

O’Gorman Intermediate Catholic School



October 2010

Great Beginning at OICS - What a wonderful first month of school. Our cross country team is off and running and had a great time at Opishong on September 30th. The girls and boys basketball teams have started practicing and things are looking very promising for this season. Thanks to everyone who contributed to Terry Fox Walk. Our school raised over \$900 for cancer research.

Parent Information Night

There will be a parent information night in October to discuss the grade 7 ski program and the grade 8 Toronto Trip. These 2 sessions will provide parents with everything they need to know about these 2 activities. This evening will also give parents an opportunity to meet some of the teachers and visit the classrooms. A date has not been determined as of yet but more information will be sent out closer to the event.

Cell Phones and MP3 Players

We are having some issues with students using cell phones and MP3 players during school hours. As noted in the school code of conduct, inappropriate uses of electronic equipment is prohibited on school property. Students have been reminded of this rule and have been told that items will be confiscated and returned only to parents if the problem continues.

School Council

We are still in search of parents interested in joining O’Gorman Intermediate Parent Council. To date we only have 3 parents who have graciously submitted their names but we need more. Please consider this invitation and help support your child’s education.

Email

Starting in October we will be sending most school correspondence by e-mail so that we can be environmental friendly and cut down on printing. This will also ensure that school letters and information are delivered in a timely manner. If you haven’t already forwarded your e-mail information to the school please do so as soon as possible. On behalf of the environment we thank-you for your cooperation and understanding.

Fundraising

Our first fundraising event was a huge success. Many students are well on their way to paying for their ski program or Toronto Trip. The ski program starts in January. We want to provide families with as many fundraising opportunities prior to the start of this activity and therefore many of these events happen in the 1st part of the year. Having said that, our 2nd fundraising event starts in October and will last until November 1st. The fundraising package will be sent out next week. If you have any questions about fundraising or about your child’s account please feel free to give us a call at anytime.

The virtue of the Month for October is Gratitude

“Thanks” is a simple word, but it is a precious fountain of faith in God, and it fills our hearts with a readiness to cherish everything we have. Although the world is currently experiencing economic challenges, and we may have difficulty saying thank you for some of our hardships, sometimes this can release us from that sense of entitlement that can prevent us from really seeing God’s grace in our daily lives. The choice to be grateful is not always without effort. **This month at O’Gorman Intermediate we will express our gratefulness through the collection of non-perishable food items.** “This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad” Psalm 118:24