

Matters of Principal

BULLYING & CYBER BULLYING

Approximately half of United States students are impacted by traditional bullying each day. The most frequent form bullying takes is words (teasing, taunting, ridiculing, name-calling, and gossip), but also occurs by snatching away things, pushing, beating, biting, and the list goes on and on. If you were around children, and as a child yourself, you know what I am talking about.

Bullying is an act of aggressive, dominating behavior that many individuals engage in at some point in their lives. This behavior doesn't only happen during childhood or during teen age years. Bullying extends to adulthood as well.

As recommended by the diocesan Office of Education in January 2011 the School Board is revising the Anti-Bullying Policy. We are now in the final stage of revision that includes input from staff, teachers, students, and soon parents will be invited as well. The revised Anti-Bullying Policy will address the common form of bullying mentioned above and also the online activities, labeled as "cyber bullying." Cyber bullying includes, but is not limited to, abuse using email, instant messaging, text messaging. This is an issue of which all students, teachers, and parents need to be aware. The use of internet to bully or harass – students or teachers – is having a profound effect on their psychological and physical wellbeing.


The extent of the phenomenon is hard to quantify. But one 2010 study by the "Cyber Bullying Research Center," an organization founded by two criminologists who defined bullying as "willful and repeated harm" inflicted through phone and computers, said "one in five school students and teachers had been affected." Cyber bullying is making school days painful for many children and school personnel as well.

I am happy to say that Saint Anne School will soon have clear policies to deal with bullying, and is making sure that bullies face appropriate punishment if they engage in any form of bullying – cyber or otherwise.

Fr. Fabio Refosco, CC
Interim-Principal

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **2/9/2012-Q3 Progress Reports home**
- **2/10/2012-School Mass Class 3B leads**
- **2/10/2012-Oratory Valentine Fund Raiser**
- **2/15/2012-Registration fee discount ends**
- **2/17/2012-School Mass Class 2A leads**
- **2/20/2012-No School President's Day**
- **2/22/2012-Ash Wednesday Mass-9:00am**



AIMING AT ACADEMICS Looking back on the week just passed – Catholic Schools Week – it is time to praise the dedication and stamina of our faculty, students and staff. Much was expected and much was required but the talent displayed in the Showcase talent show, the intense concentration during the raptor show, the extended giving in "pack the

back", the respect shown during the Rosary recitation, and the enthusiasm evidenced in "Cuddle Up and Read" show the quality of a St. Anne education. Thank you Mrs. Hinton and the CSW committee, Mrs. O'Donnell and the Showcase committee, and all the teachers that put forth much effort to bring the meaning of faith, academics and service to our school.

St. Anne is continuing these theme words through our morning meetings when each class meets on Friday mornings to discuss how our faith informs our character. Catholic schools thrive because each student is valued and listened to with the guidance of our traditions and expectations. When these values are supported from a loving home, our school soars – thank you all for your support.



SHOWCASE ST. ANNE-Mrs. O'Donnell would like to say "Thank you" to all of the students, parents, and faculty who helped to make the First annual *Showcase, St. Anne* a spectacular event. The school is looking forward to making this a tradition, so start planning and practicing your talents now for next year's show!



ART VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! VIRTUS trained volunteers are needed in the Art Room either to assist with class preparation/ clean up or assisting with weekly classes. Please contact Mrs. Bright (pbright@stanneschool.com) for more information. Salvation guaranteed!



FOUNDERS FCU: Founders Student Credit Union is back at St. Anne School this year! It is a great opportunity for your child to learn to save money by making regular deposits at school. The "bank" is located in the school library and will be open every Friday during your child's lunch period. Upcoming Founders dates are: February 17th and 24th 2012. Questions? Contact Mrs. Rainier at mrainier@stanneschool.com



FROM THE BOOKKEEPER: Our online enrollment for **2012-2013** is underway! We are very pleased with the ease of registration. We are experiencing some minor issues. RenWeb automatically assumes that 'mom' will register the child (sorry dads!) RenWeb has an email (that parents gave us when they filled out their registration forms for this school year) that it associates with each parent. Whichever email you have used with St. Anne for your 'mom' email, that is the email you need to set up your RenWeb account with as your log-in, in order to avoid this difficulty.

If you have a RenWeb account and you see 'no enrollment student found' that means you are in RenWeb under your 'Dad' email. If this happens, please just email or call me or Mrs. Hill in the office and we will reset it so your enrollments will show up. We have brought this to the attention of RenWeb but at this time, they are not able to make it so that either parent can register a child. We are sorry for this extra hitch! **Thank you** to all of our families that have registered for our **2012-2013** school year. We are looking forward to receiving your enrollments and applications! Payment for enrollment through RenWeb goes into effect on Monday January 30th.



