

**Prayer Warriors:** for an end to abortion in Aurora and the world...for a relative who died last Friday... for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. ...

For all our  **moms, grandmothers, great grandmothers and aunts...**

A woman, renewing her driver's license at the County Clerk's office, was asked by the woman recorder to state her occupation. She hesitated, uncertain how to classify herself. 'What I mean is, ' explained the recorder, 'do you have a job or are you just a.?' 'Of course I have a job,' snapped the woman. 'I'm a Mom.' 'We don't list 'Mom' as an occupation, 'housewife' covers it,' Said the recorder emphatically. I forgot all about her story until one day I found myself in the same situation, this time at our own Town Hall. The Clerk was obviously a career woman, poised, efficient, and possessed of a high sounding title like, 'Official Interrogator' or 'Town Registrar.' 'What is your occupation?' she probed. What made me say it? I do not know. The words simply popped out. 'I'm a Research Associate in the field of Child Development and Human Relations.' The clerk paused, ballpoint pen frozen in mid air and looked up as though she had not heard right. I repeated the title slowly emphasizing the most significant words. Then I stared with wonder as my pronouncement was written, in bold, black ink on the official questionnaire. 'Might I ask,' said the clerk with new interest, 'just what you do in your field?' Coolly, without any trace of fluster in my voice, I heard myself reply, 'I have a continuing program of research, (what mother doesn't) In the laboratory and in the field, (normally I would have said indoors and out). I'm working for my Masters, (**first** the Lord and then the whole family) and already have four credits (all daughters). Of course, the job is one of the most demanding in the humanities, (any mother care to disagree?) and I often work 14 hours a day, (24 is more like it). But the job is more challenging than most run-of-the-mill careers and the rewards are more of a satisfaction rather than just money.' There was an increasing note of respect in the clerk's voice as she completed the form, stood up, and personally ushered me to the door. As I drove into our driveway, buoyed up by my glamorous new career, I was greeted by my lab assistants -- ages 13, 7, and 3. Upstairs I could hear our new experimental model, (a 6-month old baby) in the child development program, testing out a new vocal pattern. I felt I had scored a beat on bureaucracy! And I had gone on the official record as someone more distinguished and indispensable to mankind than 'just another Mom.' Motherhood! What a glorious career! Especially when there's a title on the door. Does this make grandmothers 'Senior Research associates in the field of Child Development and Human Relations' And great grandmothers 'Executive Senior Research Associates?' I think so!!! I also think it makes Aunts 'Associate Research Assistants.' Please send this to another Mom, a Grandmother, an Aunt, or any Moms-to-be you know. May your troubles be less, your blessings be more, and nothing but happiness come through your door! **Happy Mother's Day!**

We are also pleased to announce that **77%** of our graduating class will be attending a Catholic High School in the fall! We wish all our students, whether they are going to Catholic or public high schools, the best of luck in the future and hope that they will use all their talents!

Congratulations to **Luke Elder** and **Alex Ruble** for their Gold Award (the highest!) presented at the Illinois Junior Academy of Science. The title of their topic was "Nosecone Effect on Drag/Altitude."

This is **National Nurse's Week** also! We are fortunate to have a nurse at our school to help us when the children get sick. Thanks **Mrs. Hastings!**

**Final Sale** for Holy Angels Spiritwear: Tuesday, May 13th during Uniform fitting. Special closeout items greatly reduced to make room for next year's inventory. You don't want to miss this.

We again ask that you prayerfully consider helping in one of the Volunteer capacities that were listed on the sheet you received last week. We can only success when all of us contribute! Thank

you! We have **42** families helping already! Great! Still room for more people! You will be contacted in late May.

If for some reason you didn't know this...

The Track Awards will be presented Tuesday night, May 13 starting at 6:30 p.m. in the gym.  
The Band Concert is on Thursday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Religious Education: We are in need of 7 adult/teen volunteers 14 years or older to be Construction Crew Leaders 7 Teen volunteers to assist the construction crew leaders. We are 3/4 full with registrants, so please register now to assure your spot. All forms are on the web site under Religious Education.

