

## BOARD BRIEFS

St. Joan of Arc School Board Report.....November 26, 2007

**Mary Niestrom (President)**  
**Bobbi Diedrick (Vice President)**  
**Mary Beth Sobolewski (Secretary)**  
**Greg Weizeorick (Treasurer)**

**Steve Christ**  
**Mara Cooney**  
**Sue Garvin**  
**Jim Matheu**  
**Steve O'Reilly**

**Julie Noonan (SMMP Rep.)**  
**Kathy Gausselein (PSO)**  
**Rev. Gerald Tivy (Pastor)**  
**Sr. Carolyn Sieg, OSB(Principal)**

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### Principal's Report:

Sister Carolyn attended a diocesan-wide institute on "What Makes Us Catholic" that was very inspiring.

During a recent "Housekeeping Inspection," it was deemed necessary to replace the doors to the gym and to the art room. Since this is a major expense, we were asked only to provide them with a plan for when the replacement would take place.

The Fire Drill went very well and was taken seriously by the students and staff.

Sixth grade has a new program set up and presented by Officer Weiss on bullying.

The Iowa Basics Standardized Test was taken the week of October 15 and results will be distributed shortly.

The Kindergarten and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Mass was very well attended.

All children participated in the November 18th Bus Evacuation Drill on November 5.

The Internet Safety talk on December 5 is of high importance to both Sr. Carolyn and Fr. Tivy and should be attended by all parents.

If any parent has questions or concerns of how student discipline is handled at SJA, please refer to your SJA Parent Handbook on pages 23-24. All policies and procedures are clearly outlined there in a step-by-step approach.

### Pastor's Report:

Father Tivy recently returned from a trip to the Holy Land and prayed for all of the people of SJA parish and school at these landmarks.

Parents should continue to support the faith life of their children. Father was very pleased with the K and 5<sup>th</sup> grade family Mass where over 1000 worshipped at the 10am Mass.

Reconciliation is a family celebration, not a school subject. Please be sure to bring your children to the sacrament before Christmas as they will not be going during class time. There will be a Penance Service at the Church on December 19 at 7:30 pm with about a dozen priests gathered to hear confessions.

Confirmation is Friday, April 18 and will be presided over by Bishop Kaffer.

### Treasurer's Report:

The budget is on track. Any major differences in actual vs budgeted costs are due to the timing of expenses.

### Committee Reports:

**Religious Ed:** Greg Weizeorick reported the scheduled Religious Education meeting was postponed.

### PSO :

Kathy Gausselein reported \$22,500 profit was realized through the Gift Wrap campaign (including Internet orders).

Vegas Night went extremely well and raised \$10,500 towards future PAR renovations. Current chairpersons, Sue Stahelin and Kim Clements have agreed to chair it again next year.

Red Ribbon week saw many SJA children winning the poster contests and awarded at the Village Hall.

There is an opening on the PSO Board to run School Supplies for the 2008-2009 school year.

### DEVELOPMENT:

Steve O'Reilly is researching the possibility of SJA receiving funds from the search engine "goodsearch.com."

Steve is also working on getting a working SJA alumni database.

Bobbi Diedrick added that we are beginning a search for a leader (or two) for our very important Annual Campaign (Spring 2008). Sister, Steve and Bobbi have begun discussions with prospective leaders and would welcome all suggestions and/or volunteers for this critical, high-return-on-investment development project.

The auction committees are looking for men to act as "spotters" the night of the auction. They are also in need of someone with computer skills to network the computers the night of the auction for "check out."

Also needed is a creative person to provide auction "props" and display for the LIVE auction items; baskets are being collected to display the silent auction items.

Please call Bobbi if you can help.

**Old Business:** Members of the SJA School Board attended the “Partners In Education” Forum in Romeoville and gained insight and ideas for SJA.

**New Business:** Henry Wind reported that the “Safe Environment” program is again being presented to the younger children by school psychologist Joy Dooley in a safe, non-threatening manner in their classrooms. The 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades will be receiving Internet Safety guidance through the Lisle police program.

**Communications:**

**The next School Board meeting will be on Monday, January 28, 2008 at 7:00 p.m in the Parish Center. All are welcome!**

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