



From the Principal...

January 30, 2012

Every child brings us God's smile.

Pope Benedict XVI

Dear School Families,

It's Auction time!!! And of course we need your help and support for this important fund raiser. We were able to generate over \$23,000 from this event last year. We are hoping to exceed that amount this year.

10 raffle tickets are coming home today with each student. **If you are not able to sell or do not want to sell/ buy the tickets, please return the unsold tickets to the school office tomorrow.** We will keep track of which students sell tickets and/or return unsold tickets. Additional tickets can be obtained from the school office.

Each student selling at least 10 raffle tickets may wear blue jeans to school with a uniform shirt on Tuesday, Feb. 28. A reminder will come home closer to this date.

Also, I will take the **top 3** students selling the most tickets (in number, not dollars) to McDonalds for lunch with me on that date. Again, notification and a reminder will come home.

To be eligible to wear jeans day and/or to go to lunch at McDonalds all money and completed ticket stubs must be returned to the school office by 9 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 16.

Raffle tickets will also be sold at the auction. However, the tickets sold at the auction will be marked differently to distinguish them from tickets sold in advance. This is done to insure all tickets put into the drawing are paid for.

In addition to the raffle many valuable and unique items, tickets and services will be auctioned. These have been donated by parishioners, school families, and members of the community.

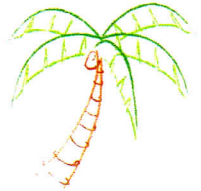
Dinner is also being served and tickets are available through the school office. The menu is: *pulled pork, au gratin potatoes, fresh fruit kabobs; sweet creamed rice; Hawaiian roll; salad bar; assorted desserts; punch and coffee.* Tickets prices are \$10 for ages 13 and older; \$5.00 for ages 5 to 12; and free for 4 and under. An order form for dinner tickets is attached and may be returned to school. I realize this may be asking a lot but please remember events such as these make it possible for us to maintain an affordable tuition.

Thank you and God bless,

School Benefit Auction

**Saturday, Feb. 18
in the School Gym**

**Dinner begins at 5:00 pm
Auction to follow**



a 2001 Buick Century - Greve's;
items from Laudick's Jewelry;
jewelry box made by Glen Jenkins;
gift certificates to the NPAC;
projects made by the school children;
a variety of services, gift baskets,
gift certificates and other items.

From Mrs. Minnig:



St. Mary's students will have art work displayed at the Brumback Library during February. Theme—Medieval Art—gargoyles, dragons, knights, illuminated manuscripts, kings & queens, and castles.

From Mr. Minnig:

St. Mary's students have an opportunity to participate in the *Jump Rope for Your Heart* fundraiser sponsored by the *American Heart Association*. This event will run for two weeks beginning Thursday, Feb. 2. Various prizes are available through the American Heart Association.



In addition to the above prizes, St. Mary's students will have an opportunity to win one of the 40+ basketballs that have accumulated in the PE office over the years. For each \$20 a student turns in for the jump rope contest he/she can enter a chance to win a basketball—with no more than one basketball being given to an individual student. Information about this contest will be sent home soon.