



# Shamrock Newsletter

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## Upcoming Dates

- Mar. 1:** Pre-Registration begins for Catholic Community families  
**Mar. 6:** IRISH FESTIVAL 11:00 – 4:00  
**Mar. 8:** Pre-Registration begins for General Public  
**Mar. 8:** Due Date for Inventory and Survey  
**Mar. 15-19:** Spring Break  
**Mar. 24:** PK-4 Parent Lunch

## Lenten Service Project

This year, our Lenten Service Project will be collecting money for the people in Haiti who are suffering in so many ways following the recent earthquake. The money will be sent to Catholic Relief Services, an international relief organization. Please be generous in this effort to reach out to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

## Pre-Registration for 2010-2011 School Year

Pre-Registration for current families continues as we open our doors to the Catholic Community today, March 1<sup>st</sup>. All registration is on a first come, first serve basis. It is VERY important that you submit both a Pre-Registration form along with the \$175.00 fee. Pre-Registration for the general public will begin Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Extra forms are available in the office. The forms and Early Bird fee of \$175.00 per child are due as soon as possible. The fee will increase to \$200.00 beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Whether or not your child is returning next year, please submit a form indicating yes or no. This is very important for our budgeting process.

## PK-4 Parent Lunch

PK-4 Parent Lunch will be held Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Reservation forms can be found in the green folders. Please sign and return by Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Keep the upper portion as a reminder to you, and return the bottom portion to the school. Thank you.

## Irish Festival

Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>

11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Bring your friends and family!**

## RAFFLE TICKETS

Remember, all families are expected to purchase or sell a minimum of 25 raffle tickets for the Irish Festival. Keep in mind that the raffle ticket sales provide the largest percentage of profit from any of the various festival activities. Extra tickets are available in the office. Tickets may be sold until the day of the festival. However, we ask that you please return the first \$25 and stubs by Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you.

## Parent Opinion Inventory

Enclosed in the green folders today you will find an unsealed envelope containing a letter of explanation, a **Parent Opinion Inventory**, and a **Catholic Identity Survey**. Please fill out both the Inventory and the Survey, and return them in the same envelope and sealed **by Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you for taking the time to complete these forms. It is important and will remain anonymous.

## Stations of the Cross

We are in the season of Lent which began Ash Wednesday. During this liturgical season, students in grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> attend Stations of the Cross in the church beginning at 2:00 p.m. each Friday. Parents are welcome to join us.

## Attn: Regional Science Fair News

If you received a postcard from Mississippi State University saying your forms are incomplete for the Regional Science Fair, please disregard. See fair information in green folder today.

## More News on Back

### **Mailing to the Military**

Thank you again for your generous response to the collection for the troops serving in the Middle East. We have mailed several boxes to our two dads stationed there, Mr. Harpster (Donovan's father), and Mr. Brodley (Morgan Sloan's father). Thanks to Cindy and Jonathan Smith, the remainder of the items will be transported through the military.

### **Liturgical Dancer Update**

The Liturgical Dancers were scheduled to dance at the children's liturgy on March 11<sup>th</sup>. However, the Regional Science Fair in Starkville is being held on that day and several of our dancers will be attending. A new day will be announced later.

### **Photos for Yearbook**

If you have any interesting photos you would like to submit for this year's yearbook, please copy them to a disk and leave at the school office attention to Joan Albert. Thank you.

### **Health Help for Kids**

The Diocesan Office has asked that we notify our parents about The Mississippi Health Advocacy Program (MHAP) which will aid parents in attaining quality health care for their children. *Health Help for Kids* is a completely free program that will provide comprehensive protection and advocacy services to Mississippi parents for their children. Please call the toll free number 1-877-31-GET HELP Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. or go to [www.healthhelpms.org](http://www.healthhelpms.org) for more information.

### **Free Seminar**

A free seminar entitled, "The Self-Destruction of a Generation", will be held in McCain Theater, Ivy Hall, at Meridian Community College from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The seminar will focus on some serious issues facing our youth and is open to everyone who lives and works with children and adolescents and is sponsored by Weems Community Mental Health Center.

### **Bad Weather Make-Up Day**

Our school calendar has two inclement weather days built into it. However, the snow day on February 12<sup>th</sup> was our third day off due to weather and will have to be made up. Therefore, **we will have school on Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**. Please mark your calendar to reflect this change.



In accordance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, there will be no discrimination on the grounds of race, creed, color, national origin, or handicapping condition in regards to student enrollment or staff employment.

