



# St. Cletus Clarion Colt Newsletter



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*December Dates to remember...*

- 12/1—Santa Pictures—begin at 7:45 am  
Birthday Club for Nov. and Dec.
- 12/2—NO PM BUS Service  
All School Mass  
1 pm Dismissal—Faculty Meeting
- 12/5—Formal Discovery Walk #2
- 12/6—Dress Down Day \$1.00  
HASA Board Meeting 5:30 pm  
El Mesquite Night  
Girls BB Game 3:45 Vs OLPS  
at Westwego
- 12/7—Assistant Principal Day  
GALA Meeting
- 12/8—Holy Day of Obligation  
All School Mass 2 pm  
Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
Girls BB Game 3:45 VS St. Rosalie  
At Belle Terre
- 12/9—HASA PJ Party 7-9 pm for Pre K3/4  
students in school
- 12/13—Spirit Shirt with uniform bottoms  
HASA Social 7 pm Cafeteria  
Middle School Exams  
Girls BB Game 3:45 VS VOL @ VOL
- 12/14—Sicily Pizza Night  
Middle School Exams
- 12/15—Middle School Exams  
Church Decorating for Christmas
- 12/16—All School Mass
- 12/19—2nd Grade Polar Express
- 12/20—Christmas Around the World  
Spirit Shirts with uniform bottoms  
School Board Social 7 pm Cafeteria
- 12/21—NO PM BUS SERVICE  
11:30 Dismissal  
All School Mass followed by Carols  
NO AFTERCARE PROVIDED—we will  
have our faculty Christmas Luncheon
- 12/22—1/4—Christmas Holiday
- 12/25—Merry Christmas
- 1/1—Happy New Year
- 1/4—Faculty Retreat—NO STUDENTS
- 1/5—School Resumes  
NO BUS SERVICE
- 1/6—NO BUS SERVICE  
All School Mass with Benediction
- 1/7—High School Application Day
- 1/9—Grades Due 8 am
- 1/10—Dress Down Day \$1.00  
HASA Board Meeting 7 pm  
El Mesquite Night  
Girls BB Game 3:35 VS ICS @ ICS
- 1/11—Report Cards Go Home  
Boys BB Game 4:15 VS ICS @ ICS

## SACS/AdvancEd



### St. Cletus Mission Statement

*St. Cletus Catholic School provides a challenging education rooted in Christian faith and promotes service, responsibility, and respect for others in a caring community.*

### The SACS Process

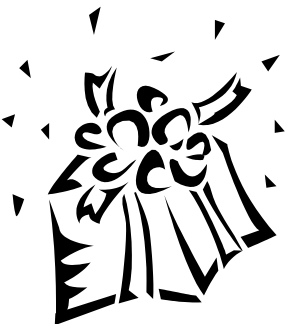
We have had 2 more professional development sessions that will help us with our SACS Process. The first was on Student grouping and increased engagement. It was a good session that used the data from our first Discovery Walk to show that we need to change from whole class instruction to small group instruction. The second was a lesson on Reading Comprehension Strategies and how to apply it them the classroom. The focus was using student engagement techniques in reading. It was an opportunity to revisit our own practices and determinewhat can be done to improve.

### Discovery Walks #2

We met for the first walk on October 25 and were able to get to 9 classrooms. It confirmed that we see great things at St. Cletus. The visit that we had on December 5 confirmed the strides that the teachers have made with using Higher Order Thinking Skills (HOTS) and increased student engagement. We are very fortunate to have a climate of professionalism that is welcome to the changes that will allow us to do great things. Our next formal visit will be in February, but until then, we will have some monitoring walks that will focus on Bloom's questioning levels, student grouping—want to see smaller groupings, and authentic student engagement. Some of the items from last time are the same and will continue to be part of our focus each time. The management walks will be used to assess continued gains in these strategies. It is amazing to see great things in the classroom visits. Exciting things are happening at St. Cletus!! We are looking forward to a wonderful second half of the school year!!

## Teacher Christmas Gift

This is a reminder that there will be a general collection for all of the teachers that will be divided equally between all staff members. Please send in your donation in the appropriate envelope. This is an optional way of giving a gift to your child's teachers without having to purchase individual gifts for each of them. We understand that the economy has made it difficult for many of our families. Please send it in by **December 15** so that it may be counted and divided. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity and support.



## Reminders:

**Returning Student Registration** will be held the week of January 23—27. Registration fees are due at that time. To qualify as a supporting parishioner you must have contributed \$520 to the Church envelope system during the 2011-2012 calendar year. It is your responsibility to request that information from the rectory.

