

Principal's Corner

This past week our students have been learning about Red Ribbon Week; what it means and the history behind it. I would like to share with you the history of how Red Ribbon Week began.

Red Ribbon Week came into existence because of a man named Enrique (Kiki) Camarena who grew up in a dirt-floored house with hopes of making a difference. Camarena worked his way through college, served in the Marines, became a police officer and decided to join the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

Camarena was sent to Mexico to investigate a major drug cartel. One day, as he was leaving the office to meet his wife for lunch, five men appeared alongside of him and shoved him into a car. One month later, Camarena's body was found in a shallow grave. He had been tortured to death.

In honor of Camarena's memory and his battle against illegal drugs, friends and neighbors began to wear red badges of satin. A coalition was formed as a result and red ribbons came to symbolize Camarena's memory and his fight against drugs.

The National Family Partnership organized the first Nationwide Red Ribbon Campaign in 1988. Since that time, the campaign has reached millions of U.S. children.



REMINDERS

Tomorrow, Oct. 30:

- NO PM BUS SERVICE
- Grade 7 Chapel Mass.
- 12:30 p.m. Grades K-3 parade.
- FSA Halloween party 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- Eighth grade saints presentation





SHOP Corner

With the holiday season just around the corner, consider making your shopping lists early! Please keep in mind the following dates for your holiday shopping needs. There will be **no SHOP the week of November 23rd** as there is no school the week of Thanksgiving. However, remember you can still use the Manna eScript option anytime as long as you have completed the MannaPay verification process, if necessary. In addition, **all orders and payments MUST be in on Mondays rather than Tuesdays beginning the week of November 30th** until Christmas break due to the Manna Group's holiday ordering schedule. Finally, the last SHOP order for December will be placed on **December 15th**. Please take advantage of this convenient way to shop! Orders can be placed online at www.mannaorders.net.



Thank you,
Your SHOP Team

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Monday, Nov. 9, is Pack the Place (Dinner Night Out) at Gelsosomos. Take the night off from cooking and join us for a delicious dinner at Gelsosomos. Not only do you get a delicious dinner, but you earn money for the school as well. Gelsosomos very generously donates 50% of the proceeds back to school.



Wednesday, Nov. 11, 8:30 a.m. Veteran's Day Prayer Service.

Join us on Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 6:30 p.m. for a Thanksgiving performance by our preschool and kindergarteners.



First school musical: Nifty Fifties will be performed by our students in grades 4-8 at Mt. Assisi High School on Friday, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m. Bring your family and friends to this fun musical.

Come get in the Christmas spirit as our students in grades 1-4 and liturgy choir perform their annual Christmas Concert on Tuesday, December 15.



"We are Off to See the Wizard" at our annual Gala on Saturday, February 27.

FSA News! *The corner of eThursday where you can keep up with everything going on in our Family-School Association.*

Pie Update: In the race to sell pies, our 8th graders were winning last week. But a new leader has emerged... **Team Faculty** is now winning! This is still anybody's race ~ Please sell those pie certificates and help your child's class to be a contender. The [Pie Flyer/Order Form](#) is found on the FSA webpage of the school website. We are also still looking for some help this weekend to sell certificates at St. Patrick Parish after all of the masses. If you are available, please hit the [VolunteerSpot](#) button on the FSA webpage.

Halloween Party 2015: Do you have your chocolatey dish ready to enter our Baking Contest? Are your children excited to get dressed up and party with their classmates? Hope to see you this Friday! We are still looking for adult volunteers to help with this fun-filled evening. Again, to sign up, please hit the [VolunteerSpot](#) button linked on the FSA webpage.

November board meeting: Our November board meeting will be next Thursday, November 5, at 7:00 p.m. location TBD.

Please contact any FSA Board Member with questions or concerns.

Have a blessed week!



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FAMILY SCHOOL HANDBOOK

The revised 2015-2016 Handbook will be on-line as of this Saturday. Please take time to review it. After reviewing the handbook, please printout the acknowledgement form which is on the eThursday and sign and return it to the school office. (If you have already returned an acknowledgement form, please feel free to send in another form.)