

# Weekly Word From St. Patrick School

OCTOBER 7, 2011

## WEEKLY MESSAGE

It is often heard that children want to be like (put celebrity name here) when I grow up. I know as a child I had a few bouts of wanting to be Ryne Sandberg or Walter Peyton. Now it seems more like Lady Gaga or Kanye West.

Good, bad, or indifferent, celebrities seem to be a big part of the lives of people everywhere. There are times when we are "let down" when we see a negative news story about a celebrity favorite.

This seems to be the time when we depend on other positive role models. That is where we shine as a school. We talk about the biggest and best role model of all; Jesus. We teach good Christian values that our children can turn towards in every situation. We can turn towards our faith in Christ to guide us towards a positive direction. No matter what, He will always love us and be with us. Hopefully we can start hearing, "I want to be like Jesus when I grow up".

## SAVE THIS DATE

On October 16, The Knights of Columbus will be having a pancake breakfast. The cost of the breakfast is a freewill donation. All proceeds will go to Birthright and the Knights of Columbus scholarship. The breakfast will start at 8:30 and end at 12:30.

## FALL FESTIVAL

I attached to this newsletter the flyer for the parish Fall Festival. The St. Patrick Parish Fall Festival is October 9 from 11:00 to 2:00. There is a meal, games, silent auction, raffle, and a country store. Please mark that date on the calendar and plan to attend. It is very important that we show our support for Parish functions. The parish is a large contributor to the school budget.

## CAMPBELL'S COMPETITION

We have started a competition with the Campbell's Soup labels. On Campbell's products, there are points on the label by the UPC. Please detach the area with the points including the UPC and bring them in. The school is divided into four different groups. If a family has more than one child, all children in the family will be together. The winning group will have a swimming party at the AmericInn. The competition is going on until December 22.

## PTO MEETING

Please join the PTO! The PTO will be meeting on Tuesday October 11 at 6:15.

# St. Patrick's Fall Festival



Chicken Dinner from Kalmes in St. Donatus, IA

with homegrown corn, mashed potatoes and gravy,  
coleslaw, sauerkraut, beets, dinner rolls, milk, coffee  
and **HOMEMADE** desserts!

Sunday October 9, 2011

Serving from 11:00am to 2pm

At the Lawrence Community Center

Anamosa, IA



**CASH & QUILT RAFFLE**



**SILENT AUCTION**

## COUNTRY STORE

- ~Crafts
- ~Homemade Noodles
- ~Baked & Canned Goods

\$9.00 Adults  
\$5.00 Children (5-10)  
Preschoolers free (4 & under)

\*Carry-out and/or Home  
Deliveries \$.50 extra

Please call ahead for home  
delivery **551-2139** anytime  
before 11AM Sunday, Oct 9.  
Leave message if necessary

## GAMES

- ~BINGO
- ~Cake Walk
- ~Buried Treasure  
and many more!!!



Come & Join  
the FUN!





# Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future School Tuition Organization

**Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future School Tuition Organization (STO)** is a charitable organization representing all of the Catholic K-12 schools in the Archdiocese of Dubuque and St. Paul's Lutheran School in Waverly. The STO receives voluntary cash contributions from Iowa taxpayers and allocates those funds in tuition grants to Iowa school children, who in turn, use those grants to attend one of the schools represented by the STO. At least 90% of the money received by the STO must go back out in tuition grants.

The STO offers tuition assistance to families based upon their identified financial need and the amount of money available in the program, as determined by an outside agency.

Your donation to Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future STO gives the gift of school choice to Iowa families. With this gift, families have the ability to choose the educational setting that best meets the needs of their children.

“I just want to say a BIG thank you for the assistance available to me & my daughter. I’m very grateful to everyone that has contributed to these funds, it has allowed me to continue my daughter’s education in a GREAT school.”

- Rachel, Webster City

“Without tuition assistance it would be very difficult to afford a Catholic education for our children. Thank you for your continued support - it is greatly appreciated.”

- Chuck, Dubuque

The Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future STO has provided over 13,000 grants totaling over \$13 million. Each gift is an investment in the future of a child and helps families in need of tuition assistance afford the education of their choice.

As an Iowa taxpayer, you can contribute to the STO and receive an Iowa tax credit equal to 65% of your contribution. The amount you contribute qualifies as a charitable donation on your federal tax return as well. To date, donors to the STO have saved more than \$9 million on their Iowa Income Taxes.

Additionally, corporations that file an 1120 or 1120A Iowa tax return can also take advantage of this tax credit program.

### Tax Savings Example:

Contribution Amount .....	\$ 1000
Iowa Income Tax Savings (Credit) .....	\$ 650
Federal Tax Savings* .....	\$ 250
<b>Total Cost after Tax Savings*</b>	<b>\$ 100</b>

\*Assumes 25% tax bracket. This is provided as an example. All taxpayers should consult with their tax advisor for specific information.

The STO has been authorized to issue just under \$2.4 million in Iowa income tax credits for the 2011 calendar year.

The tax credit allocation gives us a goal of raising just under \$3.7 million in 2011 to be used for the 2012-2013 school year.

If you have any questions about the STO program please contact Jamie Henley at 319-261-1031 or at [JHenley@OurFaithSTO.org](mailto:JHenley@OurFaithSTO.org).

Thank you for taking the time to review this information and for your support of Catholic education in the Archdiocese of Dubuque.

