

March is “Music in Our Schools Month”

This week we would like to put the spotlight on the music at our school liturgies. Nearly every Tuesday of the year we celebrate our faith as a school community. Whether at Mass in the church, having an alternate liturgy in the courtyard or reflecting with our classmates in a classroom liturgy, music plays an important part. Music is carefully selected to tie into the readings of the day or liturgical season. Students in grades K-5 learn the songs in music class which enables them to participate more fully. Students who are gifted vocally are chosen to lead the singing and are trained to be cantors. They meet individually for vocal coaching, practice in front of their class and again in the church or courtyard before the school celebration. Students who have been studying an instrument are encouraged to play solos or accompaniments to our singing. This also requires extra rehearsal time, and we appreciate the many students who share their gifts of music with us throughout the year.

Quill Society Writing Contests

The Middle School Quill Society is sponsoring two writing contests for grades 3-8 in honor of Earth Day. Intermediate students may enter an essay contest with a choice of two topics. They can create a green A.C.A. or invent a new form of energy! Middle school students can submit a poem that describes what it means to be green! Essays and poems must be a full page in length. Teachers will have all the details to give to students who are interested. Anyone can enter! The deadline for submissions is April 13th.

Quill Corner

A writing sample from Quill Society member Tori Silberbusch, 7th grade:

Sinking, sliding, slopping, slathering,
The mud falls off his boots.
Deep inside the ugly swamp he walks.

The swamp merely mocks him,
For it can never understand,
The feeling of emptiness and sadness
That the father must learn to heal...

Financial Education Workshop

Attention Parents of 3rd-5th Graders: Teaching your kids the value of money is easier than you ever imagined. Parents now have the opportunity to take part in a no-cost, convenient workshop – *What’s on the Menu? Financial Education for Families*.

What happens at the Parent Workshop?

It only takes 60-minutes to teach moms and dads easy activities you can do with your elementary-aged child at home to boost his/her money sense and basic math skills. Through games and exercises, plus a take-home activity kit created by Scholastic, families learn together how to better manage money and create sensible family budgets. You’ll use items such as measuring cups and a mock “restaurant bill” to make learning fun.

When is the free Workshop?

Sign up now for our school’s *Financial Education for Families* workshop, sponsored by Volunteer USA and SunTrust Foundation. It will be held on Wednesday, March 24th, from 6:30-9:30. Visit www.volunteerusafoundation.org to learn more.

Schoolkidz School Supplies

It is almost time to start planning for next year. We will again be offering the convenience of the Schoolkidz school supply kits for your back to school supplies for the 2010-2011 school year. Look for your ordering information in your student’s Friday folders right after the Easter holiday. (Middle school students will receive their information by mail.) This year parents will be ordering online directly with Schoolkidz, rather than by submitting order forms to ACA. You will pay by credit card directly to Schoolkidz. The information we provide will give you the ordering instructions and deadline. By accessing the website, you will be able to view the supplies that are included in your child’s kit and order for all your children in one easy step, rather than filling out multiple forms for each child. We hope that parents will appreciate the convenience of online ordering. Further information will be coming soon. Please look for your Schoolkidz information sheets next month. If you have any questions, contact Kathy Rapprich at kathyrapprich@aol.com.

2010 ALL STAR Endowment Ball Tonight!

Thank you to all of the volunteers, teachers, faculty and ACA Family for your continued Support of the Endowment Fund.



“Thoroughly Modern Millie Junior” – Save the Date

Mark your calendars, as ACA Middle School Drama Department is presenting “Thoroughly Modern Millie Junior.” Over 30 of our Middle School students are hard at work getting ready for this production. Ticket sales will be announced soon, so please mark your calendars now for the following dates. Come and show your support!

Show dates and times:

Friday, April 23rd at 7:30 pm

Saturday, April 24th at 2:00 pm (matinee)

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Carpool Tips

Place your carpool sign in your window. If a friend or relative picks up your child, be sure to tell them your color and number. Teachers will call your child's color and number. If your child is sitting in his/her color section and is listening for his/her number, he/she should respond quickly. Please take down the sign as soon as all of your passengers are in the car so teachers don't keep calling your number. This will speed things up considerably.

Gold Stars:

★ Two ACA students, **Reagan Johnson** and **Kailey Carter**, gave up presents for their 13th birthday and asked for donations for Bags of Hope Central Florida instead. They raised \$905 which will fund the charity's entire distribution coming up on March 26th! We are proud of you both for such outstanding selflessness.

Ordering Salad BOWLS for Lunch

Please be aware that when salad bowls are ordered for lunch, there is not a drink provided. The salad bowl item is meant to supplement a lunch that is being brought to school. It is priced at \$1.75 because it is meant to be a side salad, not the entire meal. If students would like a salad to be their entire lunch with drink included, they should order the salad BAR option instead!



Calendar

- March 24:** Lenten Reconciliation Service 2nd-5A
Principal's Coffee 6th-8th 8:05am in the Cafetorium
Final grades, conduct and comments available for viewing on Edline after 3pm
- March 31:** 8th Grade to Chrism Mass
- April 1:** **Holy Thursday – No School**
- April 2:** **Good Friday – No School**
- April 5-9:** **Spring Break – No School**
- April 12:** School resumes
- April 20:** Mass Day 8:30am Parents Welcome
- April 23-24:** Middle School Musical
- April 28:** Middle School Outreach/ Conferences/ Career Day
- April 30:** Grandparents Day

Order SCRIP for Spring Break!

Order SCRIP now for your Spring break expenses....gas cards, hotel stays, theme park visits, movies, dinners out, etc.! Planning ahead will save you money later. SCRIP days will change due to school closing for spring break. Next Friday (3/26), the SCRIP office will be open for morning hours only... place orders by Friday for Wednesday, 3/31, pick up. Regular SCRIP hours resume on Friday, April 16th. **Shop with SCRIP now... pay less tuition later!**

Need a Piano?

Need a piano? The music room is getting rid of the piano which is in fair condition. Contact Mrs. Ashley if you'd like it for your beginner.



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