

St. John Thunder

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Accreditation Visit

On February 15, we had our accreditation revisit. This was a follow-up to a visit we had in 2009. Wow, what a difference two years can make!

Over the past two years, we have increased enrollment, made major physical plant improvements and maintained stability in our staff! We also have made changes in teacher and student expectations and have secured a partnership through Notre Dame University. With all these changes, we were able to thoroughly impress the visiting team and secure an excellent rating for our school! I would like to thank all our teachers and staff for helping with this great endeavor. I would also like to thank parents and students for all your hard work.

However, our work is not yet completed! We will be revisited in a year to ensure our progress has continued. Throughout this school year and in to the summer. Keep praying for the success of our school!

The Notre Dame Partnership has definitely helped us through this accreditation process. Through our partnership, we have been able to focus on school culture and we are beginning to redefine new expectations for students for the next school year.

You may see evidence of our work in the banners hanging around the school that say, *God in All Things, Seek, Persist, Excel, Love, Serve*. These are our core values. From these, we are working on developing root beliefs for our school.

We will continue working with our school culture



Catholic School Rally, Phoenix, AZ

During Catholic Schools Week, Mrs. Martinez from the school office took several students to the Capitol in Phoenix, AZ to show our support for the school tax credit for private schools. It was, as always, a wonderful experience for our students! They were able to meet with the Bishop.

They toured the State Capitol Building. They also spent time listening to various speeches from various supporters of the tax credit. Thank you students for representing our school!



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Special points of interest:

- *We had our accreditation on visit on February 15, 2011!*
- *Registration will be March 16, 17, 18.*
- *Fiesta meeting is coming up. March 8, 2011, 6:30 p.m.*

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Thunder Sports



Our track season is about to begin. Thanks to our new coaches, Ms. Bernal and Coach Wilson, we have already started conditioning our students.

WE WILL NEED PARENT VOLUNTEERS TO HELP DURING THE TRACK MEETS ON SATURDAYS. PLEASE SPEAK TO COACH WILSON OR MS. BERNAL IF ANY OF YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP AT A TRACK MEET! We really want to have St. John School well represented at all events!

Lent

ASH Wednesday is next week, March 9, 2011.

The School Mass is at 10:30 a.m.

We will be offering three days of reflection for parents during lent: March 23, 1-3 p.m., March 24, 6-8 p.m., March 26, 9-11 a.m. in the Library.

You can claim double volunteer hours for attending!

School Board News!

Next School Board Meeting:

Monday, March 7, 2011 6:00 p.m

Topics: Community Garden, Budget, Changes for next year

IMPORTANT DATES:

MARCH:

- 8 FIESTA MEETING, 6:30 P.M. IN THE CAFETERIA
- 10 Title I night, learn math strategies to help your child.
- 23 Lenten Reflection for parents, 1-3 pm
- 24 Lenten Reflection for parents, 6-8 p.m.
- 26 Lenten Reflection for parents, 9-11 a.m.

REGISTRATION PROCESS 2011-2012

- **You will receive a registration packet next week.**
- **Fill out packet, complete FAIR application online. www.fairapp.com**
- **Come to school to return completed packet either March 16 or March 17.**
- **Make an appointment to go over your financial commitment in April or May.**

