

Thursday Thoughts  
Thursday, October 8, 2009  
Carlton Rider  
Principal

The following is my administrator's report for our Advisory Board meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2009.

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Advisory Board Meeting

1. The first day of school on August 20<sup>th</sup> went very well. Thanks to our Home and School Association for providing juice, coffee, and donuts before the start of the school day. Fr. Franks and I led our opening of school prayer service in church.
2. Our Open House, held on Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, was well attended and gave parents and teachers an opportunity to meet each other and the teachers to share their expectations for the new school year.
3. Officer Caton from the Lancaster Police Department is again meeting with our 6<sup>th</sup> graders on Wednesdays for the next 10 weeks as part of the D.A.R.E. program. Thanks to our LPD for providing this opportunity for our students to learn about the dangers of drug abuse.
4. Kitty Quinn from our diocesan school office met with our Advisory Board members in August and September to assist in providing information concerning the role of the Advisory Board and in helping to set goals for this school year.
5. A band recruitment meeting was held on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Over 20 5<sup>th</sup> graders have joined the band as a result of that meeting.
6. Interim reports were distributed on September 24<sup>th</sup>.
7. Our first Spirit Day of the year was held on September 25<sup>th</sup>.
8. Our fall book fair was held the week of September 28<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Lindsey, our librarian, managed the fair along with a number of volunteers.
9. Our first elementary administrators' meeting was held on September 29<sup>th</sup> at the St. Therese Retreat Center in Columbus. During September on NCEA report, Bishop's Elementary Planning Committee Report, Catholic Conference of Ohio Report, and our Average Daily Attendance Report are all due.
10. Our students had the opportunity of attending Benediction on October 1 for K – 5 and October 6<sup>th</sup> for grades 6, 7, 8.
11. The Ohio Catholic Education Association's convention was held in Cincinnati on October 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>.
12. Our school will be visited by an internal validation team as part of the accreditation process on October 21<sup>st</sup>.
13. A special grandparents day has been planned for grandparents of our K – 3 students on October 13<sup>th</sup>. A special Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. and grandparents are invited to stay for lunch.

14. In religion, Fr. Franks, Mr. McCauley and I rotate teaching religion class on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The students in grades 2 – 8 rotate on grade levels attending the 9:00 Mass each week.
15. The first of three parent/student meetings in preparation for Confirmation was held on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> in the Spirit Center.
16. Catholic Schools Week is actually being celebrated a week later than posted on our school calendar. It will be celebrated the week of February 1 – 5. The Catholic Schools Week Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.