

February 17, 2012

Dear Parent,

I hope yesterday's performance of "Peace, Love and The Fab Four" brought you some happy memories. I would like to congratulate Steve Marion, students, musicians and the Bridgeport Catholic Academy Choir for a wonderful school concert. The students from PK3 through Grade 8 did a fantastic job. I was so proud of everyone. Thanks to everyone for their support of the bake sale and split the pot. The show was far out!!

A big thank you to Jeanette Carter and her committee, Dave Grek, Cathleen Kiely, Diana Johns, Jodi Cook, Kathy Duddleston, Maria Aguas, Phyll Tobar, Rita Molloy and Toni Acosta who turned the gym into a Red Carpet Runway for the 1st Annual Home and School Father/Daughter dance. I heard what a great time everyone had!

Our Lenten journey begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2012 with mass and ashes at 8:30am. Our theme this year is "Lord, Help Me to Carry My Cross". Together, we will make sacrifices, give alms and prepare for the Resurrection of our Lord. Each day will begin with a special Lenten reflection. Each Monday, students will write on a paper cross how they plan to be a better person. During Lent we all should think about ways we can be better at school and at home. Lent should be about becoming the loving and kind person God wants us to be.

This year, as in the past, each student will support a "Bowl". Your child will receive a "Bowl" on Ash Wednesday. Each student should try to give a small amount of money on a regular basis to help the homeless and less fortunate. The "Bowl" should be in a prominent place in order to remind each family the need to help others. The "Bowls" will be returned to school during Holy Week. Any and all contributions are always welcome.

The Friends of DuSable invited all Catholic fourth grade students to submit an essay on Jean Baptiste Pointe DuSable as Chicago's founder and first non-native settler. Our three finalists were: Katelyn Halisz, James Lustig and Diego Torres. We wish these students well. We were proud of all the fourth grade essays.

We would like to thank Pulaski Bank, Roger Budry and Jane Rogocki for their continued support to our school and our families. Winners of the \$100 tuition credit are: February, Hernandez family – grade 2, March, Caulfield family – grade 1. Thank you for your continued support.

Please support our Technology Fundraiser by purchasing pies in March. Our goal is 1000 pies. Your order form and additional information is being sent home today. Orders are due by March 12, 2012 and pick up is Saturday, March 17, 2012. Thank you for your support.

Lillian Buckley

Reminder: Monday, February 20, 2012 – No school
Tuesday, February 21, 2012 - Mardi Gras
Wednesday, February 22, 2012 – Ash Wednesday
Friday, February 24, 2012 – Progress Reports
Tuesday, February 28, 2012 – 8th grade Bake Sale for "Elmer's Kids"
Tuesday, February 28, 2012 – 2nd Grade First Reconciliation