There will be **NO AFTERCARE** on December 21 for the 11:30 Dismissal. Please make arrangements now.

Our **Open House** will be on Thursday, January 26, from 6-8 pm. If you know anyone interested in St. Cletus, please pass the word along. We are looking forward to a great night!

**New Student Registration** will be held February 27—March 2. Please get the word out about the wonderful things that are going on at St. Cletus. Word of mouth is our best advertisement!!

## ADVENT TRADITION

During the season of Advent, we have a tradition at St. Cletus School. An empty crib is placed in the foyer with a basket of paper strips of “hay” on which the students can write a kind, loving act they did as a birthday gift for baby Jesus and place it in the crib. All of these strips of “hay” put together will make a soft bed for baby Jesus to lay His head on. The students are being encouraged to participate in this Advent tradition and to think of ways to get their hearts ready for Jesus by sharing their love with others during this beautiful season.

**Come, Lord Jesus,  
come be with us!**



### **2011 – 2012 ST. CLETUS BASKETBALL SCHEDULES**

#### **GIRLS**

**TUES. DEC. 6** – ST. CLETUS VS OLPS AT WESTWEGO GYM – 3:45 PM

**THURS. DEC. 8** – ST. CLETUS VS ST. ROSALIE AT BELLE TERRE GYM – 3:45 PM

**TUES. DEC. 13** – ST. CLETUS VS VOL AT VOL GYM – 3:45 PM

**THURS. JAN 9** – ST. CLETUS VS ST. ANDREW AT ST. ANDREW – 3:45 PM

**TUES. JAN. 10** – ST. CLETUS VS IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GYM – 3:45 PM

**GIRLS WESTBANK ATHLETIC LEAGUE PLAYOFFS WILL BE HELD JAN. 18, 19, AND 20.**

**PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM PRACTICES AND GAMES.**

THE GIRLS TEAM WILL LEAVE SCHOOL AT 2:50 PM; DRIVERS WILL MEET PLAYERS IN MRS. LEE'S ROOM. ALL DRIVERS MUST BE LISTED ON THE PLAYER'S PERMISSION SLIP.

#### **BOYS – THE BOY'S GAMES WILL BE PLAYED AFTER OLPH'S JUNIOR GAMES .**

**WED. JAN. 11** – ST. CLETUS VS ICS AT ICS – 4:15 PM

**FRI. JAN. 13** – ST. CLETUS VS OLPS AT WESTWEGO GYM – 4:15 PM

**TUES. JAN. 24** – ST. CLETUS VS ST. ANDREW AT ST. ANDREW – 4:15 PM

**\*FRI. JAN. 27** – ST. CLETUS VS CHRIST THE KING AT OAKDALE GYM – **3:45 PM.**

**THURS. FEB. 2** – ST. CLETUS VS VOL AT OAKDALE GYM – 4:15 PM

**WED. FEB. 8** – ST. CLETUS VS ST. ROSALIE AT BELLE TERRE GYM – 4:15 PM

\*CHRIST THE KING HAS NO JUNIOR TEAM, SO THERE IS NO JUNIOR GAME AND WE WILL PLAY AT 3:45 PM.

**BOY'S WESTBANK ATHLETIC LEAGUE PLAYOFFS WILL BE HELD FEB. 13, 14, 15**

**PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM GAMES AND PRACTICES.**

THE BOYS TEAM WILL LEAVE SCHOOL THROUGH CARPOOL; EXCEPT FOR THE GAME ON FRIDAY, JAN. 27 – FOR THAT ONE WE WILL LEAVE SCHOOL AT 2:50 PM FROM MRS. LEE'S ROOM. DRIVERS MUST BE LISTED ON THE PLAYER'S PERMISSION SLIP.

#### **Things to think about.....**

*We ask that all families remember to meet their financial obligations in a timely manner. If there are ever any extenuating circumstances, please let us know. We will enforce the policies stated in the handbook. We depend on your prompt payments to meet our own bills—including salaries of teachers.*

*Cafeteria money should be paid in advance to avoid the actions advised by HB 1141.*

*Please remember to keep your contact information current with the school. It is imperative that in the event of an emergency we have accurate numbers to reach you. Thank you in advance!!*

*Please remember our St. Cletus neighbors as you drive through the neighborhood!*

*Please watch your speed in the parking lot during drop off and pick up. We have precious treasures getting in and out of cars!*

*All hardcover books must be covered at all times!!*

**We are on the web:  
[www.stcletuscolts.com](http://www.stcletuscolts.com)**