

November 10, 2009 Memo

November 10 "The Daughter of the Regiment" Opera a la Carte Performance - 1:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall (T)

November 11 No School – Holiday for Veterans Day (W)

November 12 School Board Meeting – 7:00 pm (TH)

November 15 Dave Ahlquist presents "The Case for Saint G. K. Chesterton – 7:30 pm in the Chapel (SUN)

November 16 – 18 Electronic Progress Reports for High School students sent out (M – W)

November 18 Hot Lunch – Hamburgers - \$3.00 – (W)

November 18 Mardi Gras Meeting – 7:30 pm in the X Room (W)

November 19 Piano Recital in the Fellowship Hall – 1:00pm & 7:00pm (TH)

November 24 Thanksgiving Feast for entire student body – 11: 10 am – 12:30 pm (T)

November 25 – 27 No School – Thanksgiving Vacation (W – F)

November 27 Drive-In Movie Night @ Kolbe/Trinity Parking Lot – 6:30 pm (F)

December 2 Women's Day of Recollection – 9:00 am – 1:00 pm in the Chapel (W)

December 2 Hot Lunch – Baked Potato - \$3.00 – (W)

December 4 First Friday Mass for 7/8 grade – 11:30 am (F)

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From the Principal's Pen

November 10, 2009

Feast of St. Leo the Great

Dear Parents,

Well, even though it seems the 2nd Quarter just began, we're in something of the stretch run of the quarter and calendar year. From here on out, there are many distractions and fractured weeks leading up to exams the week of December 14th. There are actually only two full weeks (i.e., no days off) left this quarter. Please help us keep your children focused on academics as much as possible while we all try to enjoy the holidays, holiday activities, basketball season, etc., at the same time.

Custodian Position

The Custodian position that we posted for over the summer is again open. Click [here](#) for the job description. I would like to give the school community the first crack at this, but am eager to fill the position ASAP. The general expectation is about 20 hours per week during the school year and 5 hours per week over the summer. There is great flexibility in when these hours are worked. Please let me know quickly if you are interested or know someone who would be.

Basketball Poles

We are currently in possession of three basketball poles that need to be installed, two for one court and the third as a standalone. I need some help getting these installed. The first step would be to pour the cement and set the brackets, followed at least 5 days later with installing the poles, backboards and rims. After that, the company that stripes the parking lot will also stripe us a nearly full-size basketball court.

Chuck Haeuser will again be able to provide a cement mixer and a Bobcat with auger. What I will need is a couple of able-bodied individuals to remove the dirt and to help mix, transport and dump the cement the first day, and then to do the assembly of the structure the following weekend. Tentatively, **I would like to make this happen over the next two weekends, but I need solid commitments on help.** Please contact me ASAP if you can help with this exciting improvement to our campus.

Mardi Gras Meeting

The next Mardi Gras planning meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18 at 7:30, probably in the X-Room. Come on in and help us plan this important and exciting fundraiser.

Yours in Christ,

Brian

Weekly Words from Miss Jaminet

November 10, 2009

This school year we are challenging our students to live out our mission statement – in particular, our yearly goal to manifest a **“faith-filled environment in order to renew the world through children and young adults who possess the highest educational, moral, civic, and spiritual values.”** We will continue to focus on our mission statement through **November’s Virtue: Peace.** Let us remember the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi, “Lord, make me an instrument of your peace....” and keep in mind some words of Blessed Mother Teresa, “A smile is the beginning of peace.” As well, you are invited to **pray with us for the eternal peace of the souls of the departed** during the month of November. If you would like to send names to be placed on our All Soul’s prayer list, please use this [link](#) to access the prayer request form.

Mid quarter reports coming soon! We have just finished parent-teacher conferences and we’re already midway through the second quarter. This quarter is short to begin with, but add the holiday breaks and holiday festivities and it becomes increasingly important to help our students stay focused on learning and academics. Our mid quarter reports will be going out next week. We are moving toward an electronic progress report, therefore **you will notice a difference in the way you receive mid quarters.** Each teacher will email or send his/her report to you. For parents of older students this will mean that you will receive more than one progress report. Please look for them in your email.

Announcing the Student Success Team. The Student Success Team (SST) process is a new, more formalized procedure designed to support students who are struggling in academic, behavioral, or social contexts. The SST is a team effort to **make a plan for success.** It usually means participation by the student, parents, teacher(s), and administrator. Sometimes resource specialists are also involved, for example, psychiatrists, reading specialists, tutors, or medical professionals. The plan can be temporary and meet short-term goals or can be an ongoing plan with longer-term goals. An SST can be initiated by either the parent or the school. One example that springs to mind and which may be relevant after the second quarter is if a student is placed on academic probation, the SST will be recommended as a tool for all of us to help the student improve study habits and grades. Partnership and effective communication between home and school, parent and teacher, is a key component of improvement for struggling students. If you have concerns, please do not hesitate to take advantage of this process to actively support your child(ren).

