



St. Mary of The Assumption Parish Elementary School



January 7, 2008

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope your holidays were everything you had hoped for and that the New Year brings many blessings to you and your families! I would like to thank you and the students for your very generous Christmas gift! The birdfeeders will give me so much enjoyment! Thank you bunches! The Ipod Nano and speakers are awesome! It was so overwhelmingly generous that it left me speechless. Thank you so very much! The kids and I are going to have a great time with our tunes!

As many of you know from Father Mike's announcement after the Masses last weekend, Mrs. Morman, our school secretary, has taken a position with a company closer to her home. Judy Comer has graciously agreed to come back as our school secretary until we can hire a new secretary. Thank you so much Mrs. Comer! We are looking for a person who is pleasant and personable, loving and caring toward children, able to perform basic first aide, able to multi-task, knowledgeable with the computer including experience with data entry, Excel, and Microsoft Word. If you or someone you know is interested, please send a resume to me at St. Mary of the Assumption School at 611 Jennings Road Van Wert, OH 45891. I would really appreciate your help in spreading the word so we have the best candidates possible to choose from. We want the best for our students and our school! Thank you so much for your help with this! May God be with us as we rise to this new challenge!

There will be a PTO meeting tonight in the library at 6:00 pm. We would really appreciate your attendance. We will again have pizza! Hope to see you there!

We still have one calamity day left! If we would use more than that one day, our make-up days would be February 18, June 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and so on. Oh my! Pray for good weather!

We really are working on the grade cards! I am going to the A-site (the computer service center that hosts the new program) tomorrow for some more help. I am hopeful we will be sending the reports home before the end of the week. Please pray for that end! Thank you!

I try to do a joke after morning and afternoon prayer every day. The kids love to tell them as well. The problem is that many of the kindergarten and first grade students have trouble knowing what a joke should really be. I would love for everyone to have the opportunity to tell a joke so I could use some help to help the students bring in good jokes. There are many good joke books for kids in the library or on the internet (just search for 'kids' jokes'). Please write the joke down and practice it with your child, send the written joke along with them to school and tell them to find me as they walk down the



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hall. I will handle the rest and it will be a super experience for all! Thank you for your help!

On February 9, 2008 internationally acclaimed recording artist Tatiana will perform “I Thirst” at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church. The event features the singer/songwriter on keyboards, backed by world-class musicians in an emotional portrayal of the Passion. The performance begins at 6:30 pm in the Church. We hope to see you there!

Mark your Calendars:

- Jan. 7 **Wear your OSU colors today!**
6PM PTO Meeting
- Jan. 8 7:30 School Council Meeting
- Jan. 11 Spirit Assembly (Initiative)
- Jan. 13 First Reconciliation after Mass
- Jan. 14 8:45 Fit to Achieve Program in Gym (K-6)
- Jan. 20 First Reconciliation after Mass
- Jan. 21 No Classes! MLK Day!
- Jan. 23 8:45 No Mass...Communion Service
- Jan. 24 8:45 No Mass....Communion Service
- Jan. 25 8:45 Fr. Charles will be saying Mass
2:45 Spirit Assembly
- Jan. 27 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!

Please join me in a prayer for the New Year: “Jesus, we give our hearts to you this day and commit our lives to you for the coming year. May you find us ready to say “yes” to you all year long. Come, Lord, and fill us with your love, so that we can bring you to the world. Amen.”

Sincerely,

Jan Schimmoeller
Principal