

## **Walk for ACA**

Our Walk for ACA will be Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00am to 12:30pm. Many volunteers will be needed to make this a safe and successful event. Some Chair people to head up specific areas for the event will also be needed. These include:

Lap Counting- assemble a team for recording laps as walkers pass check points. Tabulation of Laps- assist in tallying laps and calculating total amounts due per walker.  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Water Balloon Toss- Filling water balloons and delivering them to the school for the event.

If you're interested in any of these areas as the chair or helper please contact me asap as our event is approaching quickly. Thank you for your generous support. Connie Conner at [cgraceconner@earthlink.net](mailto:cgraceconner@earthlink.net)

## **Free Throw Competition**

The Knights of Columbus Annunciation Council Free Throw Competition is coming up!

Who: Boys & Girls Ages 10 – 14

When: Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010, at 1pm

Where: Annunciation Gym. There is no cost participate.

## **Danny Rosario Memorial**

### **Basketball Game**

Make plans to attend the Danny Rosario Memorial Basketball Game! It will be the ACA Dads versus the WESH TV All Stars. The date is Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, at the Annunciation Gym. Hope you can come!

## **Journey Into Imagination**

Journey Into Imagination- an 8-week course in creative story-telling, stage presence, and character development through acting games and improvisation. This course is designed to build confidence and skills in public speaking and presentation in the classroom, to encourage creative thinking, and to prepare students for the theatrical stage. Grades 3-8 Wednesdays, 2-3pm, cost: \$86; Grades K-2 Wednesdays 3-3:45, cost: \$75. For questions please contact Heather Thorn at 321-438-8666 or [xyloheather@aol.com](mailto:xyloheather@aol.com).

## **DENNIS Happy New Year's**

### **Savings**

10% savings on all purchases and orders... phone, mail, internet, and in-store. Offer valid only during January 2010, excludes marked down items. Online – [www.dennisuniform.com](http://www.dennisuniform.com), national Customer Service – 800-854-6951.

## **Junior Quill Writing Contest**

The Junior Quill Society sponsored a writing contest for grades K-2. The winners were announced on January 8<sup>th</sup>. The winners were as follows: Kindergarten: Alexis Puccio, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Jessica Maki, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Andrew Tarmykin. Each winner received a gift certificate to Borders. Thank you to everyone for your participation!

## **Online Reading Resources**

A representative from the Scott Foresman/Pearson company will be conducting a parent meeting at 8:30am January 21<sup>st</sup> in the cafeteria. The intent is to help interested parents navigate the online resources that are available for our new 3-5 reading series. These resources can be valuable in supporting your child's efforts in the classroom and at home. Whether a novice or a pro at using online materials, all are welcome.

## **All Star Endowment Ball**

The planning committee greatly needs your help! Many of you have seen the gorgeous baskets auctioned each year at the ball. Information was sent home in last week's folders. Volunteers are needed now to help collect items and create the themed baskets for the 2010 Endowment Auction and Ball. Also, if you have won in the past and still have the empty basket at home, please donate them if possible. If you would like to help this worthy and fun cause, please contact Jules Soapes at [soapes@earthlink.net](mailto:soapes@earthlink.net). Remember, all the proceeds directly benefit our ACA community. Mark your calendars now for March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010. **Only 63 days to go....**

## **Bags of Hope Outreach**

NJHS will be collecting toiletry items for Bags of Hope. The items will be packaged and presented to Rhonda Santolin, coordinator for Bags of Hope. She will distribute the bags to the homeless people in our area. The following standard sized items are being requested by grade level. Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students may turn the items in to their teacher, and middle school students may deliver them to their first period teacher. Items will be collected until Friday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for helping NJHS help the homeless.

