



ST. GENEVIEVE SCHOOL NEWS

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DID YOU KNOW...

...that members of the Advanced Ed Accreditation Commission and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council (SACS) visited the diocese this past week for the purpose of accrediting the entire diocese. Part of this process is a visitation to diocesan schools. St. Genevieve School was one of the schools chosen for a visit. The visiting team consisted of eight team members, four from Louisiana, two from Kansas, and one each from Missouri and Virginia. Two members from this team visited our school and interviewed students, teachers, parents, school advisory council members, parishioners, and owners of businesses in the community. They also visited classrooms. The team was *very* impressed. Some of their exiting comments included:

“St. Genevieve School is the epitome of what a great Catholic School should be.”

“There was a general theme noted from all of the groups that we interviewed – the value of faith formation. It is a thread deeply woven in this school and community. It is unusual in our experience that the appreciation of faith formation would be the **FIRST** thing that students would list as the best thing about their school.”

“The students are at ease and made us feel welcomed. They are applying knowledge and focused.”

Some of the comments that the team noted from our students were:

“We appreciate our faith formation.”

“We love our educators.”

“We are proud that our behavior is an example to others.”

“We are grateful that we were given the opportunity to become a service group through Patriots.”

“We have a welcoming spirit.”

“Our teachers are holy.”

St. Genevieve School received this accreditation two years ago when we were accredited as an individual school. It is expected that the diocese will be nationally accredited; the first to be accredited as a diocese in the state.

Thanks to all of you for making St. Genevieve School “A Great Place to Be.”

...that Father Dean met with our students this past Monday for a teaching on the Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet. Our students received pamphlets and prayer cards. We have continued to pray the novena this week and will complete the nine day novena next Thursday. We will recite the novena before Mass tomorrow.

...that our students participated in a contest sponsored by Google, Inc. entitled Doodle 4 Google. Winners at the school level are: Lila Bordis (2B), Madeline Gros (3B), Louis Morrell (5B), Morgan Richard (6B), Mary Kathryn Bollinger (7B), and Blaire Verdun (7B). These winners will now compete at the national level. The national winner is granted a \$15,000.00 college scholarship and that student's school wins a \$25,000.00 computer lab. Good luck to our finalists.

...that the following students represented our school at the literary rally held at Vanderbilt High School: Fifth Grade: Victor Coggins, math, Andrew Benoit-Naquin, social studies, and Eliza Zeringue, English; Sixth Grade: Colby Andras, English, Collin Brazan, science, Joseph Schonacher, social studies, and Andrew Soignet, math; Seventh Grade: Emily Battaglia, math, Jessica Danos, English, Milre Matherne, science, and Brennan Thibodeaux, social studies. Eliza Zeringue received first place in English at the rally. Congratulations to Eliza and all of the rally participants.

...that we received a check for \$1,207.06 from Community Coffee. These rebates are dedicated to the school library. We are grateful to all who send coupons to school for redemption. Please keep saving them!

...that Adrien Gautreaux was selected as a cheerleader next year at West Thibodaux Middle School. Congratulations, Adrien. We are so proud of you.

...that Nikolas Shanklin (4B), Jordan Szush (5A), and Allen Taylor, III (5B) are members of the Thibodaux 10-year-old Bidy Basketball Team that will be traveling to Mandeville this weekend for the World Championship Tournament. They have already won first place in district and regional competition. Congratulations, boys and good luck this weekend.

...that our St. Genevieve Knights of Columbus are having their annual Barbecue Chicken Dinner on Sunday, April 25, 2010. Dinners are \$7.00 each. The proceeds are used to help fund the Knights' many charitable activities for both the church and the school. You might remember that last year the Knights gave all of the proceeds from the dinner \$6000.00; along with an additional \$5000.00 to the church renovation fund.

Tickets may be purchased from any Knight. You can also send your money to Mr. Miller in 6B and he will send your tickets via your child. Please mark the envelope with your name and your child's name and grade. Thanks for supporting the Knights who do so much for our school and our church.

... that our Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success!!! We sold over \$10,000.00 of books, posters, etc.! The library will be able to keep about \$2500.00. We were also able to pull 10% in books for the library and the classrooms from the book fair. Thanks so much for all of your support! I want to thank the volunteers that helped us with the young ones to write their "wish list". With all of you working together, it made the fair a success for all---the children and the school!

... that 36 students checked out early two Friday's ago and 46 checked out this past Friday. You can only imagine how disruptive this is for our teachers and how taxing for our secretary, Ms. Michelle. Parents attending the Way of the Cross should not expect that to be a reason to check their children out early. Children who must check out early for a valid reason should come with a note that morning stating the reason, and should be checked out no later than 3:30 PM.

MAKE SPECIAL NOTE:

1. Nomination forms for the School Advisory Council elections are due tomorrow by 3 PM.
2. If you are able to help with the garage sale that is being sponsored by the Patriots we would love your help. Volunteers will be scheduled beginning Thursday, April 22nd when donations will be accepted and processed, through Saturday, April 24th when the sale ends. If you are able to give us an hour of your time on any of these days, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Chris Knobloch at cknobloch@htdiocese.org or call the school office at 447-9291 if you are able to volunteer.
3. SAVE THE DATE – Field Day will be held on Tuesday, May 25th. This event is traditionally held on Memorial Day when most of our parents have a holiday. That is not the case this year therefore we are letting you know in advance of this event. Many parents are needed to make Field Day a success.
4. Parents may register for the Smart Discipline Program by calling Ms. Elaine at the church office at 446-5571. The program is Wednesday March 31st.
5. Auditions for the Thibodaux Playhouse, Inc. summer production of "Annie" will take place Saturday, March 27th at 10 AM at the Jean Lafitte Wetlands Acadian Center Theatre. These auditions are open to students entering second grade in the 2010-2011 school year through seventh grade.

6. Flyers and applications for summer baseball/softball from the Thibodaux Recreation Department are available in the school office. Registration is from March 15th – April 23rd Monday through Friday from 8 AM – noon and from 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM. Registration is also offered on Saturdays on the following dates: March 27th, April 10th, and April 17th from 9 AM – noon. Please check the city's website for online registration at www.ci.thibodaux.la.us.

7. Flyers and applications for the City of Thibodaux summer youth camp are available in the school office. This camp is held at the municipal auditorium from June 7th to July 9th. Information is also available on the city's website.

COMING NEXT WEEK:

Monday, March 29, 2010	Job Assembly 1:10 PM Sisters of Divine Mercy – 6:30 PM
Wednesday, March 31, 2010	Mass at 9:15 – Ministries by 5 th Way of the Cross – 3:10 PM Smart Discipline – 7 PM
Thursday, April 1, 2010	PreK Easter Bonnet Parade Job Interviews