

## PARISH COUNCIL

Principal's Report

May 3, 2011

On behalf of St. Ann's School, I would like to thank Paul Porter, Jerry Morales and Andrew Madrid for their service on the school board. They have been instrumental in their support of our school especially in the areas of Catholic identity, finance and building and maintenance. May God continue to bless them and their families.

On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Star Event was held. This event honors our alumni who are graduating from high school and it was great to see all the kids...I mean young people. It is always wonderful to hear their stories and memories...well, some of the stories. I am still looking for the just the right word to describe the community and camaraderie that is built from being a St. Ann's Student. It is amazing to observe!

Second graders are celebrating their First Communion. It is a blessed event to witness as each student receives the Holy Eucharist for the first time. We are proud of the progress and willingness shown to prepare for such a blessed moment in their spiritual lives. A note of thanks to the first grade parents for helping with the receptions for this special event and to the classroom teachers who go the extra mile.

This weekend, West Texas Invitational Track Meet will be held at Trinity. Coach Reker has been practicing with the students from all grade levels in the various events. The students are very excited and we are proud of them!

On Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, the eighth grade class will be graduating from St. Ann's School. Mass will begin at 7:00 PM with a reception to follow. Several awards will be given out that evening. Students will be recognized for academic excellence as well as excellence in elective classes. Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will present an award to a student who has shown honor, service, courage, leadership and patriotism. We also recognize the student who exemplifies the spirit of St. Ann's School. This award is not just for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade year, but one who through their time here has shared the gifts of the Spirit towards the whole school community. You are invited to attend and celebrate the success of these young people.

Oncor did send someone from Dallas to re-inspect the new light fixtures as per the grant application. We are in the process of reevaluating the inspection to see if we can clear up some of the discrepancies and awaiting their decision.

A HUGE thanks goes to all parishioners in the diocese who helped with the Catholic schools second collection in February. Bishop Pfeifer issued checks to the three schools for over \$10,000. St. Ann's School will put the monies in the Monsignor Murphy Scholarship Fund to help our families in need. We are in the process of reviewing scholarship applications through the FACTS Grant and Aid system. Using this program has helped in establishing true need and fair distribution. The deadline for last round for scholarship applications is June 17<sup>th</sup>.

Registration for the 2011-2012 school year is at 314.