



Dear Parents,

As we complete the third week of school, I am very excited about how quickly our students have entered into the school routine and study habits. Please continue to set aside a specific time each evening for homework or perhaps a reading time when you can share a book together.

The John Paul II School magazine drive begins tomorrow! Our assembly will be in the gym at 2:30pm. This is a major fundraiser for our school and very important to our budget. Our Education Committee and John Paul II School have worked hard to maintain a reasonable tuition for our school families. Due to the current economy and to support our parents in these difficult economic times, there was no tuition increase this year, but our school expenses certainly did increase. The fundraisers, such as Autumn Classic and the magazine drive, which are held throughout the year, are so important in meeting those

increased expenses and providing a few extras for our staff and students. Thanks so much for your support.

One of the goals of the PTO this year in the Autumn Classic and Carnival is to support our staff as we raise money to attend the National Catholic Education Association convention in Minneapolis this year. I cannot express how wonderful this national conference is and how it supports our staff as we continue our growth in faith development and classroom instruction.

In anticipation of our entire staff attending the NCEA conference from April 5-8, John Paul II School will have school this year on Veteran's Day (November 11) and on the previously scheduled teacher in-service day, January 18. Attending school these two days will make up for two of the three days John Paul II School will not be in session during the conference. The third day will be made up by adding time to our school day for about two weeks after the Christmas break. Since the public school will NOT be holding school on November 11 or January 18 there will be no bussing available on those two days. Please call the school if you have any questions.

One final reminder – Autumn Classic tickets and Beef Bucks raffle tickets are now available in the school office. Please stop in or call the office and we will send them home with your child! The Autumn Classic theme this year is “The Roarin’ Twenties...And All That Jazz”. Please consider attending this exciting evening. The PTO has a great menu, awesome silent auction items and lots of fun extras to make your evening special. Remember – Catholic Aid provides daycare in the school for any interested family!

Schedule for September 4-11

Friday, September 4	School Mass, 5M/2C; Magazine Drive begins
Sunday, September 6	SCRIP sold at Holy Family after all masses
Monday, September 7	No School due to Labor Day
Tuesday, September 8	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday, September 9	
Thursday, September 10	Japan Assembly, 9:00am in MPR
Friday, September 11	Boy Scout Rep will visit with boys in grades 1-5 School Mass 3Y/5H

Have a terrific week!

Michelle Ommen, Principal