



ST. GENEVIEVE SCHOOL NEWS

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DID YOU KNOW...

...that we are mourning the loss of a former St. Genevieve student, Garrett Velasquez. Garrett is the son of our school mass pianist, Ms. Karen, and brother of Cooper Gros. Cooper is also a former student. Please keep them in your prayers.

...that we have had several complaints this week from parents identifying individuals who are intentionally avoiding car line by parking in driveways, or parking one street over, and having children walk over. This is a direct violation of our policy for dismissal as stated in the handbook. This issue will be addressed by the School Advisory Council at the October meeting. The only children with permission to walk from school should either live within walking distance of their own home, or are walking to a babysitter or a relative's home because their parents are still at work. If any of our walkers fall into this category, we are requesting a note next week in order for us to safely allow your child to be classified as a walker. Children without valid notes next week will be sent to car line. We are extremely concerned about our liability and most importantly, the safety of our students, should for whatever reason that parent is not present when a child walks over. Of greater concern is the message that these parents are sending to their children, namely that not following rules is acceptable. We are asking that the parents involved curtail this practice voluntarily, before you are asked to come in for a meeting.

...that a very important communication went home with every child today concerning a new procedure for early dismissal days. It is imperative that the persons picking up students next Wednesday read the explanation of the procedure and study the accompanying map.

...that we appreciate your help in proofing the list of donors for the 2010-2011 Annual Fund. A corrected list is now on Edline for your review. If additional corrections are needed, contact Chris Knobloch at cknobloch@hdiocese.org or by calling the school office at 447-9291.

...that our garage sale is tomorrow from 8 AM to noon. Many Patriots have signed up to help, but we are in need of adult volunteers.

...that we are so grateful for the generosity of our grandparents. This week we received a check from church for half of the amount that was collected at both masses.

...that our first Patriots meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday at 8 AM in the Family Center. Students in grades fifth through seventh are invited to join. The focus of this group is service to the community. Their first project is tomorrow's garage sale.

MAKE SPECIAL NOTE:

1. The Handbook Accountability Contract, signed by the student and both parents/guardian was due last Friday. If you have not returned your form, please do so as soon as possible. This contract is mandated by the Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux. It is imperative that every parent/guardian and the student sign this agreement indicating your understanding of our policies and the commitment to adhere to the handbook of policies. If you are unable to access this document on line, please request a hard copy from the school office.
2. There is no school mass next Friday. Our priests will be attending a seminar. Please inform any grandparents who regularly attend mass.
3. The following programs and services are provided through federal programs: Title I provides funds for tutoring during the school day for first grade students and Title II provides funds for staff development activities for teachers.
4. Two reference sites are available for our students and can be found as links on our website under Library. Mrs. Shields introduced the sites to fifth and seventh graders this week, and will be doing the same next week with sixth graders. Both sites are appropriate for all grades. World Book has four levels, including one for Pre-K and kindergarten. These may be accessed at home using the following user name and passwords:

WorldBook Online User Name: stgenevieve Password: saints

World Almanac for Kids User Name: sgslibrary Password: library
5. The Dream Home Sales Committee is looking for volunteers to sell Genevieve Dream Home raffle tickets at different local events (e.g., EDW home games, Thibodeauxville, Night at the Boo-seum, etc.). Even if you can only volunteer one time, your support is greatly appreciated. If interested in volunteering for this worthy cause or for more information, please contact Myra Zeringue at myra_zeringue@hotmail.com or 985-791-7760. Also, if you have a business and would be willing to display a flier advertising the Dream Home Raffle, they are available at the St. Genevieve Church office or we will deliver it to you.
6. The "Come Lord Jesus" kindergarten through fourth grade group is moving to Thursday mornings from 7:45 to 8:25 AM.

7. An altar server training will be conducted next Friday morning for any students in grades third through seventh who are interested in serving school masses and/or weekend masses. Students cannot serve without receiving this training. Applications must be completed and are available in the school office.

COMING NEXT WEEK:

Saturday, September 24, 2011	Garage Sale – 8 AM – Noon
Tuesday, September 27, 2011	Seventh to Rural Life Museum Play Practice – 3:35 PM to 5:30 PM
Wednesday, September 28, 2011	Patriots – 8 AM Early Dismissal – 12:35 PM
Thursday, September 29, 2011	Play Practice – 3:35 PM to 5:30 PM
Friday, September 30, 2011	No School Mass