

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS

May 25, 2007

Looking Ahead

Monday, May 28 Memorial Day -No School
Tuesday, May 29 Student Council Meeting (reps and alternates) 2:30-3:00
Friday, June 1 9:00 Liturgy (last of the year) *hosted by grade 2 students
*Following the Mass, we invite all volunteers to join us for a "thank you" reception in Mary's Garden from 10:00-12:00. Please stop by.

LET US TOGETHER, STORM THE HEAVENS WITH PRAYERS FOR ONE OF OUR STUDENTS, **JOHANNA**, GRADE ONE

It's sad for me to inform you that one of our students, Johanna in 1D, is quite sick at this time. She was recently diagnosed with Burkitts Lymphoma. The doctors discovered a large tumor and began chemotherapy last Monday. With immediate and aggressive treatment, the doctors are hopeful about Johanna's prognosis. Johanna is out of critical care and her spirits are very positive. At this point, her parents are asking for everyone's prayers and appreciate your concern and support.

May I suggest responding to your young children's' questions about Johanna's condition by simply saying that "she is sick and needs to stay in the hospital for a little while. But, she has the best doctors in the world who are working to make her completely healthy again soon".

As you may know, we invite the students to assist in leading Morning Prayer each day. Ironically, last week's prayer leaders were students from 1D. Johanna had prepared a prayer, which she was unable to share with the school. As you read it, you will clearly see God's hand at work. Obviously, Johanna's faith is touching. As Christians, we believe in both the necessity of prayer and the power of our combined intentions.

These are Johanna's words, written one week before she went into the hospital:

*Dear God,
Thank you for sending Your Son to save us from sin.
Thank you for giving me my beautiful family that I love, and my cat , Alfie, that I love.
Please take care of the children that are very, very sick in the hospital.
I pray for them everyday. Amen.
Amen.*