



**ST. ANASTASIA CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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How Easily We Forget! From the November Newsletter

PICK-UP & DROP-OFF

There is absolutely NO PARKING IN THE EAST PARKING LOT when dropping-off your child in the morning, as well as when picking-up in the afternoon. Please use the parking lots across the street from the school on Glen Flora Avenue. THIS IS FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL STUDENTS.

Student Council Fundraising for Haiti: The Student Council would like to thank everyone for their support in raising money for Haiti. Their bake sale was a huge success. They raised a total of \$459.54.

Spelling Bee: Congratulations to the winners and the finalists of the Spelling Bee, from Grades 4—8, held last Wednesday, January 27th. It was an extremely tight competition from the beginning, especially between the 2nd and 3rd place winners. The winners were:

- 1st Place—Emily Shanley Roberts
- 2nd Place—Kelsie Lamb
- 3rd Place—Aaron Wagan

Emily will move on to the county level. Other competitors were: Elena Martinez, Olivia Landree, Caitlin Moran, Moira De Guzman, William Saturno, Trevor Gutierrez, Cindy Duran, Jocelyn McNeany, Francesca Mateo, Katey Kennedy, Ronnae Mailig, Makenzie May, & Rachel Berzin.

Thanks to Mrs. Brisbois for chairing the competition, along with the judges Mrs. Sivia, Miss Bautista, Mrs. August, and Mrs. Ross.

WE NEED YOUR INPUT !!!

We are considering a change in the school uniform shirt/ blouse next year, from white to red, as suggested by some parents due to the difficulties of keeping the white top looking clean.

Please send your feedback by calling Mrs. Miller.

DIVIDENDS FOR LIFE
ST. ANASTASIA CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
INVEST IN YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND / 9^{AM-2^{PM}}

Ticket Full of Miracles

Last week, two tickets were sent to you in an envelope through your child. If it was not given to you yet, please check your child's book bag. Ways you can sell your assigned tickets.

- Buy them yourselves
 - Pool your money with relatives and friends
 - Ask relatives and friends to buy them
 - Ask relatives and friends to sell them for you
- FYI—The first year Mrs. Mon was principal here, she and 4 of her friends each bought a ticket with the agreement that if any one of their 5 tickets wins, they all share the prize. They won the top prize of \$10,000, so each one got \$2,000. Not bad for a \$100 ticket.*

Every year Mrs. Mon pools her money with others and every year, she wins something. (NO JINX, she says.)

Traffic Safety Assembly for Jr. High: On February 18th, Jr. High will have a workshop on Traffic Safety. Topics will include—bicycle and pedestrian safety, alcohol awareness and drinking & driving, and the importance of wearing safety belts. Designed to encourage and reinforce the importance of making responsible choices and the consequences of those choices

Technology Safety Inquiries

By [Robert Hugh Farley, M.S.](#)

Question—*Regarding technology, what is the best way to protect a child from sexual abuse?*

Answer—As electronic technology changes daily, a parent or caring adult must do the following:

1. Monitor a child's Internet use at home and on the cell phone consistently.
2. Decide on a reasonable amount of time that a young person can spend online each day and be prepared to enforce it.
3. Keep the computer in a public area of the house such as a living room or kitchen and never in the child's bedroom (Doing this is not a violation of the child's privacy; it is a safeguarding measure and part of your responsibility as a parent or caring adult).
4. Never allow a young person to be online immediately after school, without a parent or caring adult in the house.

Alumni Update: Congratulations to **Chelsea Fuente** who received a **Sacred Heart Award** and **Ribbon** from **Woodlands Academy**. This award is given to students who have exhibited politeness, order and academic excellence.

Her mom, Mrs. Darlene Fuente wrote, "Dear Mrs. Mon, Teachers, & Staff: St. Anastasia has a great part in forming Chelsea's education and as a person. I can see the politeness, order and excellence from her growing years at St. Annie's."

Please attend the
Catholic Schools Week Mass
Sunday, January 31st
11:00 AM

*Teachers will be in attendance to kick-off
this most important celebration.
The student choir will be singing.*

COME CELEBRATE WITH US!

Reconciliation offered



Twenty-two parishes throughout the archdiocese will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 2-4 p.m. Jan. 24 and 7-9 p.m. Feb. 1 in connection with the Catholics Come Home initiative.

The opportunities for reconciliation are intended to help parishes in providing the sacrament to returning Catholics, with no one having to drive more than 20 minutes to a parish offering the sacrament. Parishes are in Chicago unless otherwise noted. For more information, visit catholicscomehomechicago.org.

U.S. bishops ask for your voice

As long-time advocates of health care reform, the U.S. Catholic bishops continue to make the moral case that genuine health care reform must protect the life, dignity, consciences and health of all, especially the poor and vulnerable. Health care reform should not advance a pro-abortion agenda in our country.

Catholics return to the Capitol

The Catholic Conference of Illinois will once again host "Catholics at the Capitol," a day for clergy and lay Catholics to join Cardinal George and other bishops from Illinois in advocating for Gospel values with state lawmakers.

The March 3 event will begin with an optional 10 a.m. Mass at Springfield's Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Mass will be followed by a session with Catholic Conference of Illinois staff on advocacy with legislators, and then participants can make individual visits to lawmakers' offices.

Last year's event, which included a rally in support of Catholic schools, drew more than 4,000 people. For information or to register, call the Catholic conference at (312) 368-1066. Those interested in bus transportation to Springfield can also call the conference or check its Web site at catholicconferenceofillinois.org. Details will be posted as they become available.