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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

New Year, New School – that is our new year's resolution for the St. Ann School community. Over the past five months, we have worked diligently to restore a sense of community, for both the faculty and the school community as a whole. We have focused on re-affirming our Catholic identity by establishing a morning prayer routine with the faculty and re-instituting monthly school liturgies. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will now be celebrated by students in Grades 3 – 8 during the holy seasons of Advent and Lent. Christian Service Projects have been regularly offered throughout the grades, and we have focused primarily on the needs of our local community by supporting the good works of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. With our identity and mission focus clear, our attention must now turn to some of the changes that need to be made to enhance and improve our wonderful school. New Year, New School – don't you want to be a part of it?

PTO NEWS...

Please join us for our monthly meeting on **Tuesday, January 10 at 7:00 pm**. Volunteers are needed to assist with upcoming events such as the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, Toy Bingo, and the Pancake Breakfast.

POLAR PLUNGE...

Thank you to Mr. Kennedy, The Lupo Family, Mrs. Rodriguez, and Mr. Wall for participating in the Polar Plunge on New Year's Day.

COMMUNITY SERVICE...

Please see the enclosed flyer for "**Warm Hands, Warm Hearts**" which is our Catholic Schools Week service project.

NATURE'S CLASSROOM...

Please see the enclosed flyer for our dinner fundraiser at Jalapeños on **Wednesday, January 11**. For parents who are may still be undecided about the program, a representative from Nature's Classroom will be visiting our school for an informational meeting, date and time TBA.

DONATIONS REQUESTED...

Do you have any gently used Lego sets that need a new home? Please consider donating them to our after school **Lego Club**. Please contact Mrs. Rodriguez or Mrs. McGrath for more information.

JANUARY SCHOOL MASS...

Please join us for our first School Mass of 2012, which will be celebrated on **January 12 at 1:00 pm**. Grade 5 will be hosting this month.

LUNCHES IN THE LAB...

We will begin our new lunch program for students in Grades 4 – 8 on **Tuesday, January 10**. In an effort to provide older students with an opportunity to get out of their classrooms for lunch at least once a week, students will be enjoying lunch at the round tables in the Science Lab. The schedule is: Tuesdays, Grades 6 & 7; Wednesdays, Grades 4 & 5; and Thursdays, Grades 7 & 8.

MIDDLE SCHOOLERS ON THE MOVE...

We all know how important "movement breaks" are for children, particularly at the middle school level. Students will begin passing to their classes on **Tuesday, January 24** to mark the start of term three. Passing will occur on Tuesday – Friday only due to the existing Spanish schedule on Mondays.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK...

Please join us for Mass on **Sunday, January 29** at 10:30 am, followed by an Open House from 12:00 to 1:30 pm. Additional activities are listed on the January calendar, and a flyer with more details will be sent home next week.

PARISH EVENTS...

All St. Ann School families are invited to attend two upcoming Whole Family Faith Formation gatherings at Holy Family Parish.

Sunday, January 8 – 10:30 Mass at St. Ann Church followed by a potluck brunch in the Parish Hall. After brunch, children in Grades K – 5 will go to the school for a presentation, while parents and children in Grades 6 – 8 will attend a presentation on the **Liturgy of the Word** by Fr. John.

Sunday, January 22 – 10:30 Mass at St. Ann Church followed by a potluck brunch in the Parish Hall. After brunch, children in Grades K – 5 will go to the school for a presentation, while parents and children in Grades 6 – 8 will attend a presentation on the **Liturgy of the Eucharist** by Fr. John.