

January 18, 2012

Dear Parents,

We would like to take a moment to review the format of our spring fundraiser and answer some questions that have arisen since the announcement of our "Lobster Feed". The date of our event will be March 31, 2012 and it will take place from 5pm to 10pm with dinner service beginning at 6:30pm. It will be an adult-only evening (over 21) with fabulous food, drink, entertainment, and fun! The ability of **ALL** parents to enjoy dinner, the cost of the food being offered, the logistics of service, and our space limitations were paramount in planning the evening for adult-only.

Planning for this event was based on the hope and desire to simplify our spring event sufficiently to allow everyone the opportunity to sit down, relax, and enjoy their dinner whether they have to work the event or not. We have also made greater allowances to be certain that there will be ample food for all attendees to have a full and enjoyable meal.

The School Advisory Board and Room Parents have spent a great deal of time and effort to develop an evening that would be less taxing on parents and place greater emphasis on the evening itself. While a survey was distributed for input from parents, the response was not significant in number. Those received were certainly appreciated, but the limited number was insufficient to impact planning.

As we begin to have our kick-off meetings for the planning and preparation of our "Louisiana Style Lobster Feed" we hope everyone can appreciate why we are trying something new. Change undoubtedly brings questions, but those involved in the process kept true to the goal of simplifying the event, focusing on parents' ability to participate during the event, and to use a more efficient style of cooking and serving the food. Our Advisory Board and Room Parents are excited to present the changes for this year and we sincerely hope you find the event enjoyable and the meal delicious.

Please be attentive to dates! School parents will have an exclusive time period for reservations before seats are made available to non-parents and the greater parish community after March 1st. Again, preferred reservation time ends MARCH 1st! Plan accordingly, as we must respect maximum capacity regulations, and we would like to accommodate all school parents.

The organization of the event will be expanded to include grades 1, 3, 5, and 7. Committees have been formed and sign-ups will occur this evening. All school parents are reminded that this is our mandatory spring fundraising event requiring a \$100 contribution per family. Each family will receive two adult tickets valued at \$50 each. This arrangement reflects our effort to upgrade the menu, contain costs, manage seating capacity, and meet our fundraising goals which directly support our school. While our children are not present at this event it is entirely for their benefit and we ask for your full support to make this a huge success.

Father Diarmuid Casey
Pastor

Dr Bruce Colville
Principal