

January 27, 2010

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! May this year bring blessings and grace to all of you and your families.

Thank you from all of us here at St. Edward School for your kind words, delicious treats, and many gifts during the Christmas season. May God bless you for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to *Sr. Elise* and her family on the death of her sister, Gil, on Christmas Day. May she rest in peace.

Also, we send our sympathy and prayers to the *Robert Coughlin Family* on the death of their son, Bobby Coughlin (Class of 1992). May Bobby be at rest and may his family find comfort and peace during this very difficult time.

The Archdiocese of Chicago Office of Catholic Schools has named *Cindy Rosasco* (Rm. 205 – Grade 6) a “Distinguished Service Award Winner” for 2010. Nominated by school administrators, 25 recipients were chosen from a potential pool of more than 5,300 educators in the 255 Catholic schools in Cook and Lake counties. The awards recognize exceptional dedication, leadership and service of 10 or more years in Catholic education. Cindy Rosasco will be recognized at a “Distinguished Service Award” Dinner on Sunday, February 21st at the Chicago Marriott on Michigan Ave. *Congratulations, Cindy, on this well deserved award!*

Congratulations to **Robin Juran** (Preschool – Rm. 3) and **Sr. Perpetua Chime** (the Nigerian Sister who lives at St. Edward Convent) on their graduation from Dominican University on Saturday, January 11. They both received Masters in Early Childhood Education. This is Mrs. Juran’s second Masters.

In March, I will be joining twelve principals and teachers from the Archdiocese of Chicago as we travel to Nsukka, Nigeria in Africa. I have been part of a committee for over two years that has been working with the schools in Nsukka. We have a partnership with them and we will spend the ten days that we are in Nsukka, visiting schools and sharing ideas about education. I know that you will pray that we have safe travels and that our efforts will be successful. I will certainly share my story when I return.

The annual **Knights of Columbus Basketball “Free Throw” Contest** was held at St. Edward on Sunday, January 17th. The following students won in their division:

- *Gary Dodovich and Naomi Gonzalez*
- *Reis O’Donnell and Alexandra Villalobos*
- *Michael Martin and Monica Nunez*
- *Kip Hacklman and Audrey Jahns*

The District Playoffs were held on Sunday, January 24th in Lake Forest. The following students will be advancing to Sectionals:

- *Naomi Gonzalez*
- *Alexandra Villalobos*
- *Michael Martin*

Best of luck to all of our students and congratulations to all the winners.

Thank you to Lauren McTigue (Class of 1996) for arranging to collect clothes for the people of Haiti. Through the generosity of many people 75 boxes of clothes were collected and will be delivered by the Salvation Army working in Haiti.

We also want to thank all of you who contributed to the collection we had during our prayer service for the people of Haiti. We are sending the money to Catholic Relief Services to use in their work in Haiti. God bless you for your generosity.

Gentle Reminder: Regarding the **State of Illinois Education Tax Credit** you can access your Smart Tuition Account online and print out your Tuition payment statement for 2009. You need it to file for the Tax credit. We also will be sending home statements next week.

The **Junior High Music Fair** will be held this Saturday, January 30, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM in the lower level of St. Edward School. Our students in grades 7 and 8 will display their music projects. You are cordially invited to attend and view the exhibits.

The 2010 Girl Scouts will hold their **Father-Daughter Dance on Friday, February 5**, from 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM. in Buckley Hall. All the girls are welcome to attend with dad, grandpa, uncle, or other adult family member. For details please see the flier that was sent home today. Come on out and enjoy the fun!

Help support the St. Edward Youth Program by attending the **2010 Super Bowl Party** on Sunday, February 7th, in Buckley Hall. Please see the flier sent home today for details.

Next week, January 31st to February 5th, is **Catholic School's Week**. Many events and activities are planned for the week, including a late start (9:00 AM) on Thursday, February 4th. A detailed schedule will be sent home at the end of this week.

Sincerely,

Sister Marie Michelle, OP.
Principal