

# Siena Circular



November 13, 2007

*Dedicate yourselves to thankfulness. Let the word of Christ, rich as it is, dwell in you.  
Whatever you do, whether in speech or in action, do it in the name of the Lord Jesus.*

*Give thanks to God the Father through him.*

*Colossians 3:15-17*

Dear Parents,

This week's Siena Circular will be the last one prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. Therefore, I would like to share with you – my Saint Catherine of Siena School family – my “litany” of thanks.

Thank you for:

- ☞ Entrusting to us your most precious treasures – your children
- ☞ Making many and various sacrifices to offer the gift of a Catholic education to your children
- ☞ Praying for your children and their teachers each day
- ☞ Modeling a life of faith to your children
- ☞ Telling our teachers when, by their hard work and genuine care, they have made a difference in your children's lives
- ☞ Voicing your concerns and suggestions with patience and charity
- ☞ Our clergy who offer much spiritual support to our students
- ☞ Our fantastic team of faculty and staff who attend to the unique needs of each student
- ☞ Our HSA Board Members and Committee Chairs who support various activities to benefit our school community
- ☞ Our many volunteers who serve our students by giving their time, talent, and treasure

Truly, we have much for which to be grateful. Last Sunday, when praying the Liturgy of the Hours (the prayer of the Church which is obligatory for priests and religious), the following petition touched me deeply: “Give to your faithful, O Lord, a prayerful spirit of gratitude.” A life of deep prayer is the prerequisite for an attitude of gratitude. Prayer opens the eyes of our hearts to recognize God's loving hands in all that comes to us each day and at every stage of our life; it enables us to give thanks even for the challenges which, at present, we can only trust to be for our ultimate good and sanctification.

With prayers for a blessed Thanksgiving with your family and loved ones,

## Prayer Corner

Please pray for:

- Our deceased family and friends
- The souls in purgatory
- Recovery from surgery for Archbishop Gregory
- The Taylor Family (Mr. and Mrs. Mark Taylor)
- The McNally Family

## Calendar at a Glance

### Wednesday, November 14

- School Mass (1A); parent coffee
- \* Change from calendar: HSA General Meeting @ 2:00 p.m. *Park and Pick*

### Friday, November 16

- SCS Spelling Bee (grades 1-3 @ 8:15; grades 4-8 @ 8:45)

### Tuesday, November 20 *Dress uniform*

- Grandparents' Day from 8:00 - noon
- School Mass (5A); \*\* NO parent coffee
- Noon dismissal *Park and Pick*
- No Snack and Yak

### Wednesday – Friday, November 21-23

- Thanksgiving holiday *No School*

### Monday, November 26

- CiCi's Pizza Night (Woodstock & Acworth locations)

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\*\* Parent Coffee for 5A will be combined with 5B on Tuesday, December 5.

There will not be Tuesday Folders next Tuesday, November 20. Tuesday Folders will resume on Tuesday, November 27.

## GRANDPARENTS' DAY

We look forward to honoring our grandparents next Tuesday, November 20 on Grandparents' Day. For families who have not done so, please RSVP to your child's homeroom teacher as soon as possible.

## A NOTE FROM THE NURSE

Cooler weather is here and so are the sniffles and sneezes. Just a few reminders as we head into the winter months:

- Medications, over-the-counter or prescription, can not be administered by the school nurse without a health practitioner's approval. The "Authorization to Give Medications at School" form can be found on the school web site under "Parents". This form requires both a parent's signature AND a practitioner's signature. No medication, under any circumstances, will be given at school without this completed medication form.
- Please continue to reinforce good hand washing hygiene at home with your children.
- I occasionally have a student who has a splinter or a loose, dangling primary tooth. Georgia school nurses are restricted from breaking the skin to remove a splinter (we can use tweezers to remove a splinter if there is enough of the splinter sticking out of the skin), or pulling a tooth (regardless of how thin the strip of skin is that is keeping it in the mouth). For splinters, I clean the area, cover with a band aid, and instruct the student to show mom/dad once home. For a dangling tooth, I give the student a piece of gauze, a baggie, and wish them luck. I don't want the parent community to think I ignore these issues, I am just unable to assist in this area.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Also, if you have any questions regarding a visit your child has made to the clinic, I will be happy to discuss that with you at anytime.

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## SERVICE DAY DVD

We have had a number of requests for the Service Day DVD. Helpers are needed to create these DVDs. If you have Windows XP or any DVD copying software (for formatted DVD movie, NOT just a CD), please contact Lisa McHugh at 678-354-5002. If you would like a copy of the Service Day DVD, please send one DVD-R recordable DVD in an envelope labeled with:

- Your family name
- One student's name and homeroom (the DVD will be sent home with this student)
- The title: "Request for Service Day DVD"

## USED BOOKS FOR CASH

The funding factory, a recycling company, will pay us up to \$3.00 a book. Each book MUST meet the following guidelines to earn the cash:

- Published within the past 5 years
- In good condition
- Retail price greater than \$12.00

Types of Books we can collect:

- Inspirational
- How to
- Specialty
- Business
- Instructional
- Non fiction
- Motivational
- Political
- Training
- Best seller

Please drop books off at the school office or car line by Friday, November 16, 2007. If you have any questions, please contact Neila Starr at 770-420-2364.

## FAMILY FELLOWSHIP FUND

All families who are interested in learning more about the Family Fellowship Fund are invited to an informational meeting on Monday, December 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Please note that this fund supports students from pre-K through Grade 12. Go to [www.familyfellowshipfund.org](http://www.familyfellowshipfund.org) for more information. Applications and other required forms for this fund can be accessed by the "Join" tab on the website.

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*Saint Catherine of Siena Catholic School unites with family and community to provide an excellent academic and religious education, developing the whole child while encouraging individual talents and abilities in a Christ-centered environment.*

*In imitation of Saint Catherine, faithful daughter of the Church, we provide a formation grounded in truth through which we engage the culture, setting the world ablaze with the love of Christ.*