Grade: K-gallon size zipper freezer bags-1 box

1-hand sanitizer

2-body lotion (Vaseline/Eucerin) unscented works best

3-moisturizing shampoo (VO5 fits best in bags)

4-toothbrush and toothpaste

5-deoderant (stick)

6-anti-bacterial bar soap (2 bars) and a washcloth

7-disposable razors and shaving cream

8-mints (tic-tacs, mentos, altoids) and chapstick

# Congratulations to This Year's 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Duke Talent Search Students

Students qualify for Duke's Talent Identification Program through scoring at the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile or higher on acceptable subtests of the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. Duke 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Talent Search Students can learn more about their academic talents by taking the EXPLORE test. The EXPLORE test was developed by ACT for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to evaluate their academic development. Duke TIP offers EXPLORE to academically talented elementary students, currently enrolled in the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade Talent Search, as an above-level test to assess the student's academic level and potential. Students may also submit a story in the annual Duke TIP 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade Talent Search Writing Contest for the chance to win prizes, recognition and publishing opportunities. Additionally, the Duke TIP Book Club challenges active readers through journal keeping, fun activities, and blogging with peers.

Annunciation Catholic Academy is very proud of the following students: Kimberly Ariza, Elizabeth Amat, Kyle Binkley, Matthew Carr, Olivia Carter, Kellie Conlon, Alexander de la Osa, Melanie Halem, Hannah Howell, Joseph Huynh, Anthony Iacuzzo, Brian Lasher, Jimmy Lipsey, Savannah Miller, Michael Neswold, Joseph Nollf, Caroline Noonan, Jamison Ossenheimer, Andres Ramirez-Aguiar, Diego Ramirez-Sandoval, Grace Ryan, Chipper Stempkowski, Christian St. Germain, Matthew Tobias, Cameron Ugan, Hannah Veigle, and Charlie Votey.

## Catholic Schools Week With the Orlando Magic!

- Celebrate with students, faculty, family and friends from across Central Florida.
- Watch All-Stars like Dwight Howard, Vince Carter and Rashard Lewis take on the Milwaukee Bucks or the Washington Wizards!
- For Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> we are sold out of Upper Bowl tickets, but we do have two Lower Bowl options available!
- On Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> we will be honoring the Catholic School Teacher of the Year at Halftime!
- First 20 students to order for Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> will High 5 the Magic Players pre-game!



Tues., February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 Magic vs. Bucks 7:00pm

Fri., February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Magic vs. Wizards 7:00pm

Call Steve

Chamberland for ticket information (407) 916-2915.



## Calendar

- January 16:** Free Throw Competition
- January 18:** Martin Luther King Day – **No School**
- January 19:** Mass Day 8:30am Parents Welcome
- January 27:** Principal's Coffee K-2<sup>nd</sup> @ 8:05am in Cafetorium
- January 31-February 5:** Catholic Schools Week
- February 2:** Mass Day 8:30am Parents Welcome
- February 12:** Diocesan Inservice – **No School**  
Roller Skating at Semoran Skateway
- February 15:** President's Day – **No School**
- February 17:** Ash Wednesday (Dress Uniforms) Mass Day 10:00am Parents Welcome
- February 22-25:** Book Fair
- February 24:** Middle School Outreach/Conferences/  
Career Day  
Principal's Coffee 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> @ 8:05am in Cafetorium
- March 2:** Mass Day 8:30am Parents Welcome
- March 4:** Walk-A-Thon **12:30 Dismissal**
- March 5:** Diocesan Inservice – **No School**
- March 8-19:** ITBS Tests for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade
- March 10:** Lenten Reconciliation Service for 5B-8<sup>th</sup> grade

## Send Your Teacher Packing


The deadline to get your box tops in for the contest is **Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**! For every ten box tops turned in, your teacher will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a weekend at the beach!



This is a great opportunity to help your school and send your teacher packing all at the same time!

## Carpool Tip of the Week

Always drive slowly in front of the children. It is possible that they may walk into the road when cars are moving even though they are not supposed to do so. Your attentive driving is crucial.



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