



## Read All About It!

Last month's Book Fair was a great success. Thank you to all who supported the Fair. Many new books will be added to our Library due to your generosity. The teachers were also able to add new titles to their Classroom Libraries as a result of the Classroom Wish List Program. The school will receive a total of \$1,959.47 to purchase books and supplies for the Library. The "One for Books" promotion raised \$75.00; Scholastic will make a donation in this amount to the three charities this effort supports.

Congratulations to the winners of our "Guess How Many" Contest:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Jeremy Ricard, Grade 7 - Free Book and M&M Jar
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Ashley DeFreitas, Grade 4 - Free Book
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Rebecca Kimball, Grade 7 - Free Book

A very special thank you to all of the parent volunteers who helped in setting up, helping students, and cleaning up. I truly appreciate all that you did to help make our Fair a success.

- Mrs. Katie Barcomb, School Librarian

## CDS in Service – Soap & Socks

Our March Service Project will be a collection of bars of soap (Tone, Ivory, Dial and Irish Spring only) and men's one-size-fits-all white crew or tube socks (in original packaging) to benefit the young male prisoners being held at Rykers Jail in New York. Sister Peg, a Holy Union Sister and the Chaplain at Rykers who ministers to these disadvantaged young men who are awaiting trial, just visited CDS at the end of February to speak to our students.

Collection baskets will be set up in the School Entrance Lobby from March 8 to March 19. Monetary donations will be accepted as well (checks payable to CDS with "Soap & Socks" noted in the memo section), which Sister Peg will use to purchase other desperately needed items.

## Golf - SAVE THE DATE - Golf

**FRIDAY – MAY 21 – TEE TIME @ 1:00 PM**

This is the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the CDS Golf Tournament and such an occasion deserves a **BIG** Celebration. To make this a community event, this year we've added a Dinner Only Option for those unable to golf. So mark your calendars, book those sitters, dust off those clubs, and get ready to celebrate!

## Congratulations!

Eighth Grader Rebekah Paxton received the highest score on this year's Academy of Notre Dame entrance test, and she is the recipient of a large scholarship. We will continue to let you know about our upcoming graduates' awards as we learn of them.

## CDS Penny Sale

Coming soon: details on our own version of March Madness, the Penny Sale for Grades K– 8, on Friday, March 26.

## Standardized Testing Week

Sharpen those pencils - students in Grades 2 – 8 will begin taking their Standardized Tests on Monday, March 22. There is no special preparation required except to be sure that your child eats a good breakfast and comes to school well-rested. Testing begins first thing in the morning – *it is very important that students arrive on time (7:45 AM)* for each school day. If students are late, they unfortunately cannot be allowed to enter their classrooms if a test is underway, and will therefore miss that portion of the test.

Also, *please check your calendars to make sure that you have not scheduled any appointments during school hours during testing week.* We are unable to interrupt the classrooms during testing, so we would not be able to dismiss your child to you. Keep in mind that if your child misses a portion of the test, his or her test results are invalidated.

## Mark Your Calendars

*CDS Penny Sale:* **Friday, March 26.**

*Report Cards:* **Monday, March 29.**

*Early Dismissal:* **Holy Thursday, April 1, ALL STUDENTS at 11:00. NO EXTENDED DAY.**

*No School:* **Good Friday, April 2.**

*Class Pictures:* **Monday, April 5.** Grades Pre-K through 7 in uniform; Grade 8 in caps & gowns.

*Early Dismissal:* **Thursday, April 8. ALL STUDENTS at 11:00. NO EXTENDED DAY.** Parent-Teacher Conferences from 12:30 to 3:30. No evening conferences.

*No School:* **April 19 - April 23.** Spring Vacation Week!

*Uniform Fittings:* **Wednesday, April 28 at 10:30.**

*Fine Arts Fair:* **Friday Evening, April 30.** CDS Students' Artwork & Musical Presentations.

*CDS Golf Tournament:* **Friday, May 21.** Tee Off at 1:00 and Dinner at 6:00.

## Saints Be Praised!

On Wednesday, March 17, students may wear a touch of green with their uniforms in celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

## Update: CDS Hearts With Haiti

Donations continued to arrive since our latest email update to you. We wanted to let you know that we were able to send a check for \$11,000 to Sr. Eileen Davey in Haiti last week. Thank you for your overwhelming generosity, and watch for an upcoming article about CDS and this fundraiser in the Lowell Sun.