GET OUT YOUR GRASS SKIRTS BECAUSE THE BOOK FAIR LUAU IS HEADED YOUR WAY! The spring book fair is scheduled for **March 16-22**. Mrs. Rainier is looking for **2-3 creative people** to form a decorating committee for the fair. In the weeks leading up to the fair she needs the decorating committee to hang posters and create some luau-themed displays to decorate the library and hallways. These positions will take the place of our typical Book Fair Co-Chairs.

Please contact Kristi Kennedy (therapist4hire@yahoo.com) if you are interested in volunteering for one of these positions. A later email will be sent out to recruit volunteers for working the cash register during the actual Book Fair.



K3 AT SAS: We are very excited to be able to continue our K3 program for the 2012 – 2013 school year as well as our K4 program. At this time, parents can apply for both of these classes on-line. During the on-line process, your children **will not be fully registered** until all of the paperwork that is required by the state of South Carolina has been completed. This paperwork must be submitted to the main office to secure an opening in either one of these classes. If you have not received this packet of papers, please contact Melita Hill in the school office.

VIRTUS TRAINING: St. Anne Church will be conducting VIRTUS training on the following dates: February 9th, March 29th and May 3rd 2012. All at sessions start at 8:30 am in the Teen Room at the school. No tardy admissions. Please register for any of these sessions at www.virtus.org

PARTICIPATING CATHOLIC TUITION RATE: Each Catholic parish, with students attending St. Anne School, sends a subsidy which offsets the non-Catholic tuition rate for participating Catholic families. This allows our participating Catholic families to receive the Catholic tuition rate at St. Anne School. Please check with your parish if you are not sure what requirements are needed to be subsidized by them. You must submit a form requesting this subsidy to your parish. Most parishes expect you to give your time, talent and treasure in the parish community. This involves attending mass regularly, using your envelopes (or a verifiable method of giving,) and volunteering or being involved in other ways such as Knights of Columbus, Perpetual Adoration or Ministry (lector, Minister of Holy Communion, sacristan, etc.).

With registration already in process, we want to make sure that all families requesting the Catholic rate of tuition will receive it. This will only happen if your family is actively involved and supporting your parish. **If you are not eligible for your parish subsidy you will be charged the non-Catholic rate of tuition.** Each Catholic family's subsidy approval is decided by each individual parish.

The 2011-12 subsidy has not been finalized by all parishes yet. As a Catholic, please make sure you qualify for Catholic Tuition rates based on your parish's qualification form. If you have questions contact your parish office. Thank you!



Did you know.....fun facts about Mrs. Lenard

Has a 16 year old son who plays the marimba in the marching band
Owns a 2 ½ year old multi-poo named Gizmo
Enjoys running, spinning class, and reading murder mysteries
Goes on a cruise every year (her son wants to study naval architecture)
Attended Madonna School in Fort Lee, New Jersey
Born in Hoboken, New Jersey
Graduated from Montclair University with a B.A. in Communications and an M.A. in Reading
Certified as a Reading Specialist and Elementary Teacher in the state of

South Carolina

Attended the "Teachers as Scholars Program" at Princeton University
Worked as a support teacher in Skillman, New Jersey, for 12 years prior to moving to the Charlotte area.

Attended and instructed numerous professional development workshops for teachers and staff

Is now a part-time Assistant Principal and Discovery Teacher here at St. Anne School



ROSARY GROUP; Join us every Tuesday morning immediately following drop-off (7:50 a.m.) St. Anne Church chapel. Together we pray for the intentions of our school community. If you cannot join us-send your intentions to Michelle Hatchett mhatchett@stanneschool.com



PSA ICE CREAM FOR SALE! The next ice cream sale will be on Friday, February 17th at all lunches...ice cream is \$1 each.



ST. ANNE CHURCH MEN'S SOFTBALL spring season is just around the corner. If you are interested in playing on the St. Anne's Church Team, please give Tom Phillips a call at 803-324-9769



FROM THE SPORTS DEPT

Elementary Baseball!

- 4 year olds = T-Ball
- 5-6 year olds = Slugger Ball
- 7-8 year olds = Coach Pitch

Information was sent out via e-mail 2X the last 2 weeks. Please have all registrations & fee in **by Friday, February 10th.**

JV Spring Sports!

- Co-Ed Tennis
- Co-Ed Golf

Registration forms will be available soon.

JV Basketball Tournament!

Tournament details will be sent via e-mail Friday, February 10th in the evening.