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## SEPTEMBER NEWS LETTER

Welcome back!!!

We are looking forward to having a great school year. We are welcoming **4 new staff members** this year. Mrs. Carrie Kaczmarek will be joining Mrs. Childers in the 3 & 4 year old Pre-School classroom. Mrs. Stephanie McKenna will be in our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade room. Miss Victoria (Tori) Shelton will be our 5<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom teacher and will teach Spanish our All-Day Pre-Kindergarten thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. She will also be teaching Religion to our 5<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Dr. Lauren Pickle joins us as our new Music teacher. She will be in our building on Tuesdays and Thursdays. She will prepare the music for our School masses on Thursdays. Please stop by these classrooms when you can and welcome our new staff members.

These five students and their families participated in the **Summer Lansky Pizza nights**,

- 1) Jake Widhalm
  - 2) Megan Zelfel
  - 3) Jordan Padilla
  - 4) Haley Gann
  - 5) Cody Gann
- thanks for your continued support of this great event.

The following students completed their “**Summer Homework**” of collecting 30 Box Tops for Education and bringing them to school the first week and were rewarded on Friday, August 26 with a gold dollar:

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| 1) Emmanuel Grant    | 09) Catie Tangeman      |
| 2) Zachary Baber     | 10) Katie Reda          |
| 3) Andrew Baber      | 11) Haley & Cody Gann   |
| 4) AJ Slizoski       | 12) Soley Fernandez     |
| 5) Anna Slizoski     | 13) Sakura Shiroyama    |
| 6) Samantha Slizoski | 14) Zoey Huckins        |
| 7) Johnny Kaczmarek  | 15) Megan & Kayla Allen |
| 8) Justin Kaczmarek  | 16) Jacob Widhalm       |

Thank you for your efforts and keep turning in those Box Tops for Education, Our Family Labels, Land O’ Lake Milk caps 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 off to a great start.....remember to sell this long week-end to all of your family and friends. Our goal is \$10,000.00 to help us provide some of the items that are not included in our school’s budget. Remember for every 3 items you sell, bring in your signed coupon to earn a new Frog!!!!!!

Be sure to turn in your orders and money on Wednesday, September 7, 2011 to your classroom teacher. Delivery is set for Wednesday, October 5, 2011. (More details to follow on delivery)

**Parish Fried Chicken Dinner** will be in the Church Social Hall on Friday, September 9, 2011. Serving times are 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Come and enjoy a delicious Fried Chicken dinner with your family and friends. You can sign up to work an hour or two and they will count towards your volunteer hours for the school year.

**Grandparents Mass and Tea** will be on Thursday, September 15, 2011 at 8:15 a.m. Please have your child’s grandparents sign up to attend this wonderful time with their grandchild(ren). A registration form will be coming home, so we have enough food for everyone.

**All-School Carnival** is set for Friday, September 16, 2011 in the school parking lot (weather permitting). We will have an early dismissal at 1:00 p.m., so that the hard working PTO members can get the parking lot set up for the “Western” school carnival. The carnival will run from 5:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. and will include food, rides, games, raffles and a whole lot of fun. Please to attend.

**PTO Cinnamon Roll Sunday** will be following the 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Mass on September 18, 2011. This will also be Catechetical Sunday for our teachers and staff.

**Progress Reports** will be coming home on Thursday, September 22, 2010, watch your 4<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> graders backpacks for these.

**School Board Kick-Ball Night** at the Holy Ghost baseball field is set for Friday September 23, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. Come and join in the fun with other school families. There will be food available to purchase.

**Tom Sterba Photography** will be taking your student’s individual pictures on Monday or Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. They will be taking the **4 year old Pre-School ONLY on Monday** and the remainder of the students on Tuesday. The students do NOT need to wear their uniforms for these pictures.

**NO SCHOOL** on Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> or Friday, September 30, 2011, as the teachers will be in meetings these two days.

**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



#### Art Room and Computer Lab News

Welcome back to the 2011-2012 school year. I hope everyone had a relaxing summer and was able to spend time with your family and loved ones.

Once again Miss O'Donnell and I will be in charge of the Student Council. We will be sending home information soon to the 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders who are interested in being a part of Student Council this year.

We had exciting news this summer. Maggie Rost and Andrea Widhalm, winners in the Environmental Calendar contest, were invited by Governor Dave Heineman to an awards ceremony in Lincoln on August 9<sup>th</sup>. I am so proud of the fantastic effort the students here at Holy Ghost put into their art work.

We were very fortunate to acquire some much needed supplies for the art room this year. One of our new supplies is “weaving looms.” If anyone has skeins of yarn (or partial skeins) they would like to donate to the art room to help us with our weaving projects we would really appreciate your help.

We will be hosting an International Fair this spring. I am looking forward to creating art and researching information from the countries each class has chosen. We have so many exciting things planned this year and I am looking forward to a great 2011-2012 school year.

Mrs. Knott