



Weekly Hawk Happenings

March 19, 2015

Note from the Principal

I am excited to announce that we have a donor who has agreed to match all donations to the annual appeal fund up to \$25,000. Any money you donate to this fund for the months of March and April will be doubled! If you had been thinking about making a donation, now is the time!

Please note that the actual cost to educate each child is roughly \$8,600. Our tuition is already subsidized to make Catholic education affordable for every family that desires a Catholic education. There is a Parish subsidy for active, registered and participating families of Saint Joseph's and Holy Rosary church, please see the attached form in the communication envelope for more information. I want to be very clear from the start, you must be actively attending and giving to qualify for this subsidy.

There is a scholarship available for selected students, named the Miraldi Scholarship. I am sending out the information in today's communication folder. **It is due to the office next Thursday, April 26th.** Announcements will be made the following week to the families who receive it. **Please note that there is an additional 10 hours monthly of volunteer work tied to this scholarship.** That is an additional 100 hours annually for a total of 130 hours.

I am looking for a parent that knows how to "blog"! We need to get our school out there on Social Media. If anyone enjoys this type of activity, please contact me directly at principal@hrrsjda.org. I also need help moving the computers, desks and bookcases into the classroom. If you could spare 10 minutes at drop off or pick-up it would be really helpful. I am hoping to have the room cleared by Friday so the new flooring can go in!

Please note that next year's grade one, is currently full! We have reached our limit of 25 students! Any registrations received now for first grade are waitlist only. I expect that Kindergarten and the Pre-K classrooms will also be waitlist only!

The calendar went out last week. Please know, that I listened to all of you that shared your intense dislike for the first week of half days. We will only have a half day on the first day of school and not the entire first week. The teachers will go back two weeks early and spend a full week in professional development preparing meaningful and engaging curriculum for our students. Please keep attuned for some new and excited curriculum news!

We are also starting to plan for next year. We have sent a survey on Survey Monkey asking parents to inform of us of their interest. We will be reinstating the parent club. Parent clubs work best when there are structured activities. We are going to ask parents to take on a more active role in fundraising and community planning. The only way we can keep our tuition low is if we all pitch-in and help with the fundraising, it can

not be dependent upon one person. The future success is all of our responsibility! Let's get creative and think of fun and innovative ways to help the school community and raise money at the same time!

Another detail that I would like everyone to be aware of for the upcoming year is that we are currently revising the handbook. There will not be major changes but small details that I found confusing and that need to be clarified and standardized. I have found many of the the current policies are unclear and confusing, we are working to clarify some of these. This will include the uniform policy. Please check the website and details before purchasing uniforms for next year.

Important Information

- **The “Spring Fling” dance is right around the corner!** Join us for this family friendly event scheduled for **Saturday, March 21st**. Bring your friends and family and join us for a great time. **Cost is: \$5.00 per person prior to dance, or \$7.00 at the door.** Tickets are now on sale! We will have a DJ, sketch artist, snacks, and refreshments. If you are interested in donating any refreshments such as chips, cookies, or drinks or assisting with set-up at the event, please contact Shannon Hopkins at: smhopkins@comcast.net
- I would like to take a moment to thank you for registering your child on time! Over 85% of our families have registered already. Enrollment is now open to the public and current families and seats for next year are not guaranteed. Please fill out the registration form and submit your registration fee to secure your spot for next year. Registration rates are as follows: **Registration fee is \$150 for one child and \$300 for two children or more.**
- **Parking Spaces** Please note that the first three spaces on the side of the school are reserved for the Parish staff. Please feel free to park in the other spaces on the side or in the front of the school.
- **Uniform Requirements for the 2015-2016 School Year** Please see the attached form that explains in detail the requirements that need to be met for the 2015-2016 school year.
- **Show your school spirit, Holy Rosary scarves are now on sale!** In the office we are selling Holy Rosary scarves. The scarves have navy blue and white stripes with the Juan Diego logo. They are on sale for \$20.00 a piece.
- **Fulcrum & Contracts** Please call or email me if you need to schedule a contract meeting to request financial aid. Please do not assume that the rate from last year will be carried over.
- **Muffin Monday's** As a reminder, we will be hosting Muffin Monday's through the month of March. Depending on interest level, we will determine if we continue them after this month. We will serve coffee and muffins on Monday mornings from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. This will be a time to meet informally with Stephanie to ask questions and seek answers to general questions. Please remember if you have a specific question, you are always invited to make an appointment to meet with her privately.
- **Popcorn Friday** We will start our first popcorn Friday on **Friday, March 27th**. Popcorn and snacks will be for sale after school at dismissal. Popcorn will be \$2.00 a bag. If you would like to volunteer to assist, please contact Nina Tatum at: nina.tatum@gmail.com
- **Zumba** We will begin offering Zumba classes to parents and Holy Rosary student's 13 and over. Gloria Gomez, a Holy Rosary parent is a certified Zumba instructor. The plan is to kick the classes off after spring break in mid-April. Fee will be \$5.00 a class for adults, and \$2.00 for kids 13 and over. Smaller children are welcome to come and participate, but there won't be a fee if you are under 13. Classes will be Monday evenings from: 6:30 - 7:30 pm and Saturday mornings from 8:00 - 9:00 am in the cafeteria.

Upcoming Events

- March 21: Join us for the “Spring Fling” dance from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$5.00 per person pre-purchase, or \$7.00 at the door.
- May 22: Walk-a-thon

Mark Your Calendars

- Mar 20: No school, professional development.
- April 3: Noon dismissal Good Friday.
- April 6-10: No school, Easter break.

Birthdays this Week

March
23rd: Brissa Del Cid

Reminder

Please remember to return your communication folders by Wednesday of the following week so that we can prepare them to be sent home the following day. Communication folders are sent home every Thursday.