

GO BIG RED CASUAL DAY!

Go big red! CAN Missouri! You CAN help us and the Omaha Food Bank. Please bring a CANNED good or two on Oct. 8th, to help stock the bare shelves of the Food Bank. In exchange, you CAN support the Nebraska Cornhuskers by wearing a red shirt on Thursday. You CAN do it!!!

PICTURE DAY ON FRIDAY

Reminder... this will take place on Oct. 9th in the morning. Please do not forget to have your child bring the order envelope to school on Friday. It will be a "free" casual day, but be sure to dress nice since you will be taking class pictures. Please refer to the casual day dress code in the Student Handbook if you have any further questions.

HYVEE CASH FOR KIDS

The HyVee Cash for Kids has been a very popular program for schools to participate in for the last several years. You simply save your HyVee store or gas receipts and then send them in to school. In fact, you can tell your friends, neighbors, and relatives to save them for us as well. The collecting of HyVee receipts continues until the end of the year (Dec. 31st). At that time one of our school parent volunteers will package them all up and send them in for a nice cash gift back to the school. Last year our school received a check from HyVee for nearly \$ 300. So start your saving and then send them in. Thanks!

A Note From The Principal

Last week in the Menu Notes I talked about the high priority here at school that we place on academics and that we have need to work in partnership to help "our" children become as successful in school as they possibly can. This week I want to talk about our partnership in teaching "our" children the Catholic faith. That is our other high priority here at St. Gerald School. We do have a few students who are not Catholic, but everyone is learning the same things in Religion. We are working to have Catholic Identity in our school be a main focus. In fact every Catholic school in our Archdiocese is placing a stronger emphasis in this area. This is what separates us from public schools, and we are doing everything that we can to concentrate on our mission.

We want to pass down our Catholic faith to our students and prepare the next generation of Catholics for our world. But teaching our children about the Catholic faith is much more than just book learning. We have to live it every day in everything that we do. We have to want to be examples and followers of Christ. If we want to be followers of Christ, then our children will want to be the same. Our partnership in this way of life is crucial to our success. Families going to church together, praying together, and just being together are very important to passing on the faith at home. Our children will be much better people for it. Their spiritual future is as important as their educational future. Thanks for wanting the best possible lives for your children, and thanks for choosing us at St. Gerald School to teach your children!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- October 7 & 8 - St. Gerald Basketball Registrations for boys and girls in Grades 3-8, 3:00 in the School Conference Room
- October 8 - "Go Big Red" Day, students may be out of uniform and wear something red for bringing a canned good item.
- October 8 - 5th Grade field trip to the Rose Theater, leave at 9:00
- October 8 - Kindergarten field trip to Bellevue St. Mary's School for a Symphony Mini Concert, leave at 8:45
- October 9 - School Picture Day, students should wear nice clothes for their school pictures (they may change to casual clothes after pictures) or wear their school uniform
- October 10 & 11 - St. Gerald School Bake For Books Bake Sale and Scholastic Book Fair at St. Gerald Church Fellowship Hall
- October 12 - 2nd Grade field trip to Vala's Pumpkin Patch, leave at 8:30
- October 13 - St. Gerald School Family Night Out at the two area Dairy Queens, 4:00 to 9:00
- October 15 - Casual Day, out of uniform for \$.50 or more
All money collected will go to the United Way Campaign

LUNCH MENU (Oct. 7-16th, 2009)

COSTUME EXCHANGE

Reminder this will take place tomorrow after school. You may still bring your donations today or tomorrow morning to the office. The costumes are \$5.00 to purchase. Thank you for your support.

FUNDRAISER FISH FRY DINNER

This is for the Papillion Monarch Football League. The Monarchs are traveling to Las Vegas to defend the 2008 National Championship. The money will help costs associated with the travel and entry fees. There will be a dinner at Holy Ghost Social Hall (52nd & Q) on Oct. 17th from 5:30-10:00pm. The cost is \$8.00 per plate. Lots of giveaways, raffles and fun! Any questions or if you cannot attend and would still like to donate call David O'Donnell at 537-3035.

BAKE FOR BOOKS

THIS WEEKEND! This helps to support our school library. It is always a fun event so we hope you can help by baking some delicious items to donate and buying wonderful treats to be sold after all the masses. Items can be dropped off at the Fellowship Hall at the main church on Saturday from 9-5pm. Remember that points will be assigned for each baked good sent and the class with the most points will get a root beer float party!

We still need volunteers. There is a sheet attached to this menu note with further information. We will have pizza on Saturday for all the helpers. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents in the school. Call Kathy Steinbach if you have any questions 289-0149.