

# *St. Anastasia Catholic School*

## **Newsletter – May/June, 2008**

### **Have A Grand Vacation !**

#### **From Sr. Mary Paul, New Superintendent of Schools to Father Aloy & Mrs. Mon**

*What a treat to be with you at St. Anastasia! The students and parents love you-and it is clear as to why. God bless you for so nurturing a family of faith amid the challenges you face with so much honesty and energy.*

*You define true stewardship in your lives. Thank you so much for allowing me to share your school.*

*Love & gratitude,  
Sr. Mary Paul*

(Sr. Mary Paul met with Fr. Aloy and Mrs. Mon last April 3<sup>rd</sup> and did a walk through the school. It was Hot Dog Day, and she witnessed the camaraderie among the parents volunteering in the lunchroom. She was most impressed.)

**School Board Elections:** We are now in search of parents and parishioners who would like to run for school board. Please contact the school for an application form.

There are three school board members who are running for reelection. They are: Mr. Mark Carpenter, Mr. Don Meadie, and Mr. John Zupancic.

We thank Ms. Hillary Howell for her dedicated service who continued to be a member of the board, even after her daughter Andrea Taylor has graduated two years ago.

**Father Aloy's Journey to Hometown:** We wish Father Aloy a safe trip to the Philippines to celebrate his 25<sup>th</sup> Jubilee in the priesthood, where it all began, with his mother who could no longer travel to be with us here at St. Anastasia Parish last month. *"Father Aloy, we will keep you in our prayers for your trip there and for a safe return. Godspeed!"*

**Science Fair:** We thank the following volunteers who did a great job in judging the projects of the students. They are: Irene Katralisi, David L. Smith, Jace Kuhlman, Natalie Gradolph, Yesenia Solorzano, Kathy Banuelos Hernandez, David Williams, Margaret Wajrowski, Jeremy Ramirez, Samantha McIntosh, Virginia Robles, Patrick Crane, Jeremy, Steve Lenzi, and Jeff Bautista.

#### **Illinois Transportation Reimbursement Program:**

This is a reminder for parents who have not submitted the claim form to the school. If you have not done it yet, come and see Mrs. Miller before the end of the school year.

#### **MySpace**

#### **Warning to Parents**

*It has come to our attention that some of our students have membership to MySpace Please read below of its Eligibility provisions.*

Use of the MySpace Services and registration to be a member for the MySpace Services (membership) is void where prohibited.

By using the MySpace Services, you represent and warrant that .....

- **all registration information you submit is truthful and accurate**
- you will maintain the accuracy of such information
- **you are 14 years of age or older**
- your use of MySpace Services does not violate any applicable law or regulation.

To learn more about this, you can log on to [myspace.com](http://myspace.com).

**Grade 8 Trip to Boston:** It's finally here. We pray for a safe trip for the Grade 8 students, the parent chaperones, Mrs. Brisbois and Mr. Eggert. There is plenty of history and other cultural experiences that they will gain with this trip. *"Enjoy and have safe trip everyone!"*

**Grade 8 Graduation Field Trip for 2008-09:** The Grade 8 Trip Exploratory Committee for next year will comprise of Mr. Peter August (daughter Grace), Ms. Rosie Ortiz (daughter Natalie), Mr. Steve Scuglik (son Gabe), and Mrs. Colleen Zawaski (daughter Maura). There will be a meeting with this committee on Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> in the Faculty Room.

The committee will present its recommendations at a general meeting which will take place on the Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> in the school cafeteria. All 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents must attend.

**Law Day Winner:** Congratulations to Jessica Zuluaga (6<sup>th</sup>) whose essay entitled, *"Rule of Law" What It Means to Me* won an award. She will receive her award at a ceremony which will be held on Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Lake County Judicial Circuit Court.

**Scholarship At Carmel High:** Congratulations to **Camille Avilez**, who was approved to receive the Brandsma Carmelite Tuition Scholarship of \$1,000.00, should she decide to attend Carmel High School. It will be applied to her freshman year tuition.

**Condolences to Mrs. Burgos & Anna!**

*We extend our sincerest condolences to Ms. Burgos, Anna and their family on the death of Mrs. Lorraine Gelhar. May the thoughts of happy days with their mother and grandma lessen the difficulty of losing her. She is now in the best of all worlds, God's paradise. May her soul rest in peace.*

**National Junior Honor Society:** Congratulations to the new members of the *National Junior Honor Society*. These 7th & 8th grade students exemplify scholarship, character, leadership, citizenship and service. The new members are: Connor Mc Neil, Gerard Staromana, Eddie Arias, Grace August, Austin Chamernik, Albert Drobinski, Kiria Flores, Alexis Gonzalez, Andrew Holmes, Sam Ives, Brian Kennedy, Gabriel Scuglik, Adam Sivia, Louie Tico, Alexandra Vela, and Maura Zawaski.

**Junior National Young Leaders Conference 2008  
Washington, DC**

Dear Mrs. Mon,

*I really enjoyed the conference that I've been to. Some of the students thought it would be boring, but I learned a lot of things. We went to Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, West Virginia, Washington, D.C. and Baltimore. I met new friends. My group was called **Respect I**. All my classmates were nice and showed great respect.*

*I am really glad you nominated me. This was more than just a one time experience. It taught me to be independent. Again, thank you.*

*Carl Belen, 6<sup>th</sup> grade*

**Used Computers with Printers Needed for A**

**School:** A public school in the Philippines has asked Mrs. Mon if there are used computers and printers that can be donated to them. So, we are asking you if you know people who might be in the process of buying a new computer and might want to donate their usable old computer. They can be recycled in a school in the Philippines.

## *It's Time for Thanks .....*

*..... to all our students who made this year a very challenging but a fulfilling one. We look forward to seeing them on the next grade in the Fall. We are going to miss the Graduating Class of 2008. They are such a nice bunch of young people.*

*..... to all the teachers and staff, who without them, St. Anastasia School may not be as excellent, progressive and active as it is today.*

*..... to all the members of the School Board, who diligently exercise their duty for the betterment of the school.*

*.....to all the officers and members of the Family & School Association (FSA), especially Mrs. Terry Sivia (& Mr. Sivia) and Mrs. Jill Snarski (& Mr. Snarski) for their hard work of raising funds to help offset the annual budget, sponsoring student activities that otherwise could not happen due to lack of resources, as well as helping teachers at the beginning of the year, and with their fieldtrips, including generous gifts for the teachers on special occasions.*

*..... to the Marketing Commission who continues to work hard in order to keep our enrollment on the increase. They never stop thinking of ways to recruit new families. They are a very cohesive group.*

*..... the Bingo Committee for its tireless job of creating ways to keep the players coming, in support of the school.*

*..... to the Parish Finance Council for keeping our school in the black and making sure we pay all our financial obligations.*

*..... to the members of the Development Board who always look after the needy families.*

*..... to Mrs. Swank and Mrs. Garcia for doing all the "extras" that the school couldn't possibly keep up with.*

*..... to Mrs. Maureen Sivia, the darling of all the students. She always gives 1,000% in the fulfillment of her commitment to the students, the teachers, and the church*

*..... most especially to Fr. Aloy, who without him, our school would not be on its way to Stewardship. His life is his mission, and we can all learn from him. He believes that his pastorate is not complete without the existence of a Catholic, excellent and vital school.*

*..... and to all who in one way or another had helped to make this school year a most successful.*

**Thank you everyone!**