

Principal's Corner

Having just celebrated Valentine's Day and having stood in Hallmark looking for just the right card for my sisters and not finding quite the right words, I was struck when one of my teachers gave me a Love Is... paper that spoke the right words about love. She had gotten this at one of the theology classes a group of teachers is taking. I found it rather thought provoking and thought I would share it with you.

Love is building new bridges.

Love is revealing your real self.

Love is not being envious.

Love is listening to other people.

Love is being joyful for other people.

Love is sharing your smile.

Love is demanding.

Love is keeping your promises.

Love is forgiving past hurts.

Love is respecting yourself and other people.

Love is encouraging others to succeed.

Love is not counting costs.

Love is making a difference in someone's life.

Love is being a friend.

Love is meeting each day enthusiastically.

Love is extending a helping hand.

Love is using your talents for others.

Love is hard to live out.

Love is knowing when to say yes and when to say no.

What is love to you?

REMINDERS

Tomorrow, Friday, February 16, **no school, Staff Development Day.

Monday, Feb. 20, **no school, Presidents' Day. Enjoy the long weekend.

Tuesday, Feb. 21, **special lunch.

**Wednesday, Feb. 22, 8:15 a.m.

Ash Wednesday liturgy.

Please join us as we begin the Lenten season.

No **liturgy on Friday, Feb. 24.

Well the 80s have passed and there are now even more stories to tell about them. From all accounts, a wonderful and fun time was had by all who attended last Saturday's Crazy For You Gala. Some even have pictures to prove the 80s were alive again!

A huge thank you to Laura and John Fairclough and Dianne and Mike O'Neill for chairing this year's GALA. Their tireless energy and enthusiasm made this event such a successful, fun evening. Of course, they couldn't have done it without the help of their tireless committee members who assisted them every

step of the way.



Our school is the terrific place that it is thanks to all of you who made such a night possible!

Hmmmmm, wonder what next year's theme will be?

THANK YOU

Thank you to the FSA for the many things they did for the faculty during Catholic Schools Week. The luncheon was delicious and the emergency care box was quite clever. We appreciate the thoughtfulness you demonstrate to us time and time again!

Catholic Schools Week 2012

During the week of January 29 through February 3, we took the time to highlight some of the wonderful features of Catholic Schools in general and to celebrate the extraordinary qualities of St. Alphonsus-St. Patrick School specifically. The theme of Catholic Schools Week this year was "Faith, Academics, Service" and this is truly our mandate always here at St. Als /St. Pats. While faith and academics are the essentials, we also find ways to be of service every day. Added into that mix are ways to make learning fun.

The week began with Open House on Sunday. Our classrooms and all of our extracurricular activities and athletic teams were on display along with a Book Fair, a spectacular Art Fair and an amazing array of student inventions from the Invention Convention. Every day during the week, there were special activities highlighting the themes of Faith, Academics and Service. On Monday, students wore tie-dye apparel or ties in recognition of being "Tied to Christ". There were partner dances in the gym during the day and Family Reading Night in the evening. Students also played Bible Bingo or Bible Trivia to test their bible knowledge. On Tuesday, students participated in a school-wide service project by creating placemats and toiletry kits for the PADS shelter. Wednesday was a day to honor and treat our wonderful students. They were allowed to come to school in pajamas and received a special treat from their teachers. In the afternoon, they were entertained by fellow students in the Talent Show. On Thursday, we tied into our Faithful Citizenship theme with patriotic dress and a patriotic sing-a-long. The whole week was tied together on Friday with our special all school liturgy celebrating Faith, Academics and Service. Teachers were treated to a special lunch hosted by the FSA and students tried their luck at Bingo to close out the week.

Faith, Academics, Service -----
just three of the many things we
have to celebrate at St. Als /St.
Pats School!



SPORTS CORNER

Spring Volleyball – LAST CHANCE to register for boys only and co-ed volleyball. Final deadline is Tuesday, February 21.

Emil tournament – Come and cheer on our 7th Grade Boys squad as the tournament continues this weekend at Lemont High School. Celtics play at 8:15 this evening and 7:00 pm on Saturday.



HOME basketball games take place on Monday, February 20. 6th Grade Boys, 7th Grade Girls, and 7th Grade Boys all play starting at 6:00 pm.

CONGRATULATIONS

2012 Super Raffle Ticket Winners

Grand Prize: \$10,000 Ticket #4434

Tracy Vera-Mayer: (Sold by David Vera)

2nd Prize: \$1,000 Ticket #1212

Jim and Jo Ann Keele: (Sold by Maria Fiore)

3rd Prize: \$500 Ticket #1481

Bernadette Ciscon: (Sold by Mary Hayes)

4th Prize: \$500 Ticket #3750

Shannon Ross: (Sold by Cindy Ross)

\$250 to the Popper Family for selling the most (101!) raffle tickets.



Hats off to....

...Jake, gr. 8, who recently won two second place medals and two fifth place medals, as part of the **CHAMPION** Lemont Dolphins swim team! The Dolphins won the Conference Championship this past Saturday.

GALA INFO.

Out of uniform passes purchased at the Gala will be sent home in next Thursday's envelope.

