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ST. BARNABAS SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 22, 2009

A NOTE FROM MRS. BARNES



Dear Parent(s),

This Sunday at all the masses Father Malloy will be talking about the future of our parish. This is an important time for our parish and Father will be sharing with you the thoughts and plans for St. Barnabas. Please be sure to read his special invitation to school parents in this newsletter. The mission of St. Barnabas School derives from the mission of St. Barnabas parish: to share the Good News of God's saving grace.

We are proud of all that St. Barnabas School does. Next fall we will take part in the Archdiocesan School Improvement Process, which is a self-study of all that we do. Each school in the Archdiocese takes part in the process every 5 years. More on this as we begin work on our self-study.

Please remember that our curriculum is based not only on state standards but Archdiocesan standards as well. Our curriculums are available for review in my office as well as in each teacher's classroom.

We realize we have many fundraisers available for you to take part in but each of these fundraisers help our school. Don't forget to go on line and order from Innisbrook. The Innisbrook fundraiser helps support our technology department. See what we have purchased so far from these funds in the note from Mrs. Cushing.

Respect, responsibility and trustworthiness are the key words all of us have been working on this month. We are proud of our students.

CATCH OUR SPIRIT! BE INSPIRED! GET INVOLVED!

**Have a great week!
Mrs. Barnes**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 23

8:45 am Mass

Grs 5 & 6

OCT 26

School Board Mtg
7:00 pm school

OCT 28

Reconciliation/1st
Eucharist Parent
ONLY Mtg 7:00 pm

OCT 30

Fun Food Day
Gr 8 Halloween
Dance

Sunday Gospel Reflections

Year B

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
October 25, 2009

Read Sunday's gospel, Mark 10:46-52.

Gospel Summary

About to leave Jericho, Jesus heard the commotion made by the blind beggar, Bartimaeus, who called to the Son of David. Bartimaeus acknowledged the royal lineage of Jesus and also believed in his healing powers. Jesus responded by calling Bartimaeus' friends to bring the beggar to him. Bartimaeus threw off his cloak once he was healed. Some say this gesture was symbolic of Bartimaeus shedding his old, sinful ways for the new life Jesus had given him.

Reflection for Families

All of us can sometimes feel like Bartimaeus. We know what the right thing is, but sometimes our friends or family members try to quiet us because we embarrass them. It may be that our friends even agree with us and know that we are right, but it's our voice that embarrasses them. We're causing a stir. Bartimaeus' friends were embarrassed by his loud shouts to Jesus, but Jesus honored his faith. In the end, Bartimaeus regained his sight and followed Jesus. We can't give in to the shushing of our friends either. Even when our stand is unpopular, we must follow the way of Jesus.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Take turns blindfolding members of the family and allow one member to lead one who is blindfolded on a trust walk. With the other person's guidance, the blind person may try doing normal tasks around the house or in the yard. After each person has had a chance to be blind and also to lead, share your impressions with one another. What were your fears? Did you feel isolated and alone? Think of people you know who may feel these same fears and experience the same isolation. They may have their visual sight, but perhaps they are blind in some other way. How can you, individually or as a family, lead them just as you led one another on the trust walk?

Discussion Starters

1. My eyes were opened to Jesus when ...
2. Because of Jesus I can help others see by ...
3. Like Bartimaeus, I called out to Jesus once when ...

Student Council News

October- November 2009

What we've accomplished

- *Our Opening Liturgy- 2009-2010 Student Council officers inducted.**
- *Our 1st assembly- \$\$\$ Money Machine \$\$\$**
- *Pep Rally- Go Buckeyes!!! (JV won their homecoming game- nice job!!)**
- * Magazine Drive- awesome job on that!!**
- *Homeroom Representative Election- Congrats to those who won!**

What's Going On

- *Aluminum juice pouches being recycled.**
- *Girls' basketball season- great job!**
- *Boys' Football season- stupendous job!**

Coming Up

- *Pumpkin Decorating Contest**
- *Turkey Drive**
- *Red Ribbon Week- Say NO! to drugs, tobacco and alcohol.**

Respectfully submitted, Commissioner of Publicity, Ryann DeJarld

Pumpkin Decorating Contest



The Pumpkin Decorating Contest is back!!!

Bring in your pumpkin starting Monday October 26 and Tuesday October 27, 2009.

All pumpkins must be brought home on Thursday October 29.

You may not carve your pumpkin.

The categories are:

Scary

Pretty

Funny

Famous Person

Divisions: K-2, 3-5, 6-8.

1st prize: \$10.00 certificate to Baskin Robbins.

2nd prize: \$4.00 certificate to Baskin Robbins.

