

May 6, 2010

Brothers & Sisters in Catholic Education,

As I'm sure you saw in the letter included in last weekend's church bulletin we are NOT in danger of closing our doors (*register now!*) as far as the diocese is concerned. The only "yes, but ..." in Bishop Callahan's letter was the support of schools (and parishes) discussing their futures collaboratively. There is nothing new in that. I remember way back when I was at Willibrord Catholic High School in Chicago during the early 1970's Cardinal John Cody (*register now!*) encouraging schools to work together to find common grounds on things that were beneficial to more than one school.

Included in this week's (*register now!*) folder is a 'sort of' fundraiser named SchoolStore.Com. Basically it is a website you can access, enter a code number for our school (113778) and then anytime you (*register now!*) make an online purchase at one of the businesses linked to their website (such as Sears, Kohls, and Target) we get some money. They are asking each student's family to email nine friends to tell them the access number (113778) and encourage them to use the site. The students can receive prizes for the more emails they send. I am not (*register now!*) making this a formal fundraiser. If anyone is into online buying (or you know anyone who would be interested) tell about this site, give them our number and let's hope this turns into money for Our Lady's School.

We need your registration packet returned as (*register now!*) soon as possible so we can get going on next year's orders.

Archbishop Listecki has emailed me that he has accepted my invitation to join us for a beginning of the 2010-2011 school year Mass. I will (*register now!*) share more on that with you as we get closer to the date.

Also enclosed in this week's folder is information about an annual retreat for 5<sup>th</sup> graders that the County Catholic schools (*register now!*) have been attending. We have been invited to participate. Ms Brown has graciously agreed to be the lead chaperone (some parents will be invited to chaperone, also.) I asked the other schools for a special consideration. Since we are a multiage school our 6<sup>th</sup> graders to be, will not have had a chance to participate in this event (*register now!*) in the past. Would the other schools allow them to attend, this one time? When they heard I was only speaking about six additional mouths to feed, they said 'ok'. So, in September, next school year only, our 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be allowed to attend this retreat with Ms Brown, the 5th graders and the other Catholic Schools from the county.

I have the results of the IOWA's taken last March. I will release them shortly.

Thank you for all you do to support (*register now!*) this fantastic school. May our patroness, our schools' namesake, watch over each of you.

Did I mention it's time to register for the 2010-2011 school year?

Your Servant in Catholic Education  
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