

Siena Circular



April 22, 2008

As the soul comes to know herself she also knows God better, for she sees how good he has been to her.

In the gentle mirror of God she sees her own dignity:
that through no merit of hers but by his creation she is the image of God.

Saint Catherine of Siena

Dear Parents,

“If you are what you should be, you will set the world ablaze.” We are familiar with this exhortation of Saint Catherine of Siena, painted on the wall over the front office of our school. This weekend, as I looked out into the sea of faces at the auction I was moved to reflect on this saying more deeply than ever. I wondered: Who are we, as a school? Are we what we should be?

So the question is: What and who are we supposed to be? The answer is nothing less than this: saints! This is an exciting time for our school. We are about to send our first group of graduates into the challenging world of...high school! When we look at this group of young people – and in fact, each of our students – do we see saints-in-the-making? If yes, then I think we can offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God for having given us the grace to do our job well. And, where we see areas for improvement, we must begin by examining our own lives to see how we may better guide, support, and set examples for our young people.

Saint Catherine’s is what it is because of who we are – each of us as individuals. When I saw the beautifully-decorated tables and amazing class projects, I realized they were the reflections and fruits of the creativity, artistic talents, and dedicated hard work of our parents, students, and teachers. When I observed parents who had not known each other prior to the night of the auction engaged in lively and good-humored dialogue, I realized these conversations stemmed from their desire and willingness to listen to and learn from each other.

Saint Catherine’s is what it is because of who we are. The strengths and, yes, the weaknesses of our school community, are reflections of who we are as individuals. Saint Catherine’s is a faith-filled, loving, and welcoming community to the extent that each of us loves, trusts, and welcomes one another. Saint Catherine’s will become what it ought to be, *if* we become the persons whom God intends for us to be.

Saint Catherine of Siena, pray for us!
Sister Mary Jacinta, O.P.

Prayer Corner

Please pray for:

- Pope Benedict, Archbishop Gregory, Father Doyle, Father Terry
- Our 8 seminarians who will be ordained to the diaconate and 8 deacons who will be ordained to the priesthood this summer
- The repose of soul of Mr. Robert Finnerty (Molloy Family)
- The repose of soul of Mrs. Helen Smith (Campbell Family)
- The Taylor Family
- The McNally Family
- The Conkey Family
- The Ayers Family

Calendar at a Glance

Wednesday, April 23

- School Mass (4B)

Thursday, April 24

- * Primary Program (2:00 & 6:30 p.m.)
- HSA meeting @ 6:15 p.m.

Friday, April 25

- 4th quarter midterm

Saturday & Sunday, April 26 & 27

- Parish Picnic (April 26)
- Parish Ministries Weekend after all Masses

Monday, April 28

- CiCi’s Pizza Night

Tuesday, April 29 – Siena Day

- School Mass (All School) – *Dress uniform*
- * Fine Arts Program (2:00)
- Spring pictures or orders are due

Wednesday, April 30

- NO school Mass – *Dress uniform*

Friday, May 2

- 4th quarter midterms distributed
- First Friday Adoration (8:30-2:30)

* Parents are invited to attend these events.

THANK YOU!

Auction

Thank you to this year's auction's committee chairs, Kim Graff and Lynette Huddle, for their countless hours of hard work (since last September!), dedication, perseverance, and graciousness. All seats were sold for the auction. Families and friends enjoyed a great evening of fun and fellowship to benefit our students.

In-House Cultural Field Trip "Laughing Matters"

Thank you to the HSA, in particular, Mrs. Krista Torpey, for sponsoring and organizing this "field trip" to enrich our students' educational experience.

Primary Program

Thank you to our K-1 teachers and Mrs. Khan for organizing, writing script and music, and rehearsing with our students in preparation for our K-1 primary program. Come join us at the two showings on Thursday, April 24 (2:00 & 6:30 p.m.) to see your favorite nursery rhyme characters in action!

Parish Picnic & Ministry Weekend

Thank you to Mrs. Doreen Zimmer for heading our parish picnic this weekend, and to Mrs. Maino for coordinating our middle school students to serve at the picnic.

Siena Day

Thank you to Mrs. Khan, Mr. Clements, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Liz Davis, and Sister Dominic for organizing various fine arts events in honor of the feast day of our school's patron Saint, Catherine of Siena, on April 29.

TUITION ASSISTANCE

Families who have applied for tuition assistance may appeal for additional assistance. The deadline for appeals will be this Friday, April 25.

Families who have not applied for tuition assistance but who ascertain a need for assistance at this time should contact Sister Mary Jacinta via email (smjacinta@scsiena.org) or by phone (770-419-8601 ext1415) for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Paco De Alba, Ina Salvaleon, Sarah Schendl, Janelle Wright, and Molly Wiley for participating in the Archdiocesan Music Honor Festival at Saint Pius X High School this past weekend.

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.