

Newsletter



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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Parents

Thank you so much for your participation in Blizzard Ball. We are in the process of gathering all the information right now to evaluate just how much money we raised. In talking to many, many attendees the night of, and since, I believe that we were able to conduct an event that was fun, and successful. Again, thanks to all of you who attended and donated, and thank you to H.S.A. and the Blizzard Ball committee who put in a great deal of planning, time and effort to make this event the success that it was!

I want to make sure that you are in the communication loop. The middle and high schools are in the process of studying the class schedules that we use. We have come to the conclusion that (for 7th and 8th grade) it would be more beneficial to have a schedule that allowed for classes to meet more often, for a bit shorter time span. We are looking into meshing a different schedule with many different needs: the current 6th grade schedule, shared staff with the elementary & high school, and facilities shared with the elementary and high school. It is quite a complex task, and we have the education of children as the number one consideration. Hopefully we can resolve all of the issues involved with a reasonable schedule that will accomplish most if not all of our needs.

We have taken the issue of dismissal times for the three schools into consideration for any schedule changes as well. We are looking into the best option for all schools, while considering the needs of three very different situations.

Announcements/Calendar Events

- Catholic Schools Week: Will wrap up this Friday with an all School Mass. The intent is to draw attention to Catholic schools in a fun and positive way.
 - Thursday, 2/4: "**Valentines for Vets**". Red, white and blue dress to support our armed services.
 - Friday, 2/5: Regular uniform, CSW closing All-School Mass, 9:00
- Talent Show: Thursday at 1:15 please join us
- Wednesday, 2/3 is Mid-Term, Mid-Term reports will be sent home on Friday, 2/5.
- Student Led Conferences are Wednesday, 2/10 and Thursday, 2/11 from 2:00-7:00, you will receive a post card confirming your appointment time
- Friday, 2/12 is a Teacher Compensation Day for Student Led Conferences, the Elementary and Middle School are not in session, the High School is in session
- Monday, 2/15 is Presidents Day Holiday – no school

Respectfully,

Jim Markosian

7th & 8th grade parents
don't forget to return your
re-enrollment forms they
are due Friday 5

Important Dates & Items to Remember

- **Feb. 4 ~ SJBMS Talent Show 1:15pm**
- **Feb. 5 ~ Re-enrollment forms are due for 6th & 7th grade students**
- **Feb. 5 ~ Midterms Sent**
- **Feb. 5 ~ Mass 9:00am**
- **Feb. 10 & 11 ~ 12:30 dismissal for Student Led Conferences**
- **Feb. 12 ~ No School for middle & elementary ~ JDCHS in session**

Get more fundraising power through H&R Block's **Schoolhouse™** Program

Raising money can be hard, so put H&R Block to work for you. H&R Block's new Schoolhouse™ Program provides special tax preparation pricing to your school's staff, parents and students.

- For every parent who completes their tax return with us, H&R Block will give \$25 back to the school organization.
- Faculty and staff get a special, flat rate price of \$169 for their H&R Block-prepared tax return.
- All High School students get a FREE H&R Block-prepared tax return.

And the H&R Block Guarantee is always included -- meaning that your satisfaction is guaranteed, you'll get the maximum refund you're entitled to, we'll pay penalties and interest if we make a mistake and we'll be there to assist you if you are audited.

JD Youth Girls Lacrosse

Parent Information Meeting

Tuesday February 9, 2010 at 7 pm
St John the Baptist Elementary Multipurpose Room

Girls in grades 4-8 are eligible to play

Questions? Call Mollie Gronseth @ 801-694-7901
Michelle Tack @ 801-205-1734 or email at
idyglax@aol.com

Wanted

SJBMS Theatre department is in need of items for their spring play, GREASE (the school version): wigs, poodle type skirts, black and pink jackets, anything 50's style etc. Please send your donations to the middle school office. Thanks so much.

Skaggs Catholic Center CELL PHONE RECYCLING PROGRAM

Recycle your old cell phones and support the Skaggs Catholic Center recycling program and our school lunch programs.

Where: Bring your old cell phones to the Elementary, Middle or High School main office and place them in the drop box.

When: Program will begin January 20, 2010 and continue throughout the year.

Why: **Recycling** is important, not only to save energy and to conserve our natural resources, but to **reduce** the amount of waste going to landfills. Over 100 million cell phones are currently "retired" in the United States, so the supply is plentiful. Damaged and outdated phones are also accepted. **Proceeds** earned from this program will support the activities of our **campus recycling program** and school **lunch funds**.

