

To the Parents of St. Paul Catholic School
Memo # 25- March 11, 2010

Chefs Challenge Tonight: It's not too late for last minute plans this evening! Chef Challenge tickets will be sold at the door tonight for a donation of \$50 each. You do not want to miss this fantastic fundraiser for our school tonight at Distinctive Kitchens downtown on Palafox. We invite you all to come and experience the good food and fun at 6:30pm.

Fish Fry and Open House: The PTO is planning another scrumptious Fish Fry for our enjoyment during Lent. Please mark your calendars for Friday, March 19th from 5-7pm in the gym. Tickets will be available in the school office as well as at the door; adults \$7 and children under 12, \$4. In conjunction with the Fish Fry, St. Paul School will be hosting an Open House. Visitors will have the opportunity to check out all of the classrooms, talk to teachers, view award-winning student projects, discover the school's community involvement, view art displays and enjoy music demonstrations. We look forward to seeing you! For more information on this event or the school, please call the school office 436-6435 or visit www.stpaulcatholic.net/school.

Track: Track practice begins next week!! Practices will be held directly after school from 3-4PM. Mondays= 3rd & 4th Grade; Tuesday=5th & 6th Grade; Wednesday=7th & 8th grade. Although these are the set dates, if there is conflict with these days or you have more than one child and would prefer having them practice on the same day, your child is welcome to come on another day to practice. The dates for practice are the weeks of March 15th, March 22nd, March 29th and April 12th. Please contact Ms. Z if you have any questions at zbrzeznjp@stpaulcatholic.net.

Reconciliation: Students will be given the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this Lenten season. Students will participate at special times during this month. There are opportunities for Reconciliation for your family as well. The parish offers weekly Reconciliation on Saturday mornings after the 8:30am Mass. A Parish Penance Service will also be held on Wednesday, March 31st at 6:30pm.

Class pictures: This Tuesday, March 16th Stone's Studio will be here to take class pictures beginning at 8:30 am. Please see the order form that was sent home this week with your child. Order forms must accompany your child if they wish to purchase a class picture. Be sure your child is on time for school so they don't miss the photo!

Resolving Family Conflict: A parent accompaniment to the PeaceWorks curriculum your student participates in at school is available and offers tools for parents to use in handling conflicts within the family. If you would like more assistance in creating a peaceful environment at home, make plans to attend the parent workshop, "Time Out!" on Wednesday, March 17 from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. For more details or to reserve your spot please email Mrs. Lorenda Ortega at ortegal@stpaulcatholic.net.

Parish Fellowship Supper: Mark your calendars for Wednesday, March 17th for a St. Patrick's Day Dinner from 5 to 7pm in the gym. \$7/Person, \$3 children 12 & under OR \$25/family. Come dressed for the occasion! Contact Persons: John or Jackie 469-1941 or e-mail JDickin140@cox.net. No reservations necessary.

CHS Cheerleading Tryouts: All interested 8th grade girls are invited to cheerleading tryouts at Catholic High School Gym on Wednesday, March 17th at 3:30pm.

Important Dates to Remember: Tuesday, March 16th- 3rd quarter ends

Friday, March 19th - Noon dismissal -teacher inservice/ Fish Fry and Open House 5-7pm

Wednesday, March 24th- Dress Down Day to support the Esson Missions (7th grade service project)

St. Paul Student Council: Dogs' Best Friends!

Last week, under the direction of Mr. Cody Bell, the St. Paul Student Council loaded up a van-full of pet food, pet toys, and other pet paraphernalia collected from St. Paul students and teachers and headed to the Pensacola Humane Society to deliver the goods. The idea for the project came from 5th grader, Bailey Burns. She submitted an essay to the Student Council suggesting that they conduct a drive benefitting our local Humane Society. Bailey also researched the Humane Society website, finding their list of needed items, and made it available to the school. Kudos to both Bailey and the Student Council for a job well done!



Penny War Proceeds Totaling \$3,414.00 Benefit Local Charities

Congratulations, St. Paul! During Catholic Schools Week, your participation in the Penny War resulted in donations of **\$675.00 each** for the following local charities: 1) Loaves and Fishes (the only Pensacola ministry that provides shelter for families; this ministry also gives food to those in need); 2) The Alpha Center (a crisis pregnancy center providing maternity clothes, baby & toddler clothes, baby food, formula and most of all, hope, to women in crisis pregnancies); 3) Manna Food Bank (providing food to those in need); 4) Mary's Shelter (providing long-term housing for pregnant women and their children); and 5) St. Joseph's Medical Clinic (a clinic serving low-income families that runs strictly off of donations). Thank you to **Linda Miller** for organizing this worthwhile drive year after year. (*Photos below, from left to right:* SPCS Student Council presents check to director of Loaves & Fishes; Kate and Elizabeth Manning present check to Cathy Sowell, director of Manna Food Bank; and Father Jim Dane receives check on behalf of Mary's Shelter.)



Fifth Grade Reaches for the Stars at Starbase, NAS

Last week, Mrs. Patricia Griffin took the 5th grade class to Starbase at NAS where for one action-packed week, they were given real-world applications of math, science and technology. They learned the mechanics of flight, visited many of the base facilities, and got close-up views of the advanced technology used at NAS. They ended the week at the parade field, where the students shot off rockets made with their own hands! Thanks to Mrs. Griffin and NAS for providing an awesome learning opportunity for our children.

