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## OCTOBER NEWS LETTER

**CONGRATULATIONS TO TWO OF OUR WONDERFUL ARTISTS**, Maggie Rost and Justin Kaczmarek for having winning artwork in the Ak-Sar-Ben's River City Art Contest. A copy of their art is displayed in the Front hallway Art display case by the office. Their artwork was auctioned off on Sunday, September 25, 2011 at the Purple Ribbon Auction. Maggie and Justin were there to show the interested buyers their artwork and will then receive a check for a portion of the auction price. Congratulations Maggie and Justin and their families.

**We are currently collecting Hy-Vee cash register receipts** (dated between 9-1-11 and 12-31-11) to earn Cash for Students. Please send those receipts into the school office so that we can total them up and earn some "cold" "hard" cash. Also, please keep turning in those Box Tops for Education, Our Family UPCs, Land O' Lake Milk caps (clean please!!!) and Campbell Soup Labels. Any little bit helps the numbers add up for more money and/or points to purchase items.

**Our All-School Fundraiser** is over and we sold over our \$10,000 goal, therefore, this will help us provide some of the items that are not included in our school's budget. Remember fundraiser pick-up is scheduled for 3:00 p.m on **Wednesday, October 5, 2011 in the school parking lot.**

**8<sup>th</sup> grade Investiture Mass** at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, October 15, 2011 as they begin their journey of Confirmation.

**Lansky Pizza night** is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at the 50<sup>th</sup> & L location. You may eat in or do carry out, just be sure to put your receipt in the Holy Ghost blue box and sign in your child/children so that they may earn a free Jeans Day pass for Friday October 28<sup>th</sup>. Serving times are from 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Come and join other Holy Ghost families and parishioners and eat dinner out.

**Student Council Break-A-Rule Day** is scheduled for Friday, October 21, 2011. A separate flyer will be sent home with the details from Student Council.

**Halloween Dance** is also scheduled for Friday, October 21, 2011 in the Social Hall from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Come in your costume and join in the parade for prizes. Come join the fun and share your dancing moves in your costume.

**PTO Cinnamon Roll Sunday** will be following the 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Mass on October 23, 2011. These cinnamon rolls are a real treat after Mass on Sunday morning.

**Red Ribbon Week Festivities** will be the week of October 24<sup>th</sup> thru October 28<sup>th</sup>. See separate flyer for activities.

**PTO Holiday Craft and Boutique Show** in School Gym and Church Social Hall from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.. Come and start your Holiday gift showing and support the PTO.

**PTO** will again be sponsoring the annual **Treat and Trunk Halloween parade** in the Church parking lot (weather permitting, in the school if raining) at 2:00 p.m. Room parties to follow after the parade and collection of the treats in the “trunks”

**Please check the school website for more details on any of the events listed or check your bound calendars for more events.**

## HIGHLIGHTED CLASS OF THE MONTH



Happy Fall!

### Spanish and Middle School Religion News

Hola and Peace of Christ! My name is Victoria Shelton and I am the new Spanish (Pre-K – 8) and Religion (5-8) at Holy Ghost. I have been so blessed to have the pleasure of teaching your child Spanish, August and September have kept us busy in both Spanish and Religion!

In Spanish we have been focusing on reviewing the basics such as numbers, months, seasons, days of the week, how we greet each other, how we express our age, and how we describe ourselves. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are currently utilizing a great textbook especially designed for middle school students. In addition, we are beginning to use our Interactive Smart Board which helps lessons in Spanish and Religion become more interactive. Keep your eyes open this year for more information about International Fair. For this event our 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be making our classroom look like Spain!

In Religion, our 5<sup>th</sup> grade we have learned about Jesus' life as well as sharing the Good News through acting Christ-like. In 6<sup>th</sup> grade we are preparing for the Archdiocesan Vocation Awareness Rally which will be Friday October 21<sup>st</sup> at Skutt Catholic High School. This day will be faith-filled with a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Lucas, a live concert, and other 6<sup>th</sup> graders from the Omaha Archdiocese. In 7<sup>th</sup> grade Religion we have learned about God's desire to know us and how truth is revealed. In 8<sup>th</sup> grade Religion we have learned about the love of God and how to make moral choices. Confirmation has been officially scheduled! The date will be Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.!

I am so grateful to be part of the Holy Ghost Family and appreciate all of our staff, students, and families that have made me feel welcome! Thanks! ¡Gracias!

Miss Shelton