### **USED BOOK SALE**

Mrs. Cox will be holding a used book sale in the library the week of May 19-23. Clearing the crowded shelves of those books which have been "well-loved", of which we have multiple copies, or which are just no longer as popular will make room for fantastic new books! Children will have the opportunity to shop during their library period. The sale will also be open each morning from 8:15-8:30. Paperbacks will sell for **\$.10** and hard covers will be a quarter. What a great way to stock up for summer reading! The students that read **USUALLY** do better in school!

I don't want it to sound like we have a major problem with disrespect because we don't. However, keep in mind that when students are on the bus (which have cameras) and incidents occur that would be considered bullying and/or harassment, a student could be suspended. Remember, your child may or may not act the same at home.

Remember that Schoolbelles will be here on Tuesday, May 13, from 10:30-11:30 to get measured for uniforms. For more information check out their website at [222.schoolbelles.com](http://222.schoolbelles.com)

In anticipation of Catholic Schools Week for next year, I would like to invite you to nominate someone for the following award: **NCEA Distinguished Graduate Award**  
This award is intended to honor graduates of Catholic elementary/middle schools who have made a contribution to American life and/or the Catholic Church. The recipient must have graduated from the Catholic elementary/middle school at least **ten** years prior to presenting the award. The individual school selects the awardee and NCEA confirms the nomination. If you know of any individual who would be qualified to receive this award, please start considering writing a recommendation. This won't be due until the fall but I'd like to start off our Catholic Schools Week with this presentation.

**For the Picnic:** The plans are in the works for our all school picnic and we are looking forward to having a day filled with fun, food and more fun. For your convenience here are the grades with their assigned t- shirt colors:

1st Grade = Green	4th Grade = Orange	7th Grade = Blue
2nd Grade = White	5th Grade = Red	
3rd Grade = Yellow	6th Grade = Grey	

The following ladies are on the **8th Grade Recognition Committee**:

Jacquie May, Kim Thill, Annette Soris, Jessica Friedrich, Eileen Miller, Kim DesJardine

We received a letter from the Fox Valley Park District stating that they are offering the "Fox Valley Kids" coupon booklets for Park District youth. In recognition of families that may

experience economic hardship, the coupons provide a means for children to attend the District's aquatic centers—Splash Country Water Park and Phillips Park Family Aquatic Center and Blackberry Farm. You can obtain the booklets at 712 S. River St for a cost of \$10 with a total value of \$324. Families can use the coupons for free admissions. Please call 630.897.0516 for more information.

Sincerely,  
Norb Rozanski, Principal

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Here's the final calendar...please **SAVE** this part of the newsletter!

Monday, May 12	Blackberry Farm Pre/K Field Trip
Tuesday, May 13	School Bells from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Track Awards in Gym at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 14	Aurora Police will talk to 1 <sup>st</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> grade students in Gym at 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, May 15	Hot Lunch School Concert at 1:30 Band Concert at 7:00 p.m.
Friday, May 16	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade Waubensee Theatre @ 1:00 p.m. in Band Room Sport Fest <b>NO BUS ON THIS DAY.</b>
Monday, May 19	Faculty Meeting after school 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Poetry Theatre @ 1:30-2:30 in Band Room
Tuesday, May 20	8 <sup>th</sup> grade class trip and breakfast
Wednesday, May 21	School Advisory Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. Mass to Honor Random Acts of Kindness Recipients & 8 <sup>th</sup> Honor Roll
Thursday, May 22	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition @ 6:30 p.m. Pre-School Step-Up in Gym @ 1:00 p.m.
Friday, May 23	Kindergarten Graduation @ 10:00 a.m. in Gym 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation practice @ 9:00 a.m. & then Luigi Pizza.
Saturday, May 24	Chorus Concert in Connor Hall @ 7:00 p.m.
Monday, May 26	No school—Memorial Day
Tuesday, May 27	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation at 7:00 p.m. Pre-school orientation at 6:30 p.m. Kindergarten orientation at 7:15 p.m.
Friday, May 30	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Henry Ford experience from 1:05-1:45 p.m.
Monday, June 2	Regular Day—NO BUS AFTER SCHOOL.
Tuesday, June 3	Picnic—NO BUS. Students dismissed at 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, June 4	Mass and Report Cards & Honor Roll—dismissal at 10:30 a.m. NO BUS