

October 1, 2009

Brothers & Sisters in Catholic Education,

As you read this we have entered the month of October. This month is traditionally known as fire prevention/safety month. The origins of October being “fire safety month” are unclear, but it is generally assumed to be related to the enormous, costly (millions of dollars in lost property), deadly (accounts vary between 12,000 & 24,000 deaths), rumored to have started in a barn, fire that took place on October 8, 1871. Of course I refer to the famous Peshtigo, Wisc. fire. (A city several hundred miles to the south also had a fire that day, but that’s a story for another time.)

During my recent visits to the classrooms the topic of safety (and being safe) has been discussed and of course fire safety in particular has been gone over. You will be happy to know we had our first school wide fire drill of the year recently and we were able to completely empty the building in **28 seconds!**

The Random Lake Fire Department will be on campus soon to further review and discuss safety rules with the students.

Moving on to a different topic it is beginning to look like Our Lady’s School will not be able to field a boy’s basketball team. We just don’t have enough boys in any one class to make up a complete team. St. John the Baptist in Plymouth has graciously offered to have a ‘Co-Op’ team that would include our 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys. At this time we are still trying to work out something for the girls.

Performance Progress Reports should be coming to you soon. Please keep an eye open for those. If you child is struggling don’t wait to get them help. If they are doing well don’t let them ‘rest on their laurels’.

If any of you are struggling making your tuition payments, and you feel you need assistance, please contact us and/or complete the St. Vincent de Paul forms.

Last time I wrote I ‘deputized’ each of you to help ‘arrest’ those students who would benefit from a Catholic School education. Please continue to seek those individuals. What we have here at Our Lady’s school is special and we want to reach out to all those individuals who are not yet benefiting.

We will be starting our ‘After School’ program this week with Ms Thomaschfsky offering music/vocal lessons and in the very near future we will be offering tutorial sessions in Mathematics and Reading. Both of these ‘After School’ programs cost a minimal extra fee, but they are well worth it. Please contact the school office to sign up for either. If you have a talent you would like to share as part of our ‘after school’ enrichment plan please contact me.

May Our Lady, whom we have named our school and child center for, continue to shower you with her love.

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Principal/Administrator