

# APRIL NEWS

*Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.*

Psalm 119:18

April 14, 2010

April 15<sup>th</sup> Deadlines:

- Income Tax postmarked by midnight!
- BLOCS EITC Student Assistance Application Deadline is April 15th.

One area too often taken for granted is the need to teach children the value of money. Even as adults, we are subjected to all kinds of pressures and challenges which make handling our personal finances a major feat. How much greater is the pressure on children not old enough to separate needs from wants and not experienced in the art of self denial.

There are many questions which each family must answer for itself. At what age should young people have allowance? Should allowances be considered pay for chores done or simply a share in the family income? How can a habit of saving be instilled in a young person? What decisions should parent and child make about sharing with those less fortunate? What is the family attitude about debt and credit cards? What is "wise spending" as contrasted with "foolish spending"? How can we learn to resist the lures offered by advertisers and store displays?

Answers to such questions are not easy, but life will surely be more difficult for us and our children if we have no answers at all. Some kind of family plan to introduce the realities of a family budget and the need for records is essential. An understanding of family finances may help children more willingly accept the "no" that must often be said, and the habit of responsibility in handling money will be beneficial in their adult life.

**Please Note:**

- Dress Down Day has been changed from tomorrow, Thursday, to Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Science Club meets tomorrow after school.
- Scrapbooking Club meets Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.



*Alleluia*

CAROL GILLESPIE '09

- Class pictures are scheduled for next Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Students are to wear their proper school uniform.
- Mathathon booklets and pledges are due next Friday, April 23, 2010.

**Enclosed in today's communication envelope:**

- Scrip order form
- Class Picture order envelope
- Church Bulletin
- Dress Down Day rescheduled flyer
- Science Explorers 2010 Summer Science Camps
- Permission slips for:
  - 5<sup>th</sup> thru. 8<sup>th</sup> grades—May 7<sup>th</sup>—St. Pius X Field Day—students will be leaving immediately after First Friday Mass—please pack a lunch. Those who have ordered pizza will receive it Thursday (the day before the trip).
  - 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade—May 6<sup>th</sup>—trip to Red Hill Courthouse—students will have lunch when they return to school.
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade—May 5<sup>th</sup>—Chastity Day—students will have lunch upon their return.
  - Kindergarten and Pre School 4 yr. olds—May 7<sup>th</sup>—trip to Trexler Lehigh Game Preserve—Kindergarten students who have ordered pizza will receive it Thursday (the day before the trip).

May God bless you and your families,  
Mrs. Schleeweiss