



Dear Parents,

How exciting it is right now for our second graders and their families as they prepare for their First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 18. Each child will make their First Communion at their respective parishes. Holy Spirit children will make their First Holy Communion at 11:00am Mass, while Holy Family children will attend 11:30am Mass. There will be a practice at each parish on Saturday, April 17 at 9:00AM. Thank you to our second grade teacher, Mrs. Robin Cahoy for the many hours of supporting our John Paul II parents as together they prepared our children for this special day!

I would like to give very special congratulations to our fifth and sixth grade students for their hard work on the Modern Woodman Speeches. All John Paul II students wrote a 3-5 minute speech on “If I were President...” Our representatives at the District contest which included students from 5th through 8th grade, included Brenna Morgan (6H), Tim Morgan (5H) and Raina Grimsley (5M). We are very excited that Tim Morgan place third and Raina Grimsley placed first! Raina will move on to the State Contest! Great job everyone!!

Please don't cook supper on Tuesday, April 20 – but do come and join us for our April FUNdraiser at the north McDonalds from 5:00-8:00pm!! A percentage of all meals sold between these times will return to our school! Thanks so much for your support all year long with our FUNdraisers!

I would like to send a reminder to all sixth grade parents...Our sixth graders will be going to Broomtree on Friday, April 23 for an “end of the year” retreat. This special day will focus on the Holy Eucharist with Mr. Ken Novak conducting the retreat. Father Larry will also be attending to celebrate both Mass and Reconciliation with our students. The students will be riding a bus and there will be limited room for parents who would like to be with their child on this special day. Please call the school office if you would like more information.

One final reminder, please return your family's registration for the 2010-2011 school year, with the \$150 deposit. These pre-registrations are very important to us to be able to purchase, at the best possible prices, sufficient school supplies for next year as well as hiring and retaining staff for all school positions. Thanks so much for your support on this.

Our John Paul II School would like thank our office personnel as we celebrate Administrative Professional Day on Wednesday, April 21! God certainly blessed John Paul II when He sent us Mrs. Bunny Koester as Business Manager, Mrs. Rosanne Muth and Mrs. Jackie Rezac as secretaries. Thank you so much for all your long hours of hard work, pleasant smiles, and your strong commitment to Catholic education. You are the best!

Schedule for April 16-April 22

Friday, April 16	School Mass, 3R and 6H; PTO Scholarship applications due in office; Wessington Springs Music Contest, Show Choir leaves at 1:15pm; Happy Birthday Mrs. Dean!
Saturday, April 17	First Communion Practice, 9:00 at respective Churches
Sunday, April 18	First Communion, 11:00am at Holy Spirit, 11:30am at Holy Family, SCRIP sold after all Holy Family Masses
Monday, April 19	3 rd to Avera Brady – be sure to wear uniforms;
Tuesday, April 20	FUNdraiser at north McDonalds, 5:00-8:00pm
Wed. April 21	Preschool Conferences – <u>No AM Preschool</u> ; Show Choir performs at Avera Assisted Living, 1:15pm; Midterms go home; <u>Happy Secretary's Day to Mrs. Koester, Mrs. Muth and Mrs. Rezac!</u>
Thurs. April 22	Preschool Conferences – <u>No AM/PM preschool</u> ; Happy Birthday Mrs. Rokusek!
Friday, April 23	School Mass, 5M, 2C; Preschool Conferences, <u>No AM/PM Preschool</u> ; 6 th Grade Broomtree Retreat – All day; 5 th grade to Corn Palace for Mega Heart Health Education, 1:00 PM

Have a wonderful week!

Michelle Ommen, Principal