

THE 23RD WORD

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A WISH FOR OUR EIGHTH GRADERS

I have had the pleasure of sharing time with our oldest and finest PJ students for the last year. Can you believe there's only a few school days to go? Let me be the first to say, "I will miss all of my new friends." It's already time to join the many graduates who call themselves the Alumni of Pope John XXIII School.

I realize a small number of you have been here only a short while, however, the majority of you have been here for eight, even nine years. As our newest Alum., each of you can stand proud knowing you have received the following

gifts: an excellent academic foundation, high moral values, and unique winning qualities in skilled areas. With time, you will realize your elementary years are the first formal experiences outside of your home. It's here you have learned lessons of friendship. Your shared kindred spirit will inspire others here within our school family after you are gone.

Entering high school is a very exciting time. Just remember to keep the magic of your grade school days near and dear to your heart. Whether it was a special moment on the basketball court or a

role in the Spring show, your being here at PJ23, made the difference. Each student experienced success and failure, but you are all leaving here as winners.

If I had a single wish for you as you entered high school, it would have to be for you to remind yourself to stay true to you. You are the most remarkable, most open, most beautiful, and creative person in this world! There is no one else like you. Congratulations graduates of 2008; you are our newest Alumni and Shining Stars of this school!



[Congratulations to Dan Arden, the winner of a Notre Dame High School Scholarship Award. Dan scored in the top 95% of students taking the exam at Notre Dame.](#)

[Emily Rojas has received a Regina High School Scholarship for Catholic Education. Super Job!](#)

Please use Escript throughout the summer. Register online and stay active I PJ23 Escript - Group ID:500014193

End of the Year Dates

Awards Night: 7:30 PM	5/29
Preschool Last Day	5/30
Volleyball Players Family Night	
5:00 -9:00 PM	5/30
Market Day Pick Up	5/31
8th Graders/ PJ Pals Picnic	6/03
Student Piano Recital	6/03
8th Gr. Autograph party	6/04
8th Gr. Trip 8:30 AM.	6/05
8th Grade Mass and	
Graduation practice: 7:45-11:00	
Graduation Dinner	6/06
Kindergarten Graduation	6/06
8th Grade Graduation @ SN	
3:00 PM	6/08
Field Day: 11:30-2:30 PM	6/09
Last Day of School	6/10
(Mass: 8:30 Dismissal 10:00 AM	

FRIDAY'S VOLLEYBALL FUN

John Szarnych and Joel Fondell are donating their time, talent and food fun, in celebration of our boys' and girls' PJ23 Volleyball season. Come see coaches, parents and faculty, May 30th. Refreshments will be served at 5:00 PM. Court time for grades starts at:

- 4th/5th Girls start @ 6:00 PM.
- 6th Gr. Girls start @ 6:30 PM.
- 6th/7th Boys start @ 7:00 PM.
- 7th/8th Girls start @ 7:30 PM.
- 8th Gr. Boys start @ 8:00 PM.

Never Anyone so Dear as a PJ23 Volunteer

The volunteer, our extra hand, who has responded when a need demands. Who freely share their service in hours and days, and deserves to be blessed in many, many ways. Thank you for your loving heart, your dedication, and your willingness to give back to

our Catholic Elementary School. We need your spirit, hope and extended hand now and in the years to come. Please read the "23rd Word" back page for our volunteer acknowledgment. Your gifts of time and sacrifice are special indeed.

Volunteers are Priceless Treasures

It's time to share how wonderful, and giving the community of Pope John XXIII School parents are in their hours of service and love. During May and early June, we hope to acknowledge names of parents, friends and community sponsors who keep on giving and giving. Our thanks to everyone mentioned below, who continue to express their love of giving for the children.

MOONDANCE Gala Coordinator Chairs: Gracious Dan and Gayle Clark
Our Best Advocates of PJ23: Rev. Mike Salazzo and Rev. Britto Berchmans
Principal and Shining Star of PJ23 School: Rosalie Musiala
Assistant Principal and Spirit / Development Director: Antoinette McDonnell
Master of Ceremonies at the MOONDANCE: Cynthia Judge & Brad Armacost
Development Committee Chair: Kathy Chuckas
Gracious Auctioneers: Carrie and Peter Ballard
Food Committee Chairs: Susan and Greg Allen
Gala Decoration Committee Chairs: Shayln Qualls & Barbara Thornburn
Ad Sales Committee Chair: Mary Dolan
Promotions Committee Chair: Susan Baum
Class Projects Committee Chairs: Kris Kelsh and Craig Landis
Desserts Committee Chairs: Heidi Umbhau & Vince Gerosole
Electric Power Chiefs: Sam Dowd, Greg Allen, Tim Burando & Dan Brugliera
Entertainment Committee Chair: Barb Granner
The B. L. T. Band
Graphic Design Committee Chair: Paul Bernin
Photography Committee Chair: Julie Gawron
Program Book Committee Chair: Laura Bennett
Public Relations Committee Chairs: Linda & Richard O'Dwyer
Nick & Barb Miles and Diane Fox
PJ Care Givers: Suzanne Rogier, Melissa Fochs, Marina Porter and Jennifer Anton
CRATE & BARREL, SPATULATTA: Isabella Gerasole & Olivia Gerasole
Set-Up Crew and Clean-Up Crew parent Volunteers
St. Mary's Staff: Anne Teoli, Diane Currano, and Harriet Sowinski
St. Nick's Staff Joan Macpherson and Sally Clark Arden
PJ23 School Staff Mary Hoff, Cathy O'Grady, Martha Schaffrath
Architectural Drawings: Scott Prestangen
Our wonderful Auction Solicitation Staff: Corrine Passage, Mary Jo Banks, Ellen Schermerhorn, JoDe Dietsch, Marisa Naujokas:
CLASS PROJECT VOLUNTEERS:
PK3: Marcie and Craig Landis
PK4: Jessie Wise and Margaret Glascott
Jr. K: KT and Thomas Bowler
Kindergarten: Mary Montoye and Deanne McCannon
1st: Susan Baum
2nd: Terra Durand and Kris Kelsh
3rd: Laura Bennett, Mary Slater and Kris Kelsh
4th: Mary Slater and kris Kelsh
5th: Craig Landis and Claire Kettlekamp
6th: Barb Smith and Cynthia Judge
7th: Heidi Umbhau and Mime Lauture
8th: Diane Franco and Annette Winger

Volunteers remain our most valued gift and priceless treasure. On May 28th we honored at mass, all our many volunteers at PJ23. Students raised an extended arm to bless all volunteers present. If you missed out, know we extended the blessing to each and every one of you. Thanks for making 2007- 08 a wonderful year of service renewal.

School Board

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 Mary Roberts Onaga
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 Craig Landis

Names that were missed and should have appeared on this list, were an oversight!
 The Administration, Faculty and Staff want to thank you one and all!
 You're the Best.