

# THE 23RD WORD

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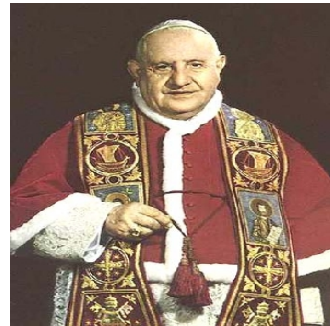
## February Reminders

Kindergarten Open House	2/7
(7:00 pm.)	
1st Reconciliation: St. Nick's	2/9
(10:00 am.)	
School Board	7:00 pm. 2/11
First Communion Parent Meets	
St. Nicholas	2/13
Market Day Orders Due	2/15
No School	2/18
Parent Association Meets	2/19
Market Day Pick Up	2/23
PJ Bonus Bucks Orders in by Mon. are received by Thursday	

## One Solitary Life Can Make A Difference

Catholic Schools Week was a huge success. Naturally, here at the school, there were many "Acts of Kindness" seen throughout the week. Too many to mention in this small space. The Teacher's Appreciation luncheon was just one of those many special moments of appreciation provided by the Parent Association. Lucky faculty and staff members won gift items. I happened to be one of the winners, and so I selected a treasured gift from the assortment provided. I reached for the paperback copy of the Autobiography of Pope John XXIII, Journal of a Soul. In hopes of knowing the author better, I began reading about Pope John's secrets on tranquility and peace. After digesting several pages, I started to

compare our school's teachings to this man who spent his life promoting universal service to others. I soon realized there were some definite similarities in Pope John's philosophy and Pope John XXIII School. Pope John XXIII would admire and take pride in knowing our school is rooted in a solid Christian foundation where everyone is taught to trust in God. We teach students to believe in infinite generosity and charity, beware of bad or unworthy companions and seek out God's ultimate design for us. In Pope John's book he abides by the words, "Pax et Obedientia" (Peace and Obedience). Pope John's journal relates obedience and peace to God's law, the Gospel lesson, the Beatitudes, and service to the



church. In his writings, he shares his desire to be accessible to everyone, make an effort to speak to everyone and care for the many. You would have to agree that our faculty, staff, and church leaders invite our students and parents to do the same. February is now here, so do yourself a favor. Spoil yourself, this book makes for a great winter time read!

## SPORTS FANS

**"Dave Haracz, He's Our man"**  
Special thanks for coordinating two Chicago Bulls basketball events for families. The Money raised goes into the Athletic Board Over-Time Fund. Dave's time and energy are appreciated. **Go Panthers!**

## Moondance - Soon To Light Up the Sky

Please get your calendars out and save Saturday, May 17, for the Spirit Gala. Plan to join us for this most important fundraising event. This fundraiser is necessary to meet operating expenses for 2008-2009 school year. It helps us balance our budget and maintain reasonable tuition increases. We have a dedi-

cated committee of volunteers actively working on this grand evening of dancing, auctions and great food. Gather a few friends or your relatives, and plan to make this a night of lasting memories. If you have any questions call our Moon Dance Chair couple, Dan and Gayle Clark at 847-328-1884. If you are interested

in Sponsorship opportunities call Mary Dolan at 847-733-1424. Please call Carrie Ballard with questions concerning auction donations at 773-764-0603. We also want to extend our thanks to Susan Allen for assisting as the food coordinator with a flare, and Shalyn Qualls the décor mystic. Don't be in the dark, join us and dance among the stars.

- Thankful
- Heartfelt
- Awesome
- Natural
- Kindness
- You-nique
- Optimistic
- Unforgettable

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