

March 10, 2009

Dear Parents of Eighth Graders:

Since it is now well into the second semester and the year is passing quickly, it is time to begin planning end of the year events. This way you can plan ahead and mark your calendars.

### **Scholarship Opportunities**

There are two essay contests available for eighth graders who will be attending a Catholic high school.

1. The PTO is having an essay contest for any student who will be attending a Catholic high school. The title of the essay is "*What Catholic Education Means to Me.*" The essay is to be turned in to Miss Breitner by **Wednesday, April 22.** There will be three prizes awarded - \$250 for 1<sup>st</sup> place; \$150 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place; and \$100 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place. **Please do not put any names on the essays.** They will be number coded at school.
2. The St. Lawrence Athletic Association is again offering a scholarship to any 8<sup>th</sup> graders who have ever participated in the sports program and will be attending a Catholic High School. The title of the essay is "*What I Have Learned through Playing Sports at St. Lawrence.*" The deadline for this scholarship is **Wednesday, April 8.** The Athletic Association will give a \$250 scholarship to one boy and one girl. **Please do not put any names on the essays.** They will be number coded at school.
3. The **Christopher Nguyen Scholarship** will also be awarded at graduation. One boy going to Elder and one girl attending Seton will receive a \$1500 scholarship. All 8<sup>th</sup> graders are encouraged to participate in this scholarship walk on **Saturday, May 2,** and to solicit donations. All 8<sup>th</sup> graders are also asked to bring baked goods for the party after the walk.
4. The David Bradley Wick Foundation is also offering a scholarship to a Catholic high school. Please see the application which is being sent home today.

If you receive notice of any scholarships or grants received by your son/daughter, please send a copy of the letter to school. This way we can acknowledge all of the awards won by the students at the Graduation Awards Ceremony.

**Wednesday, MAY 6, 2009 – MAY CROWNING & GRADUATION PICTURES**

**5:30 pm** – Any 8<sup>th</sup> grader wanting to purchase individual pictures must be in church at this time. More information will be sent home later.

**6:00 pm** – All 8<sup>th</sup> graders assemble in church.

**6:15 pm** – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Graduation picture taken in church. There is **no cost** for this picture. It is a gift to the 8<sup>th</sup> graders from the PTO.

**7:00 pm** – May Crowning Ceremony

**CLOTHING** – The clothing worn for the graduation picture, May Crowning, and the Graduation Mass is as follows:

**GIRLS:** Dress (as follows)

- Modest, appropriate for Church (**shoulders covered, not low cut**), knee length, or longer. Shawls, sweaters, or jackets may be worn.
- Very light make-up may be worn.
- Low to flat shoes

**If the dress is not modest and appropriate for Church, your daughter will not be allowed to participate in any of the events.**

**BOYS** –

- Dress slacks
- Belt
- Dress shirt (long or short sleeves – with a collar)
- Dress socks
- Dress shoes
- Tie (no bow or string ties)
- If you choose, a jacket may be worn for the individual pictures only. It may not be worn for May Crowning or Graduation.

**FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2009 – GRADUATION DAY**

**10:00 am** – Awards Ceremony – Parish Center

**8<sup>th</sup> graders and two guests**

**\*A separate invitation to make reservations will be sent at a later date.**

**7:00 pm** – **GRADUATION MASS**

Immediately following the Mass will be a reception sponsored by PTO in the Parish Center.

Thank you for your continued support this year. It has certainly been enjoyable and gone by quickly.

Sincerely yours,

*Miss Breitner*