

## 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE NEWS & INFORMATION

4/3/17 – 4/7/17

### CLASS UPDATES

**SUCSESSES:** All Day Reading Day was a success. Many students finished books, even some they started that day.

Several parents commented on the quality of the science fair projects produced by the middle schoolers, particularly how these were students driven and student produced projects. It was obvious how much hard work went into these projects. They are also growing in their public speaking skills, which was evident in their presentations. We especially want to celebrate Olivia Dozer and Riley Peterson who were awarded second and third place in the science fair.

#### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH:**

In the days and weeks leading up to the CIMI everyone was very aware of their behavior and their attitudes because they knew their trip lay in the balance. Since returning, we have seen a negative attitude with quite a few of the seventh grade students who seems more concerned with messing around with each other than focusing on their academics. They have been quite rude by talking back to their teachers and generally being disrespectful. As a result, quite a few behavior reports have been going home over the last two weeks. This is not what we expect from our students, and I'm sure it is not what parents expect either.

**Lenten Theme:** Our school theme for Lent is *Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps. 33:22)* We encourage you to talk with the students about how God has been merciful to your family, and how your family can grow in trusting God this season in preparation for Easter.

**Community Service Pre-Approval:** The pre-approval for the third trimester will be on Monday April 9. The form is on the class website. (This is a correction from last week where I put the wrong date.)

**MOXI:** We have scheduled a fun field trip for April 25<sup>th</sup> to MOXI, the new Museum of Exploration and Innovation in Santa Barbara. We will be going as a whole middle school. The permission slip went home in the Lancer folder last week. Please note there is a \$5 entrance fee for each student (regular \$14), so please send in money as soon as you can to complete our reservation. Also, please let me know if you can drive. So far we only have two drivers signed up for the seventh grade.

**Mission Awareness:** The focus for the seventh grade Mission Awareness is migrants, immigrants, and refugees. This is a very timely issue. We hope as a family you will discuss our response as Catholic Christians to the struggles faced by these valuable and too often vulnerable members of our society.

**Yearbook Ads:** Would you like to congratulate your child on a fantastic year of school? What better way than putting something in the yearbook for them! There is more information in the Wednesday E Baggies or please contact Mrs. Holtgrewe.

**Internet Parent Safety Meeting:** Plan to attend the Internet Safety Parent Meeting on Wednesday, April 12 @ 7 p.m. A local police officer will talk about ways to keep children and teens safe on the internet and will share some of his local experiences in dealing with issues of cybercrime. This is a very important topic, so please attend and earn one parent volunteer hour!

**Talent Show News:** There will be an informational meeting for the talent show at recess on Wednesday. Anyone who is considering participating in the talent show should attend.

**Carnival News:** The raffle tickets are going home in the Lancer Folder today.

April 7 – Sell 30 tickets to be eligible for Blender gift cards

April 12 – Sell 50 tickets to be eligible for Amazon gift cards

April 26 – Sell 100 tickets to be eligible for iPad mini drawing

April 12 – Sell 40 tickets to earn one-week free dress pass

## Book Club! - March

We had a great book club meeting in March. Our next book club will be at the Forrys' home. The book and the date will be announced in the newsletter next week.

### Weekend Homework & Up Coming Tests & Projects:

- Reader's Notebook - The first Reader's Notebook Response will be due every Thursday.
- Midsummer – Read Act IV, scene 1 for Monday. Reading quiz on Monday.

MONDAY –

TUESDAY – P.E.

WEDNESDAY – Mass – Mass will be at 10:00 AM this week.

THURSDAY –

FRIDAY – P.E. Stations of the Cross in the church at 1:15 presented by the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Have a great weekend!

Miss Lee