following Catholic Schools Sunday, each day of Catholic Schools Week will be an opportunity for students to recognize the efforts of people that support our community: parents, staff,

and the community. Wednesday of that week, we invite all current and prospective families to our Open House (February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 p.m.). This is a great night to promote our school and show off the incredible things that students are doing. It is also the night we recognize our parent Volunteer of the Year whose name will join others on the plaque in the office corridor. The week concludes with a Mass, celebrated by Bishop Garcia on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. in our school gym. Everyone is invited.

Thank you to parents and students for creating the welcoming atmosphere for our most recently visiting families. Every parent that visits comments at some point in the tour how positive the environment is. They say that students are respectful and parents are extremely inviting. It's clear that we love what we have here.



## JANUARY SPOTLIGHT

R. J. ZUNIGA is to be commended for his positive attitude, leadership and versatility. He has a positive outlook on life and it shows in his relationships with others. R.J. has friendships that extend beyond the boundaries of his own class. He gets along with everyone in the school including both students and the staff. R.J. does a great job when working with his third grade buddies and his classmates. He excels academically, athletically and as a member of Student Council. He has been a positive influence on our community for the past several years.

Thank you and Congratulations R. J.!



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## Candid Pictures Of GSCS Athletics

If you have any pictures of our teams in action, please get them to the yearbook staff as soon as possible. You may drop them by the office or email them to Kristi Perryman at [tcst03@yahoo.com](mailto:tcst03@yahoo.com)

## St. Francis Association 10K Drawing

Who wouldn't like to start the new year with \$10,000? St. Francis Association, the parent organization at St. Francis, is sponsoring a 10K drawing. The SFA helps fundraise to keep tuition affordable to all. Tickets are priced at \$100 each and you have a 1 in 500 chance of winning the \$10,000 grand prize. The drawing will be held at Borina Athletic Center on Saturday, Jan 30th, winner need not be present to win.

For information on the drawing you may contact the St. Francis CCCHS office at 724-5933 or Vicki Delucchi at [gotkona@gmail.com](mailto:gotkona@gmail.com) or 475-1936.

### CALENDAR REMINDERS

Jan. 14	<i>Birthday Free Dress January B-Days</i>
Jan. 18	<i>Martin Luther King Day SCHOOL CLOSED</i>
Jan. 19 6:00	<i>Parent Club General Meeting Child Care available</i>
Jan. 20 8:00 am	<i>Deadline: February Hot Lunch Order Forms</i>
Jan. 26	<i>1st. Gr. Field Trip</i>
Jan. 29 6:00	<i>Family Fun Night St. Joseph's Hall</i>

Remember to check the calendar & announcements on RenWeb.com

## Enrollment Fall 2010

If any GSCS families have siblings who will be applying for the 2010-2011 school year, please come by the school office to pick up an application form ASAP (or get one off our web site at [www.gsschool.org](http://www.gsschool.org)). Preference is given to siblings, but only if they apply early when openings remain available.

## Kudos ...

- ♥ ... To the *Holdaway Family* who donates ALL the profits from the snack vending machine to the school. And who recently donated 4 gigabytes of RAM for the computers in second grade.
- ♥ ... to all of our great students who wrote Santa letters to support the 2nd grade's Christmas project for Make -a- Wish. Thank you, you helped raise \$1,024.

### 2010—2011 FINANCIAL AID

Application packets are currently available in the office. The application deadline for mailing is April 23, 2010

## The Green Bench

### News From Parent Club



In January, Catholic schools across the nation participate in Catholic Schools Week, an annual celebration of the valuable role our schools play in providing not only an excellent academic education, but in providing a foundation for faith and moral leadership so desperately needed in our communities today. During this time, we gather to celebrate our students, teachers and staff, our parishes, and our school family who each in their own way continue to invest in our children and nourish this vibrant school community.

To kick off Catholic Schools Week, The Parent Club is pleased to announce we will be having our **First Annual Family Fun Night!** This is not a fund raiser--leave your checkbooks at home and come to enjoy food and fellowship. This first Fun Night will feature a spaghetti feed and bingo games, so save the date for this event, which will take place **Friday, January 29th** at the St. Joseph's Hall.

If you are interested in earning parent points, we need some help with set up/clean up. We will also need some people to help with the bingo games. If middle school students are still looking for service credits, we may have some opportunities for them to help as well. Please contact me at [r\\_stolpe@yahoo.com](mailto:r_stolpe@yahoo.com) or via phone at 479-1318 if you would like to help. We hope to see you there!

Rebecca

## ***Congratulations to the 1st grade!!!***

First Grade collected over 500 Box Tops!  
The competition was very close and all together the school raised over 3,000 box tops. Great job!!



The 1st grade's pizza party will be sometime in January.

Please keep collecting Box Tops, we will have another pizza party in the spring!

Office: 182, Preschool: 188, PreK:453, Kinder: 456, 1st: 514, 2nd: 479,  
3rd: 248, 4th: 299, 5th: 379, 6th: 315, 7th: 52, 8th: 139,  
TOTAL: 3704 That is \$370.40!!!

## ***COUNSELOR'S DESK***

### ***Tell them to do it once.***

By: James Lehman, MSW

Listen, the next time things are calm around your house and things are going well, sit down and say to your child, "Listen, I've been having a problem lately with the fact that I have to keep coming after you to get things done and I have to keep following up on you. It almost becomes my responsibility to get this stuff done. So, from now on, I'm only going to tell you to do it once. And then after I tell you to do it once, if you don't do it, this is what's going to happen." And tell them what's going to happen. "You know, what's going to happen is, I'm going to shut the TV off. What's going to happen is, every minute that you wait is going to be a minute earlier you go to bed, or going to be a minute less you spend playing video games or of computer time." Because all of those things, with a special needs child, all of those things need to be managed. It's not "Go on the computer," it's "Go on the computer for half-an-hour and let's see how you do," and come back. Play video games for half-an-hour, 15 minutes, you know. If it's their free time, let them use it freely, but give it to them in increments. That way you can always take it away in increments. It's a very important thing, you know, that all these little things that they like to do should be handled as rewards and/or consequences. Tell them that that's the way you're going to do it from now on. And then start doing it that way. Wake them up once, tell them once, you know, get them to do it after you tell them once. It's very difficult at first, but it gets easier and easier until they learn if they don't do it, they're not going to be playing any video games that night. They've only got to go through a night or two of that and things will change. You may have a rough night or two, but after that, things will begin to change.

## **NEED HELP IN YOUR MARRIAGE?**

**2 weeks to Signup for Retrouvaille** – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **Jan 22-24, 2010**, call 831-479-1260 or email: [Monterey@RetroCA.com](mailto:Monterey@RetroCA.com) or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)