

# Monday Memo

February 8, 2010

Little Flower Catholic School

## Principal's Notes

### Mission Statement:

It is the mission of Little Flower Catholic School to form young people who live their lives, as Jesus did, rooted in prayer, and who strive for a sense of self-worth, academic excellence, and the Catholic values of mercy and compassion.

### Dates to Remember

8:15 Mass	2/12
Noon Dismissal	
Teacher In-service	2/12
No School	2/15
Scrip Orders	2/16
8:15 Mass	2/17
	2/19
Stations of the Cross	2/19
First Reconciliation	2/23

This past week LFS celebrated Catholic Schools' Week. It was a week in which teachers and students celebrated faith, morals, discipline, and knowledge. Although students may see this week as a fun week, there is much learning that takes place. Social skills are needed in order to succeed in life. These skills are worked on daily and weekly as a school; however, during Catholic Schools' Week the students were able to put them into practice in a more profound way. School students went bowling at Felton Lanes last week and received the highest of compliments by the manager. Our students do shine in many areas because parents and teachers believe in the same values.

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## Registration is Underway

By now every family should have received your re-registration packet. The packet was sent home with your youngest child last Monday. The early re-registration will go until February 16. After the Feb. 16 date, all registration fees will be \$150 per child.

Re-registering tells us that your child will be back in the fall. If you are not re-registered and there are new students asking to enter, on Feb. 16 we will begin new student registration. Please remember that after this date we do not hold places.

## First Reconciliation

Our second grade students will be receiving their first Reconciliation on February 23 at 6 PM. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue to prepare for this Sacrament. Parents of Second Graders, please continue to work with your child on their prayers and the Act of Contrition.

## Sentence Diagramming

The sentence diagramming club has been meeting for the past few months. Students from grades 4-8 have been meeting regularly and diagramming sentences in fun, challenging ways. A shirt is now available for diagramming club members or any fan of diagramming. The light blue t-shirt consists of diagrammed sentences. Order forms were distributed to students in grades 4-8, and the first shirt order has already been placed. The second order will be placed on February 8. If you would like to order a shirt, please send the completed order form and \$10 to Ms. Ratliff. Thank you to Mr. Presnell and Big Rhino for making the shirts.

For those interested in attending a diagramming club meeting, we meet once a week for thirty minutes (3:00-3:30), alternating between Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**February 15:**  
**No School in**  
**honor of**  
**Presidents'**  
**Day.**

## ITBS Testing for Grade 2

Students in Grade 2 will take the Spring version of the ITBS test. This testing will take place between March 8 and 12. Please make every effort to schedule doctors appointments or mini vacations outside of this week. Research has proven that students do better on these tests when they take the test with the entire class.

## Cellphone Safety Tips from ConnectSafely.org

**Smart socializing.** Use the same good sense about what you post from your phone as from a computer. Once they're posted, text, photos, and video are tough to take back, can be copied and pasted elsewhere, and are up there pretty much forever. Think about the people in them (including you!). Reputations are at stake.

**Bullying by phone.** Because people socialize on cell phones as much as online, cyber bullying can be mobile too. Treat people on phones and the Web the way you would in person, and the risk of being bullied goes down.

**Sexting:** It's the same on phones as on the Web - do not take, send, post or even store on your phone nude photos of anyone under 18. You could be charged with production, distribution, or possession of child pornography, a serious crime. You could also be subjected to jokes, bullying, blackmail, expulsion from school, loss of a job, etc. and the images can circulate forever.

**The value of "presence."** If you do a lot of texting, consider the impact that being "elsewhere" might be having on the people around you. Your presence during meals, at parties, in the car, etc. is not only polite, it's a sign of respect and appreciated.

**Down time is good.** Constant texting and talking can affect sleep, concentration, school, and other things that deserve your thought and focus. Real friends understand there are times you just need to turn off the phone - harassment can happen between midnight and morning too.

**Social mapping.** Most cell phones now have GPS technology and there are a growing number of services that allow friends to pinpoint each other's physical location. If you use such a service, do so only with friends you know in person, and get to know the service's privacy features!

**Congratulations  
to Katherine  
Perdue who is  
the PTO Weekly  
Drawing Winner.**

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## Help Support LFS through the 5K Run

This year's 5K Run will take place on March 27 at 8 AM. The PTO Board should have already contacted the Homeroom Parents asking for help in securing sponsors for the run. We are asking that each family secure at least one sponsor. If everyone helps out, our run will be successful and will help to fund academic programs such as our tech-

nology enhancements, math and science and new textbooks for next school year.

Who should you ask to sponsor us? Often times, doctors, lawyers, dentists, veterinarians, hair salons, tanning salons, car dealers and repair shops are all good places to ask. Restaurants that you frequent or may own can help us with sponsorship.

To date we have close to \$9000.00. However, we need your help.

As it gets closer to the date, I will be asking for volunteers to help on the day of the run. This event usually ends by 12 PM in case you have never attended a 5K Run.