### Visit [www.OurFaithSTO.org](http://www.OurFaithSTO.org) to:

- Make a donation
- Download a donor form
- Find information on the tuition grant process

**Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future School Tuition Organization  
2011 Donor Form**

Taxpayer Name: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN (required): \_\_\_\_\_

\*Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Gift Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*As you wish it to appear in the Annual Report.  Check here if you wish to remain anonymous Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Gift Fulfillment:** (If you wish to make a recurring contribution by EFT or Credit Card, please visit our website at [www.OurFaithSTO.org](http://www.OurFaithSTO.org))

- My Check is enclosed. (Payable to *Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future STO*)
- I authorize *Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future STO* to charge my:  MasterCard  Visa  Discover  American Express
- Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CSV#: \_\_\_\_\_

I want to give stock – please contact me.

**Please apply my gift to (check one):**

- The Contributor hereby directs that 100% of this contribution be deposited in the STO's unrestricted fund to be used for tuition assistance for qualifying students at all STO schools.
- The Contributor hereby directs that 50% of this contribution be used to provide tuition assistance to students attending school(s)/system(s) marked below.

**Tax Credit Limit:**

\_\_\_ **Initial here.** In the event the tax credit limit for this STO has been reached when this gift is received, I authorize you to transfer my gift to another STO in the state that has tax credits available. (If left blank, and the tax credit limit have been reached, your gift will be promptly returned with our gratitude for your thoughtful consideration.)

**Restricted Contribution:**

Please check school(s)/system(s) for restricted contribution (if more than one school/system is selected, the restricted portion will be evenly divided):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Ames: St. Cecilia                          | <input type="checkbox"/> 15. Decorah: St. Benedict                     | <input type="checkbox"/> 29. Marshalltown: MACS                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Anamosa: St. Patrick                       | <input type="checkbox"/> 16. Dubuque: Holy Family                      | <input type="checkbox"/> 30. Mason City: Newman Catholic System      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Bellevue: Marquette Catholic School System | <input type="checkbox"/> 17. Dyersville: St. Francis Xavier            | <input type="checkbox"/> 31. Monticello: Sacred Heart                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Calmar, Spillville: C/F/S Consolidated     | <input type="checkbox"/> 18. Dyersville: Beckman MS/HS                 | <input type="checkbox"/> 32. New Hampton: St. Joseph                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Cascade: Aquin                             | <input type="checkbox"/> 19. Farley, Epworth, Peosta: Seton Catholic   | <input type="checkbox"/> 33. Oelwein: Sacred Heart                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Cedar Falls: St. Patrick                   | <input type="checkbox"/> 20. Gilbertville, Raymond: Bosco System       | <input type="checkbox"/> 34. Osage: Sacred Heart                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Cedar Rapids: All Saints                   | <input type="checkbox"/> 21. Guttenberg: St. Mary                      | <input type="checkbox"/> 35. Ossian: St. Francis DeSales             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8. Cedar Rapids: Holy Family                  | <input type="checkbox"/> 22. New Vienna, Petersburg: Hennessy Catholic | <input type="checkbox"/> 36. Protivin: Trinity Catholic              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9. Cedar Rapids: St. Matthew                  | <input type="checkbox"/> 23. Holy Cross, Luxemburg: LaSalle Catholic   | <input type="checkbox"/> 37. Waterloo: Cedar Valley Catholic Schools |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10. Cedar Rapids: St. Pius X                  | <input type="checkbox"/> 24. Independence: St. John                    | <input type="checkbox"/> 38. Waukon: St. Patrick                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11. Cedar Rapids: Regis MS                    | <input type="checkbox"/> 25. Jesup: St. Athanasius                     | <input type="checkbox"/> 39. Waverly: St. Paul's Lutheran School     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 12. Cedar Rapids: Xavier HS                   | <input type="checkbox"/> 26. Manchester: St. Mary                      | <input type="checkbox"/> 40. Webster City: St. Thomas Aquinas        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13. Charles City: Immaculate Conception       | <input type="checkbox"/> 27. Maquoketa: Sacred Heart                   | <input type="checkbox"/> 41. Worthington: St. Paul                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 14. Cresco: Notre Dame                        | <input type="checkbox"/> 28. Marion: St. Joseph                        |  |

It is important to note that donor requested restrictions to specific school(s)/system(s) are subject to the following STO regulations. Up to 50% of gifts may be restricted to school(s)/system(s) as designated. The Contributor understands and agrees that if a school/system designated for a restricted contribution does not have one or more students who are eligible to receive tuition assistance under the law's requirements so as to permit for the full use of the requested contribution, the contribution, or the unused portion thereof, will be re-directed first to provide tuition assistance to students at any other school(s)/system(s) designated for a restricted contribution on this form, and if no other school/system is designated or eligible students are not enrolled at any of the other school(s)/system(s) designated for a restricted contribution, the contribution, or unused portion thereof, will be used for tuition assistance for qualifying students at any of the STO schools/systems. There are no appeals.

Mail your contribution with this completed form to: **Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future STO**  
**P.O. Box 479 • Dubuque, Iowa 52004-0479**

- Tax credits are awarded on a first come, first serve basis.
- Contributions must be postmarked by December 31, 2011 to be eligible for a 2011 tax credit.

Office Use Only:

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ DWID: \_\_\_\_\_

TCC#: \_\_\_\_\_ MKTC: \_\_\_\_\_ FF \_\_\_\_\_

PT: \_\_\_\_\_