

**Auction in Action  
COME SAIL WITH US  
Saturday, March 7, 2009**

**Marriott Redmond Town Center**

**Going, going, SOLD!!!** A big thank you goes to **Dzung and Thi Hoang!** The baby grand piano they donated sold for \$1,500 last week to a parish family. Thank you for heading our auction in the right direction!

**Thank you to the many families who have completed their auction procurement!** The procurement deadline was December 16th. If you have not already done so, please put your donation with completed paperwork in the PTO room by this Friday or forward a check for \$150 to the office: Attention Auction.

**Help needed:** We need some sturdy plastic bags or paper bags with handles to load silent auction items in. If you know of a company who would like to get free advertising by donating bags with their logo on them, please contact **Kate** Remember you can earn a free ticket to the auction by filling your table with eight non-school guests. All tables with at least one non-parish guest will be entered into a drawing for a basket full of goodies. Thank you to all the parents for their hard work in preparing for the auction! **Cathy and Kate**

**Girl Scout Coat Drive**

In January, Girl Scout Troop 2327 will be collecting coats of all sizes to give to the needy in the community. There will be boxes near the school entry to drop off coats. Please make sure coats are clean and in good shape. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa or Laurie



**Religion Assessment**

Last May, for the first time our 5th and 8th graders took the National Catholic Educational Association assessment of Faith Knowledge. The test provides questions on religious knowledge, beliefs, attitudes, practices, and perceptions. Our 5th grade class scored in the **87th** percentile compared to the national percentile of 71%. Our 8th graders scored in the **85th** percentile compared to 71% nationally.

This assessment allows us to evaluate our religion program and determine areas to improve. We discovered our students will benefit from a better understanding of ecumenism, catechumenate, transubstantiation, Incarnation, Magisterium, Assumption, Ascension, Pentecost, and the Immaculate Conception. Current 5th and 8th grade students will take the assessment this spring.

**Congratulations to Mrs. Schwartz!!**


The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction will be hosting their annual educators conference in Seattle this week. **Mrs. Schwartz**, our 6th grade homeroom teacher, was asked to present a workshop at the conference along with her colleagues from the Puget Sound Writing Project. The topic of their presentation will be, "Writing to Learn in the Content Areas." The focus will be on how to support learning in math, science, and social studies through the use of writing. We are fortunate to have Mrs. Schwartz's expertise everyday in our classrooms when she teaches 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> literature and writing! Congratulations to Mrs. Schwartz !



**CYO Corner  
Volleyball Sign-ups**

Another season of volleyball is upon us. This year we are lowering the fees to play volleyball. You can find the registrations in the lobby or online at [www.saintbrendan.org](http://www.saintbrendan.org) in the CYO section. Registrations need to be in by **January 21st**. If you have any questions or are interested in coaching, please contact the volleyball coordinator **Paul 6th**

**Grade Boys' Basketball**

 Congratulations to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball team! They played a fantastic game on Sunday with a come from behind rally in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter to win it in overtime 22-18. You gave your fans and coaches quite the exciting game!! Congratulations to:

**St. Brendan Parish School  
Enrollment Information for 2009-2010**

- January 14 Tuition rates and registration contracts will be sent home in Wed. envelope
- January 22-30 Returning family registration
- January 25 Open House 9:30 AM to 12:00
- February 11 Kindergarten and new family information night 7 PM
- February 11 Fulcrum Tuition Assistance forms due
- March 4-6 New family registration



**FULCRUM TUITION ASSISTANCE**

**Reminder:** There are new deadlines and changes this year. The tuition assistance application is available online at [http://www.fulcrumfoundation.org/TA\\_Form\\_Intro.php](http://www.fulcrumfoundation.org/TA_Form_Intro.php). All applications are due to the school office on or before **February 11, 2009**. Please call **Laurie Brown** in the school office with any questions.

**Bishop Blanchet East Side  
Bus Service**



Bishop Blanchet High School will offer bus service to the East Side beginning in the fall of 2009. The bus will only run during the morning. The route will be determined after receiving input from families who choose to use the service. The cost is \$240 per student, per semester. Financial assistance is available. Please contact Lynn Burns with questions. 206.527.7713.



**PRAYING PARENTS**

Please join St. Brendan parents every **Wednesday** morning right after drop off (about 8:25). On mornings there is 8:30 Mass we will meet immediately after Mass. We will gather downstairs by the statue of Mary to pray (across from the computer lab). We will take about 10 to 15 minutes each week to pray for our school, teachers, staff, and students. Please join us on Wednesday morning and witness the power of prayer bless our school! If you are unable to join us there is a journal in the kneeler where you can add your prayer requests.