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ST. BARNABAS SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 17, 2009



A NOTE FROM MRS. BARNES

Dear School Families,

It's nice to have summer linger around a bit longer. Soon enough it will be darker so much earlier and the cold will settle in. However, the excitement of learning and the spirit of St. Barnabas will keep us all warm.

Speaking of spirit, we invite you to our first school assembly next Friday, September 25th; our Student Council will have us celebrating St. Barnabas. In addition to their presentation, the ever-popular "Money Machine" will return. The return of the money machine signals the end of our magazine drive. Make sure you have placed your orders!

Friday's assembly will also be our Pep Rally. Thanks to the Athletic Board for planning this part of a fun day.

Our school spirit carries over to our Fall Festival held on September 26th. Get involved! The committee is looking for volunteers.

To top off the weekend our football games will kick off on Sunday.

Thank you for your support and for the support you have shown to each other.

Have a great week!

Mrs. Lenore Barnes

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPT 18
8:45 am Mass
Grs 3 & 4

SEPT 20
Family Mass
10:00 am Gr 6
Receive bibles

SEPT 24
Mandatory
Confirmation
Retreat 4:00 pm
to 7:00 pm
Gr 8

Wanna catch the spirit, get inspired & get involved?

FSA is currently seeking 2-4 volunteers to help develop and/or coordinate the St. Barnabas Theater Arts Program. No theater experience necessary! Just have a desire to facilitate a fun and creative environment, and to put on a great show! For more information, please contact Camilla O'Keefe at (773)779-2397 or email camillajoe@sbcglobal.net.

RECRUITMENT FOR BAND...

Any students in grades 4 thru 8 who are interested in playing in the band are invited to a recruitment meeting on Thursday, September 24th, 2009 in O'Connell Hall from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

St. Barnabas FSA
After-School Enrichment Program
Fall 2009 Schedule

The St. Barnabas Family and School Association (FSA) is once again offering fun and enriching classes to our students. The following classes are now available for the FALL 2009 session only. *More classes may be added.* For more information or questions, contact Heather Cleveland (779-1179 or mhcleveland@ameritech.net).

- **Class sizes are limited**, so sign up soon! Classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Fees must accompany the sign up form to reserve your spot in the class.
- Please send form with fees to the school office in an envelope marked "After-School Enrichment." Make checks payable to: St. Barnabas FSA.
- All class teachers have completed background checks with the Archdiocese.
- If a class is full or cancelled due to low enrollment, you will receive a refund.

SPEECH COMPETITION with Ms. Pat Byrne & Mrs. Mary Ann Corrigan

Who: 3rd – 8th grades
When: Wednesdays 2:50 – 4:15 pm (*Please note: **NEW DAY!!!**)
How Long: 7 weeks (Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11 and with the Competition on Nov. 18)
Class Fee: \$10.00/ student

Help your student to be comfortable in front of their peers during oral presentations. This course includes a series of workshops using improvisational games and practice of oral presentations. It was developed by instructors with backgrounds in Speech, Theater, and Literature. The goal of the course is to prepare students to recite a memorized poem, short story, or monologue for judging by school faculty. The competition takes place during the last session where all students receive ribbons, and trophies are awarded to those who take the top score in each group. This is a great way for older students to prepare for future mandatory speech classes in high school!

TENNIS* with Ms. Kathleen Herber

Who: 3rd – 5th grades
When: Mondays 2:50 – 3:50 pm
How Long: 4 weeks (Sept. 28, Oct. 5, 19, 26)
Class Fee: \$20.00/ student

OR:

Who: 6th – 8th grades
When: Wednesdays 2:50 – 3:50 pm
How Long: 6 weeks (Sept. 30, Oct. 7, 21, 28)
Class Fee: \$20.00/ student

The Junior Tennis Program will be serving up **fun**-damentals of the lifetime sport of tennis! Our players will learn the forehand stroke, backhand stroke, and be introduced to serving and volleying. Games to increase racquet control abilities will provide added enjoyment! Scoring and game play will round out the season! (* Racquets will be provided, if necessary.)

**St. Barnabas After-School Enrichment Program
Fall 2009 Sign-Up Form**

MONDAY

Tennis (3rd-5th)

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

Speech Competition
Tennis (6th-8th)

THURSDAY

Parent name(s): _____

Phone/Cell #: _____

(Numbers where we can reach you during class time)

People who will be picking up your child: _____

**** For safety reasons, we can not allow young children to walk home alone.**

Child's name: _____ Grade: _____ Room # _____

Class: _____ Day: _____ Fee: _____

Dismissal Method: (please circle)

- Walking home
- Being picked up by those listed above
- To be taken to After School Program
- Going to athletic activity in the school

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Reconnect with fellow parishioners
as we kick off the fall season
with fun for the whole family!

This Event is FREE!

Enjoy Food, Music & Fun

Kids games & activities

Inflatables

Music

Big Screen Movie at Dusk

Great Food & Beverages for Sale

Calabria

Fat Tommy's Hot Dogs

Bob & Jacks Pizza

Restaurante Tenochtitlan

Soda, water, beer, wine

St. Barnabas Fall Family Festival

September 26th

Parish Mass 4pm

Festival 5-10pm

*Located on Convent Grounds
(Or School Gym in the event of rain)*

*Many hands make for a great event
If you can help, please call Mary Jo Viero 445-1507*



*With Great Excitement and Enthusiasm St Barnabas Teens and
Family Are Welcomed and Invited to
St Barnabas Teen Family Mass
Sunday September 27th, 2009 @ 6pm*

*Teen Masses will typically be the 4th Sunday of the month. Visit
the parish, Youth Ministry page for the full schedule!*

St. Barnabas Math & Science Club

is currently recruiting Students in Grades 5 through 8 for Lego Robotics

For more information and to sign up please visit

www.stbarnabasparish.org/schools/stbarnabas/beyondtheclassroom/mathandscience.aspx