

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

## **SCHOOL CLOSINGS AND DELAYS**

If school is closed or delayed, you will receive a School Reach call informing you of the cancellation or delay. Therefore, it is important we have the correct contact information for you. If your phone number or cell phone number has changed since the beginning of the school year, please let Shirley know so we can assure you receive our messages. School closings and delays are also announced on WMSA 1340 radio station. When school is delayed, there will be no morning Pre-K class that day. When school is delayed one hour the Before Care Program is also delayed one hour. If school is delayed two hours, there will be no Before School Program.

## **PROMOTING TRINITY CATHOLIC**

One of our tasks during Catholic Schools' Week is to prove to the community the importance of providing Catholic education in Massena. Our existence offers a viable and high quality alternative to public education for all families, Catholic or non-Catholic, in our area. Trinity Catholic School saves the Massena taxpayers approximately 1.6 million dollars a year, which is a significant savings considering the state of our economy. We would like to encourage new families to consider becoming part of Trinity Catholic School. We need your help to do so. Our students and parents are the best marketers for our school. During Catholic Schools' Week we will be inviting families to visit our school and discover what we have to offer. If you know of a family who might be interested in Trinity Catholic, why not invite them to attend our Pancake Breakfast or Spaghetti Supper. There will be opportunity to tour the school, meet our teachers, meet with other parents, and observe some of our programs in action. Last year we offered a \$50 waiver of one child's registration fee for any prospective student a family encour-

aged to enroll into Trinity. We will be doing the same again this year. We are also looking for parents, students, and alumni, to speak at parish Masses about the type of educational environment our school offers. If you would be willing to do this please call me or email me.

(principa@twcny.rr.com) One of the best ways to keep tuition low is by increasing our enrollment. The greater number of students we have the lower our per pupil cost becomes. It is our per pupil cost that determines the rate of tuition we must charge. Another perfect opportunity to market our school will be at Massena's Winter Carnival which coincides with the beginning of Catholic Schools' Week. We have been asked to participate in the Winter Carnival Parade with either a marching group or a float. I believe some of the public schools will be participating in the parade with a float; it would be good for Trinity to also be noted at this event. The theme is right up our alley: "Families Matter." If there are any parents and teachers willing to undertake this project, please contact me ASAP. Many hands will make light work.

## **REPORT CARDS DISTRIBUTED**

Report cards for students in K-6 will be distributed on Friday, January 29. Please be sure to check your child's bookbag for their report card.

## **ALL SCHOOL MASS**

Our All School Mass for January will be Friday, January 8 at 1:30. Grade 4 and Grade 1 will be planning the Mass.

## **"SOUPER" BOWL**

During the month of January we will again be gearing up for the Super Bowl by collecting cans of soup for the Massena Food Pantries. Let's see what class will be this year's "Souper" Bowl winners.

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## THANK YOU FROM MRS. RUFA

The two little words "thank you" cannot begin to express my deepest appreciation for the outpouring of love and support given to my family and me over the past few weeks. It was and will continue to be a challenging and difficult time; but you all made it bearable by your acts of kindness and support. One of my family members commented he could feel the energy of care and compassion in Sacred Heart Church the morning of my mother's funeral Mass. This was so true. There was a peace that washed over me as I listened to our Trinity students sing. Seeing the presence of all our faculty and staff, so many parents and students was extremely comforting. Once again all affiliated with Trinity Catholic School provided testimony that we are a family bonded by the love of Jesus Christ.

## TRUCK RAFFLE A HUGE SUCCESS

The Trinity Family never ceases to amaze me. What an outstanding job done by so many to make our Truck Raffle such a profitable fundraiser. Ticket sales reached an all time high—\$71,040. We all owe a gigantic show of thanks to Jim and Didi Grow who selflessly took on this fundraiser again this year. This is our biggest fundraiser and it entails the greatest amount of work and sacrifice. During one of the busiest times of the year, Jim and Didi dedicated countless hours of time in order to guarantee the success of our Truck Raffle. With the help of Lisa Barry they set up selling times and dates to sell tickets at the St. Lawrence Centre Mall. There were times when people did not show up to cover their scheduled selling time and Jim and Didi stepped in to insure someone was at our booth. Thank you to Mrs. Chartrand who also spent countless hours recording ticket sales and mailing out ticket orders that came in from the North Country Catholic and our Post Card Ap-

peal. Mrs. Chartrand worked many hours over and above her regular workday making sure every ticket was accounted for. Thank you to Sr. Stephen Durant who spent every Sunday morning selling tickets at Guy's Diner for us and many thanks to Joe Romeo who spent an abundance of hours selling tickets at the First American IGA. Thank you to all of our parents and grandparents, and friends of Trinity who signed up for selling hours at the Mall and who sold every one of their 22 tickets per family. This year's winner was Bill Demo. Mr. Demo is a true friend of Trinity and has himself sold many truck raffle tickets for our benefit for many years. Congratulations, Mr. Demo!

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



## DIVIDENDS FOR LIFE

## CATHOLIC

## SCHOOLS WEEK

It is hard to believe preparations are already underway for Catholic Schools' Week, 2010! Weren't we just practicing for

Christmas concerts? Of course many of our traditional CSW events will again be taking place so please mark your calendars. Catholic Schools' Week will be February 6-February 12. Our theme this year is "Catholic Schools Dividends for Life." The Opening Liturgy will be 4:00 at St. Mary's Church on Saturday, February 6. This is a wonderful opportunity for our Trinity family to demonstrate the kind of faith community that exists within our school. The annual Pancake Breakfast will be Sunday, February 7 and our annual Spaghetti Supper will be Thursday, February 11. As always, it promises to be a week filled with school spirit and reminders about what a wonderful learning environment Trinity Catholic School provides. Watch for more information to come home once all our plans are finalized.