

Mid Year Reminders

Financial Assistance: Diocesan Financial Assistance is available and if needed, strong encouragement is given to apply. PSAS applications were included in the WIN folders a few weeks ago. The application deadline is March 15, 2011. Your completed 2010 tax return must be included with the application. Contact the business office if you need another application.

Bishop's Annual Appeal: Bishop O'Connell is committed to Catholic Education and the understanding that the future of the Church is largely formed through Catholic Education. To this end, the bishop has set a goal of raising an addition \$1,000,000 for tuition assistance through this year's Annual Appeal. It is our hope that the wider community hears this call and supports this mission.

Pre School Parents: Influenza vaccinations are required yearly for all students in the preschool program. Documentation of the inoculation must be on file in order for students to remain in school. This is state law.

Parents of 5th grade students (September, 2011 6th graders): Two vaccines are required for entry into 6th grade by state law. One dose of Meningococcal vaccine and one dose of Tdap should be given to any child born on or after 1/1/97. These are due by September 1, 2011. www.mcrhc for more information or 732-493-9520.

Sports Physicals: Current physicals are required for any child trying out for a sports team. This must be submitted prior to start of season. Those students who do not have current physicals, cannot try out for any teams. If the physical runs out during the season, a new physical is required in order to continue playing during the season. New forms required by the diocese are available in the school office or on the school web site. www.mysaintjames.com.

Illnesses: Students must be fever/vomit free for 24 hours before returning to school.

Head Lice: Parents should screen their children for head lice, regularly. If such a discovery is made, please inform the nurse's office. Long hair should be worn pulled up, combs, brushes, hair bands, hats should not be shared. Students may not return to school until clearance is given.

Bed Bugs: The whole country has a greater awareness of these small flat pests who leave small itchy welts on the skin. If there is a suspicion of such in your home, follow the information on the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services website. In such a case, it is important to inform the school. Students may not return to school until clearance is obtained.

Emergency Management: Update any changed telephone/cellular phone numbers as well as e-mail addresses for the Honeywell Alert system. Refer to the Winter Weather Alert information (sent home in Jan. 26th WIN folder) for bus delay information. If it snows during the school day, the school closing information will be posted as soon as possible on the website, business office eboard, and you will be contacted through the Honeywell Alert system.

Dress for Winter: Students must dress for the cold weather. Students must wear gym sweats over shorts on gym days.

Dress Down Days: Students who enjoy an individual dress down day that includes sweatshirt, uggs, sneaker, nail polish, (i.e. stocking stuffers, PTA meetings, fund raiser reward) must present the pass on the day of use.

Absentees: If a student is absent from school on a given day, that student may not participate in any after school or evening activity.

Walker Dismissal: Once students are dismissed at Broad Street or on Drummond Place and have greeted their pick-up person, do not loiter in that area. Students must be supervised by the adult present at all times.

Supplies: If needed, refresh school supplies of crayons, markers, looseleaf, etc.