



I hope that everyone is enjoying this holiday weekend and that you all had a relaxing and safe 4th of July celebration with family and friends. It is hard to believe that 2008 is a little more than half over. Before you know it, we will be ready to start another school year. I am sure that this statement may cause some alarm among the school-age children, and at the same time, some comfort for their parents. Nevertheless, school will begin on Monday, August 25. This year the children at Sacred Heart School will notice some significant changes in the appearance of our school building.

As you can see, all the windows in the portion on the building on Humbolt Ave. have been replaced with new and more efficient ones that will help greatly in our cost for heating and cooling. The restrooms in the older part of the school have been upgraded so they are more attractive and a little easier to keep clean. These improvements were made possible through the very kind and generous donation of an anonymous benefactor of our parish. We are deeply grateful for this very generous gift and pray that God will bless in abundance the family and loved ones of this kind benefactor.

As I mentioned a little while ago in my weekly letter, we are also in the process of replacing the entire heating system for the older part of the school building and we are also adding air conditioning as well. This improvement along with the new windows will, as I said above, enable us to save a great deal on our utility bills this winter. With what we hear about the cost of natural gas this coming winter, we have definitely made a good and timely choice by replacing the heating and cooling system at this time.

With all the work going on this summer in the older part of the building, we realize that there also needs to be some cosmetic work done after the new heating and cooling system is installed. So...**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Under the direction of our Building and Grounds Committee, we would like to paint some of the interior of the school building as well as do some sprucing up of the grounds on the entire parish plant. Friday and Saturday, August 8 and 9, have been chosen as the dates to accomplish this project. We will need about 40 volunteers on those two days to get done what needs to be done. So, if you can help us out on one or both of these days, please call the Parish Office. **There will be a brief organizational meeting on Wednesday, August 6 at 6 p.m., in the cafeteria so that we can make the most of your precious time and your generosity.** If we can all work together, we can easily accomplish all that needs to be done.

Please remember that next Sunday is our Parish Ice Cream Social and Concert by Kurt and Julie Carrick. The Ice Cream Social begins at 6p.m and the concert will begin at 7 p.m., on the school grounds. If the weather does not cooperate, the Ice Cream Social will be in McMahan Hall and the concert will be in the church. Please make this a special time for our parish community to come together and enjoy some fellowship and at the same time, be inspired and entertained with the beautiful voices and Christian witness of Kurt and Julie. As I said before, the concert will be in honor of St. Paul and this special year that has been dedicated to him by our Holy Father. So don't miss this great opportunity to be with your parish family and grow in your faith all at the same time.



Youth Group Canoe Trip! Saturday, July 12! Depart from Sacred Heart @ 9:15 a.m. and return around 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$20, and includes a 5-mile canoe trip, lunch, and the opportunity to meet teens from other parishes. Contact Pete by Wednesday, July 9, if you are interested in attending. Bring a friend and join the fun!

Cleveland Indians Game! Friday, July 25! Depart from Humbolt House parking lot @ 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person. RSVP to Pete by July 10.



For more information on the above activities, or if you have any comments or ideas, contact Pete Schafer, (330) 336-3049, or osuodc@hotmail.com.