New and Improved Honor Roll Policy. Honor roll certificates will be given out Friday morning after Mass, around 8:30 am. Many students work hard to achieve grades that place them on the Honor Roll. The policy currently in the 2009-2010 Family Handbook is that a student is not eligible for the Honor Roll when accumulating 7 or more tardies in one quarter. Effective immediately this quarter, we are changing this policy. **Tardies will no longer keep a student**

off Honor Roll. After listening to input from parents, looking around at other honor roll policies, and discussion about the heart of the matter, the conclusion is that the current punishment doesn't fit the crime. Tardies are not, strictly speaking, an academic or department concern. Tardies can be the result of the actions and habits of a student, a parent, a sibling, your carpool, or sometimes, unavoidable situations. Withholding an individual student's academic award as a consequence for events that may or may not be within his or her control did not seem a good fit. That does leave us with a good question... what is a proper consequence for consistent, repetitive tardies? I think we can all agree that it is important to be at school on time. The first moments of class are valuable for organization, time management, and preparation. Being late affects the well-being of the student who arrives late, is distracting to classmates, and inconveniences the teachers. Tardiness beyond the first few minutes affects understanding and learning. As a school, we must have a way to hold families accountable for timeliness. For this reason, we will continue to follow the policy of issuing detentions after the 4th tardy. In essence, this policy requires a student and a parent to work together in order to make up the time lost by the tardies. It is **important to ensure that all of our school practices and policies are thoughtful and effective; therefore I would love to hear your ideas and solutions** regarding a fair and appropriate consequence for tardies – if you have ideas, please feel free to bring them to me.

Peace & Joy,

Miss Jaminet

Reminders from the Office:

Fundraisers for Rome:

Drive-IN Movie Night:

Please come to the Kolbe/Trinity parking lot for an old-fashioned, family fun movie night on Friday, November 27th at 6:30 pm. Bob Quinn will have a large screen showing of the cartoon "Nester, the Long-eared Donkey" and the Disney movie "UP". FM portable receivers will serve as the sound system for your cars. Popcorn and other refreshments will be available for purchase. Cost is \$3.00 per person or \$20.00 per family.

Christmas Items for sale:

We have beautiful items for sale in the office or at Umpqua Bank in Browns Valley that would make great Christmas gifts for your family and friends.

Lazy Susan: Made from oak wine barrels, they are specially priced at \$80.00 ea.

Candle Holders: Also made from oak wine barrels, the votive candleholders will sell at \$40.00 ea. And the tea candle holders at \$25.00 ea.

Christmas Wreaths:

Order forms are available from any high school student going to Rome.

6" candle ring - \$27.00 22" wreath - \$25.00

28" door charm - \$30.00 26" wreath - \$33.00

Many more items are available. Please click [here](#) to see the flyer for pictures and prices. Deadline for ordering is November 19th. All items are guaranteed to arrive the first week of December.

All items are made from fresh Noble Fir, pine cones and berries. 50% of the sale of these items help fund the Rome trip.

For additional information on any of the fundraisers for Rome, please contact Bob Quinn @ 707-259-4800

CRV Collection:

Mrs. Jennifer Thornton will be collecting all CRV recycling afterschool, in the school parking lot every Friday when school is in. All the proceeds will go to help fund the Rome Trip.

Women's Day of Recollection:

On Wednesday, December 2, the Kolbe Academy/Trinity Prep Parent Guild will host a "Spa for the Soul" day for women from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The day will include Mass, Confessions, the Rosary, coffee and social time and talks by Fr. Chad Wahl from the order of the Legionaries of Christ. To make a reservation or for more information, please see the flyer posted on the school website. You may access this form [here](#).

Hot Lunches:

On most Wednesday's Judy Friedlander and a loyal cast of helpers serve up tasty lunches for our students. In an effort to help our volunteers purchase the right amount of food necessary for each hot lunch we ask that all students who wish to buy a lunch return an order form. You may include the \$3.00 with the order form or you may send money on the day of the Hot Lunch. All order forms for our hamburger lunch on Wednesday November 18th need to be returned by Friday, November 13th. The hot lunch profits this year are going to help fund our high school trip to Rome in April.

Thanksgiving Luncheon for Students:

Mr. John Bertolini and the 9/10 grade students will provide a wonderful Thanksgiving meal during the school lunch hour for all Kolbe Academy/Trinity Prep students on Tuesday, November 24th. In the spirit of the holiday, the residents of the Aegis Retirement Home will be invited to join us. Mr. Bertolini is asking for donations of fresh green beans, turkeys and pumpkin pies. Please call the office if you can donate any of these items or if you are willing to bake a turkey at home and bring to school for the meal.

Dale Ahlquist presents "The Case for Saint G.K. Chesterton":

Please come to hear the President of the American Chesterton Society, Dale Ahlquist speak on the most widely quoted man in modern times, G.K. Chesterton.

