

Grandparents Day at SA Elementary.

Saint Albert Elementary will host a Grandparents' Day on Friday, Oct. 2, from 8:45-11 a.m. Guests will attend Mass at 8:45, participate in classroom activities at 9:30 and then tour the new facility at 10:45 a.m. Guests also are encouraged to wear green and gold or any SA apparel to show their school spirit.

Saint Albert Night at McDonalds.

Mark your calendars for Saint Albert Night at McDonalds on Madison Avenue on **Tuesday, Oct. 6, from 4-8 p.m.** Teachers and staff from the Elementary will be taking your orders, serving food, and cleaning tables. In return, the Elementary will receive 20% of the proceeds that evening. Stop by McDonalds on the 6th to treat your family to dinner and help your school too!

SA Ambassadors Social on Oct. 8

The SA Ambassadors are hosting a social and hors d'oeuvres buffet **Thursday, Oct. 8, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Commons Area outside the gym in the new Saint Albert Elementary. Beer, wine, soft drinks & cheese will be provided, and guests should bring their favorite snack or dessert to share. A short program will be provided by Lara McClelland, the director of the Sheryl K. Johnson Child Care Center, and tours of the new facility will be available throughout the evening. Bring a friend and join the Ambassadors that evening. *(If you can't attend the social, the Ambassadors will have their monthly meeting on Monday, Oct. 12, at 1 p.m. in the Elementary Art Room.)*

Fall Musical Nov. 5 & 7.

The Saint Albert Fine Arts Department will present "South Pacific" on Nov. 5 and 7 in the Auditorium. The performance on Nov. 5 will be held at 7 p.m. and two performances will be held on Nov. 7 at 2 and 7 p.m. There will not be a Sunday matinee this year.

Dear Families and Friends of Saint Albert Schools:



This past August, the Saint Albert School system celebrated the joy of opening our new elementary school and the Sheryl K. Johnson Child Care Center.

Each day since then, our families continue to see the blessings our new facilities, programs and state of the art technology have brought to our children.

The feedback we have received about our new facility from our families, friends and greater Council Bluffs community has been very positive. There seems to be no doubt this new facility will serve as an anchor for faith formation and academic excellence within the southwest Iowa community for decades to come.

A new phase of fund-raising is now underway to complete the funding of

our new elementary school, debt-free as originally planned.

Please give prayerful consideration to making a pledge to this phase of our campaign. And, if you have not already done so, I would encourage you to visit the facility so you can see first-hand how your gift can impact our young people.

A volunteer will contact you soon to see if you can make a pledge to help support this project.

Yours in Christ,

+ Richard E Pates

*The Most Reverend Richard E. Pates
Bishop of Des Moines*

(Editor's Note: Call Jenny Van Soelen at 712-329-9000 for more information, or a private tour of the new facility.)

SAINT ALBERT WINS CHALLENGE CUP



For the second year in a row, Saint Albert Catholic Schools has won the Traveling Challenge Cup for Class 2A schools in Iowa. The Traveling Challenge Cup award is a program designed to recognize Iowa high school students for academic excellence in the classroom and outstanding achievement during athletic competition.

According to Ken Schreiber, activities director and assistant principal at Saint Albert, the contest is sponsored by the Iowa High School Sports Network and Bank Iowa. The companies presented the Traveling Challenge Cup, which Saint Albert will keep for another year, during an assembly on Sept. 16. The award included a \$1,000 cash prize that will be used toward the school's academic programs.

"We are very pleased to receive this award. It spotlights our students' successes not just on the playing field, but also in the classroom and through our academic programs," Schreiber said. "It is an honor to be at the top of an elite group of schools throughout the State of Iowa."

Ensuring a Legacy of Catholic Education

Saint Albert Catholic Schools is very fortunate to have the generous support of donors whose gifts make it possible for the school to provide faith-based education to the young people of southwest Iowa. Following is an "Honor Roll" of donors who made contributions between June 16 through September 15, 2009.

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PSG Uniform Sale

With winter weather right around the corner, your child might be in need of school pants, sweaters or long-sleeved shirts. Why not visit the Parent Support Group uniform sale at Saint Albert before heading to the Mall?

PSG offers a variety of lightly used clothing at a fraction of the cost of new. Jumpers and skirts are \$10 each, and all other items are just \$1! (PSG can not guarantee that all sizes are available). Contact the Business Office if you would like to look at the selection or make a purchase!

Save the Date!



The Saint Albert High School Library will once again be hosting a book fair at Barnes and Noble at the Mall of the Bluffs on Saturday, Nov.

28. The library will be given a percentage of your purchases to buy books for our library. Last year's book fair was a great success giving the school more than \$1,100 to spend on books. The book fair also is an excellent time for your to purchase Christmas gifts and help Saint Albert at the same time. More details will be available on the Saint Albert website soon, but for now, save the date and plan to join us!

Annual Support Program Off to Good Start



A critical part of Saint Albert's mission is achieving academic excellence in an environment where students learn the skills needed for a lifetime of contributions to family, church, school and society.

This year, Saint Albert challenged our supporters to invest in the "human potential" of our students by making a contribution to the Annual Support Program. Donors were given the option to contribute to student scholarships or our technology initiative to equip our Junior and Senior High classrooms with laptop computers and "Smart Boards" interactive learning systems. Our donors have responded to that challenge by contributing nearly \$21,000 to the program so far.

The Annual Support Program funds short-term financial needs to improve programs and to keep a Saint Albert education affordable for families in southwest Iowa. If you would like to make a contribution to the program this year, contact the Business Office at (712) 329-9000.

Assmann Wins Catholic Daughters Contest



Congratulations to Saint Albert Sophomore Eric Assmann for taking 1st place in the National Catholic Daughters Art Contest. Eric's entry was in the Division III

Computer Art category. This is the first time a Saint Albert student has won the contest at the national level. The award included a \$100 cash prize. Way to go, Eric. Keep up the great work!

Shop with Scrip & SAVE!

The holidays are right around the corner, so why not start stocking up on Scrip!

The Scrip program is going strong at Saint Albert, but more families are needed to help us grow. Since the program started in 2004, participating families have ordered more than \$7.7 million in goods and services. That has resulted in a gross profit to the school of \$336,348.

If you're not participating in the Scrip program, now's the time to sign up — you can earn credit on your tuition with your holiday shopping. Call Natalie at 712-329-9000 to sign up!

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