3rd prize: candy treat.

Name: _____ Room #: _____

Category: _____ Grade: _____

Red Ribbon Week

St. Barnabas students and faculty will observe Red Ribbon Week, a national campaign drug prevention program, from October 23-31, 2009. The student Council has purchased red ribbon bracelets for students and teachers to wear throughout the campaign. The campaign is designed to raise awareness of the dangers of drug and alcohol use while encouraging all to lead healthy and productive lives.

The week will begin with a prayer and a proclamation during the morning announcements on Friday, October 23. On Wednesday, October 28, student council members will give each student a Twizzler with the slogan, "Don't Let Drugs Twist Your Mind." We will also display the letters "Red Ribbon Week" in our windows to show our support of this national campaign.

The next Student Council meeting will be on Monday, November 2, 2009.

***Please note another evaluation has been added GIRLS VOLLEYBALL EVALUATION SCHEDULE**

WHEN: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2009

WHERE: St. Barnabas Gym

8th Grade – 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

7th Grade – 4:45 – 6:15 p.m.

6th Grade – 6:15 – 7:30 p.m.

WHEN: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2009

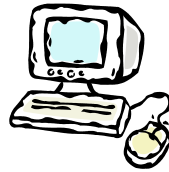
WHERE: St. Barnabas Gym

6th Grade – 3:30 – 4:45 p.m.

8th Grade – 4:45 – 5:45 p.m.

7th Grade – 5:45 – 6:45 p.m.

If you have any questions, please call Kim Wozniak at (773) 814-3683.



A Note from...

The Computer Lady

Dear Friends,

On behalf of all the students and faculty of Saint Barnabas School, I would sincerely like to thank all who supported the Innisbrook Wrapping Paper Fundraiser.

Over the years the profits from this event were put to very good use in our Technology Program. We have been able to purchase projectors, printers, two Smart Boards, computers for teacher's desks, computers for the Lab and laptop computers for student use in the classroom.

We are looking forward to being able to replace some of our older classroom computers with this year's profits. Nothing lasts forever and some of these machines are just beyond repair.

We feel strongly about the importance of Technology in our St. Barnabas curriculum and are grateful to all of you who have helped us in our mission by supporting the Innisbrook drive.

Many Thanks,

Mrs. Cushing

The St. Barnabas Men's Club is hosting its 5th Annual Progressive Holiday Mixer on Friday, December 4th at 6:30 pm sharp at the St. Barnabas Gym. Doors open at 6:00 pm.

Ticket costs are \$55 per person (payable to the St. Barnabas Men's Club) and include food, drinks and transportation.

The proceeds go to the Family School Association's Teacher Gift Fund.

Do not delay, tickets are limited and we expect to sell out.

Please contact one of the individuals listed below for tickets.

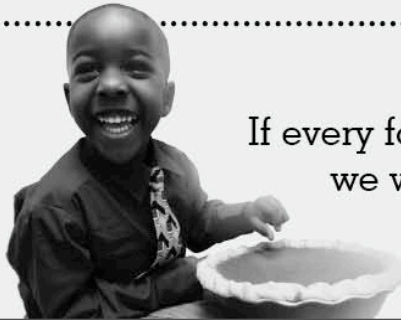
Mark Murphy (mamurphy@comcast.net) (773) 233-5655

Dave Borkovec (db92@sbcglobal.net) (773)-429-0199

Dessert Bonus Days

Free Coffee

Get a free 12 oz. bag of coffee when you buy any 3 Bonus Days desserts!



If every family buys ___ desserts,
we will reach our goal!



*Limit one Free 12 oz. bag of Cups For Hope Daily Blend Coffee per qualifying customer. Not available in Sara Lee/Market Day stores or on Peapod orders. No substitutions. Promotions subject to change or termination without notice.

CHOOSE FROM 14 DELECTABLE DESSERTS!