Chesterton was both a profound and prolific defender of Christianity and the Church and he wrote over 100 books on subjects ranging from philosophy to fiction, poetry, theology, literature and history. Please don't miss this opportunity to gain a new perspective on the issues of Chesterton's time and ours.

Dale Ahlquist is the author of *Common Sense 101* and *G.K. Chesterton: The Apostle of Common Sense* and is considered to be one of the most respected Chesterton scholars in the world. Mr. Ahlquist will speak in the chapel at 7:30 pm on Sunday, November 15. There will be no charge for this event but donations are always welcome. For more information please see the flyer posted on the school website by clicking [here](#).

Catholic Charities:

Our school has received a request for bags of flour or sugar to help Catholic Charities feed over 800 families this holiday season. If you would like to help, please bring your flour or sugar to the school office before December 14th. Thank you.

See Candy Fundraiser:

Flyers and order forms have gone home with your students for our Christmas See's Candy Fundraiser. All proceeds will go to fund our school's Parent Guild. There are many yummy items for sale that would make great stocking stuffers or gifts for friends. Mrs. Hall had one suggestion for her class, "Your teachers love chocolate." Let's help our Parent Guild fund all the wonderful activities they put on for our school by supporting this fundraiser. Deadline for turning in orders is December 1st. All items are guaranteed to be in before we break for Christmas Vacation. Any questions may be directed to Cymantha Erickson @ 707-337-5131 or Toni Williams @ 707-320-7339

Boys' Soccer and Girls' Volleyball Update

Congratulations to the Trinity Prep volleyball team for reaching the playoffs! Last Wednesday the girls' squad secured its trip to the postseason with a three-game sweep of Freedom Christian. Claire Maxson had 10 set assists and six kills, Anna Arend had four assists and five service aces, and Rachel Nelson had seven kills and five aces in the victory for the Crusaders, who finished 6-2 and in second place in the Northern Pacific Athletic Conference. Tonight, November 11, volleyball opens postseason play on the road in Modesto against powerful Big Valley Christian in Modesto.

Meanwhile, the Trinity Prep boys' soccer team may not be headed to the postseason, but it did end the fall season on a strong note. Alex Nelson scored on a penalty kick nine minutes into the second half and Sean LaRochelle added a goal on an assist from Anthony Kersting, as the Crusaders topped Lutheran of Elk Grove 2-0 in the season finale last Tuesday. Nelson and Brendan Quinn split time in goal for the Crusaders, who shutout Lutheran each time the teams played this year. Joe Thornton and Curtis Friedlander also played well for Trinity in the victory.

Basketball Starts November 10 (TODAY!!!!)

The first official day of boys and girls basketball practice is today, Tuesday, November 10. The boys' team and possibly the girls' team will run conditioning Monday, November 9. For anyone interested in playing who is otherwise not familiar with the procedures and processes that take place during basketball season see Athletic Director Bob Greene. Remember, all players must have a sports physical on file with the school in order to participate in any practices or games. If you have any questions see Bob Greene. Trinity Prep physical forms can be found on the "Sports" page of the school website (www.kolbetrinity.org).

6-8 Grade Girls' Basketball Update

We are continuing to move forward with 6-8 girls' basketball for this year. It is my belief based on the interest level of the girls that we can have a team this year. I am happy to announce that Paul Wiesner, Trinity Prep alum and former varsity girls' basketball coach, has stepped forward to help coach the team and we are still working on some other possible candidates to assist and/or help out. Currently, it is my hope that we can begin practice on Saturday, December 5 and practice anywhere from one-to-three times per week through the middle of February, while mixing in as many as about a dozen games. I am still working on finalizing a practice and game schedule, though we have carved out some gym time at Crosswalk Community Church for the girls on select evenings during the week, as well as some Saturday mornings.

I will continue to work on the schedule and am looking into finding more gym time at other locations, specifically in the month of December. As soon as I have a practice and game schedule finalized I will be getting that out to all interested parents and student-athletes.

Trinity Prep Athletics Shirts for Sale!

Want to show off your school pride? Are you crazy about Trinity Prep athletics? Thanks to Bob Quinn and the Trinity Prep Sports Boosters now you can show your support all around town with one of our newly available Trinity Prep sports T-shirts. We have Trinity Prep soccer, basketball, volleyball, and baseball shirts in red, along with the very-popular gray Trinity Prep Athletics shirt, all available for just \$10 and all proceeds support our athletic program.

See Bob Greene to purchase your shirt today! But hurry, they are going fast.

Basketball Teams Looking for Video Camera for Games

Both our girls and boys basketball coaches have expressed an interest in having their games filmed this year. Going over game film is a wonderful teaching tool, as well as a good mechanism for a coach to gain information about his/her team or the opposition. We have a student who has volunteered to film games if we locate a video camera.

If anyone has a video camera that they are willing to allow the athletic department to borrow (and we promise to take care of it) please see Bob Greene.