Questions: Emmy Hartney 801-984-7323 or Dave Simpson 801-984-7659

Blessed Sacrament Catholic School 7th/8th Grade Middle School Dance

1745 East 9800 South,
Sandy

Friday, February 12, 2010

6:30pm to 9:00pm



No one will be admitted without a Diocese of S.L.C. Catholic School student I.D.
\$5.00 per person

Jackets, backpacks, inappropriate messages on clothing, hats, bandanas, bulky chains, skin tight clothing, and earrings on boys are not allowed. Modest attire must be worn (i.e. skirts must be an appropriate length, no more than 2 inches above the knee; midriffs must be covered; no backless, strapless, or sleeveless clothing; no spaghetti straps). The administration of the host school will determine if a student is inappropriately dressed. If a student is inappropriately dressed the student will be sent home and the principal of the school will be notified.

Cell phones Students will leave their phones in a designated spot, such as a coat room, before entering the dance area. Students may retrieve their phones when the dance is over. If a student brings a phone into the dance area, it will be confiscated and given to the chaperone from the offending student's school.

Coats, backpacks, purses, etc. will be checked at the door.

**ALL STUDENTS MUST BE PICKED UP
BY 9:00 SHARP!**



pancakes

IHOP AND SJB SCHOOLS INVITES YOU TO A

Community Building Fundraiser!

burgers

Earn Money for our school while enjoying a family tradition at the International House of Pancakes!

Join us for lunch or dinner on Wed., February 10th
between 1:00 - 8:00 PM.

Present this flyer to the cashier and 20% of your sales will be donated to our school!

kids meals

10815 S. State Street
Sandy, UT 523-8613
(across from the Sandy Auto Mall)

sandwiches

**Please tell everyone and plan on
joining us for this very fun event!**

Juan Diego Youth Football has joined the UTE Conference!!!

The JDYF Football Board is proud to announce that we have joined the UTE Conference Football League. This is an exciting development for our program and we (the Football Board and John Colosimo) feel that this will be an excellent fit for our players and their development. Along with this positive development, we understand that significant change is always a bit scary and understand that many of you may have questions about this. Please know that as the Football Board fills its vacant positions, we will begin devoting some of our time to clearly communication to you what this change means and how it may affect us.

Please continue to check the website for more details. We will post more information as things develop. If you have any questions, please let me know. I'll do my best to answer them promptly, and please understand that some answer may take some time due to the learning process we will all be experiencing.

Joining the UTE Conference has the following benefits for our program:

- Playing against other programs that are approximately the same size as JDYF. This will improve our team's competitiveness.
- More home games. The UTE Conference strives to even out schedules so JD will have more home games. For at home games as many JD teams as possible play at home that weekend, meaning, JD games ALL DAY!!!
- All games will be on Saturdays. No more games during the week.
- There is a 9th grade (Juniors) division in addition to the High School Freshman team.
- The UTE Conference is age versus grade based. There are opportunities for players to Y up (play with a division that is 1 year older) and to Z down (play with a division that is a year young if they are 15 pounds under that divisions X weight).
- The UTE Conference is a well established league with 20+ years in existence.
- The UTE Conference includes over 30 school districts.

Thank You to the UCFC

We would like to thank the UCFC for 3 great years in their league.

We have asked the UCFC to allow us to continue to have a **1st and 2nd grade team** participate in their league. We expect their decision soon.

Here are the UTE Conference X weights and age:

The age of a player for the playing season shall be his/her attained age as of September 1, of that year. NO EXCEPTIONS

Gremlin 9 X Weight 76 lbs Z Weight 10yr old 61 lbs
 Pee Wee 10 X Weight 90 lbs Z Weight 11yr old 75 lbs
 Mighty Mite 11 X Weight 100 lbs Z Weight 12yr old 85 lbs
 Midget 12 X Weight 115 lbs Z Weight 13yr old 100 lbs
 Bantam 13 X Weight 135 lbs Z Weight 14yr old 120 lbs
 Junior 14 X Weight 165 lbs

(8 year olds cannot Y up and 15 year olds cannot Z down)

Z mandatory Weigh Ins - Z players may only weigh once prior to the original district dates.

Unfortunately, some of the teams from last year will be split up because of age. Below is a breakdown of last year's players by age and what division they would be playing in this coming year. From this information a total of 31 players will be with a different core team than they were with last year without considering the Y up and Z down option. Overall that is only 14.4% of last year's players.

Grade	Age								Grand Total
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
1	2								2
2	20	10							30
3	2	29	5						36
4			23	10					33
5				15	5				20
6					20	4			24
7					4	16	6		26
8						2	32	11	45
	Gremlins		Pee Wee	Mighty Mite	Midget	Bantam	Junior or JD Freshman		

As more information becomes available it will be posted on our website. Please continue to check the site periodically. Also, let me know if you have any questions.

I will post this information on the league website (www.jdyf.org) in case you would like to refer anyone else to it that may not be on this email.

Thanks,
Bill Causse
 JDYF President