- ___ 4802 Andes Chocolate Mint Layer Pie/10 inch/\$12.00 *Pastel de Capas de Menta y Chocolate de los Andes*
- ___ 4624 Apple Cranberry Deep Dish Pie/10 inch/\$10.00 *Pastel de Manzana y Arándano de Base Gruesa*
- ___ 4623 Apple Deep Dish Pie/10 inch/\$10.00 *Pastel de Manzana de Base Gruesa*
- ___ 4800 French Silk Pie/10 inch/\$12.00 *Pastel de Seda Francesa*
- ___ 4597 Cookies & Cream Crème De La Cream Pie/10 inch/\$12.00 *Pastel de Galletas con Crema*
- ___ 4780 Pumpkin Pie/10 inch/\$10.00 *Pastel de Calabaza*
- ___ 4806 Pecan Pie/10 inch/\$10.00 *Pastel de Nuez*
- ___ 4625 Fruit Medley Deep Dish Pie/10 inch/\$10.00 *Pastel de Combinación de Frutas de Base Gruesa*
- ___ 4805 Pumpkin Praline Cheesecake/7 inch/\$11.00 *Pastel de Queso con Calabaza y Praliné*
- ___ 4803 Turtle Cheesecake/7 inch/\$11.00 *Pastel de Queso Tortuga*
- ___ 4852 Caramel Apple Tarts (individual servings)/4-5.25 oz./\$11.00 *Tartas de Manzana y Caramelo*
- ___ 4853 Mountain Berry Tarts (indiv. servings)/4-5 oz./\$11.00 *Tartas de Moras Silvestres*
- ___ 4854 New York Style Cheesecakes (indiv. servings)/4-4 oz./\$11.00 *Pastel de Queso Estilo Nueva York*
- ___ 4850 Chocolate Turtle Saucy Cakes (indiv. servings)/4-4.5 oz./\$11.00 *Pasteles Suculentos en Forma de Tortuga*

All products may contain traces of nuts and tree nuts. Taxes included where applicable.

Order by using this form or at marketday.com

Helping our organization reach our goal!

Acct #: _____ Organization: _____

Pick Up Date & Time: _____

Internet Order Due Date & Time: _____

Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Customer Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please return form no later than: _____

To: _____

A Message from Fr. Malloy...

Dear Parents,

I'd like to extend a special invitation to join me at Mass this coming weekend, October 24/25th. During the homily, I will be speaking about our Parish – where we've been and where we are headed as a community of faith.

St. Barnabas School is the largest, most important ministry of our Parish. We take great pride in educating the whole child – mind, heart, and spirit. Through a focus on scholastic excellence, personal attention and religious formation, St. Barnabas School graduates are equipped to reach their full potential, armed with a strong sense of faith, support and community.

As parents of our school children, you are an important part of the St. Barnabas Community and I am counting on your support.

Prayerfully,

A SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT "POWER SCHOOL"

HAVE YOU CHECKED "POWER SCHOOL" LATELY? AS A CLARIFICATION: ALL STUDENT'S PROGRESS IS REPORTED THROUGH "POWER SCHOOL". WE DO NOT SEND FAILURE OR "D" NOTICES OUT. ONE WAY OF COMMUNICATING YOUR CHILD'S PROGRESS IS THROUGH "POWER SCHOOL" WHICH CAN BE ACCESSED 24/7. IF YOU LOST YOUR PASSWORD, PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECK

State Representative Kevin Joyce along with the Illinois State Police & the Alsip Fire Department are hosting a car seat safety check on Tuesday, November 10th from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm at the Alsip Fire Department, 12600 S. Pulaski Road, Alsip. Stop by and have your child's car seat inspected by certified inspectors from the Illinois State Police. The free service takes only 15 minutes. For more information call Rep. Joyce's Constituent Service Office at 708-448-3518.



The St. Barnabas School Advisory Board is sponsoring a fundraiser for the school. This Football Mania fundraiser is for the second half of the season, which begins on October 29 and runs through the end of the regular NFL season. Tickets are \$20 each.

The school advisory board asks for your support by purchasing tickets and also distributing tickets to areas outside the parish.

Football Mania offers weekly opportunities for you to enhance your enjoyment of the NFL season. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go directly to the St. Barnabas School. These funds will be used to provide additional materials and educational opportunities for the students.

How does it work?

Each ticket contains different 3-team combinations that are randomly generated and assigned to each of the last 10 weeks of the NFL season. Prizes are awarded after each week based on the combined total points of the teams assigned to each individual ticket. Each ticket is unique and everyone has the same chance to win. The weekly prizes are: \$500 for the highest points scored, \$200 for the 2nd highest, \$100 for the 3rd highest, \$50 for the 4th highest, \$50 for the lowest total points scored, and \$25 for the 2nd lowest. You do not have to follow the games to know if you won. You can check the website and enter your number for the results. Last year there were \$5,000 worth of winners.

To get Football Mania Tickets – Complete this form and turn-it into the office. All donations and unsold tickets must be returned by October 25, 2009.

Parent Name: _____

Student Name: _____ Classroom: _____

Number of Tickets: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

School board only:

Ticket Numbers: _____

Let's all enjoy the NFL season and support St. Barnabas School.

Questions? David Manglano – 773.238.8859
Dan Devane – 773.239.2639
Mark Kelly – 773.445.3082