

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Marc Martinez

Greetings of Peace and Joy!

1. Why do you support Catholic Education? This is a question I asked many of you to respond to last week. I want to thank many of you for your responses and for sharing with me your views on Catholic Education. Please know that I will use this information as a tool to begin a campaign for restructuring the values and goals of the school. In the next few weeks, I will be asking various families to be a part of a committee to help develop a strategic plan for the school. This plan will involve the entire TCS community. This will also enable me to make decisions that are in the best interest of the school. Your input is vital to the success of this plan, as well as the future of True Cross School.

2. This evening I will meet with the school board to finalize and set the tuition scale for next year. I will present this information to you at a parent meeting next Tuesday, January 24 at 6:30 pm. in the cafeteria. Please plan on attending this informational meeting, as I will discuss other changes for the next school year, as well.

3. Again, I would like to inform parents that registration packets for next year will be sent home soon. This packet will contain all the documents required for enrollment for the 2006-07 school year. Thank you for your continued support and for sharing with me your commitment to Catholic Education. May God bless you.

## Pennies for Patients

True Cross School will begin participating in the *Pennies for Patients*® program starting Monday, January 23 through February 9. The funds from this drive help to support the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's efforts to find cures for blood cancers. Please see the yellow insert for more information.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Annual True Cross Mardi Gras Gala!

*The School and Parish are in the process of organizing a Mardi Gras Gala to be held on Saturday, February 18 from 7:00 to 11:30 pm. This event will benefit True Cross School and Parish. Anyone interested in helping to organize activities for this event are invited to a planning committee meeting each Tuesday (until the event) at 7pm in the Library. **The next meeting is January 24.***

## Catholic Schools Week

*CSW begins Sunday, January 29 with a school liturgy at the 10:00 am. Mass. All families are invited to attend this Mass to kick off the week. A calendar of events went home last week describing the many activities. Please contact the front office for more information.*

## ATTENTION 8<sup>th</sup> Grade PARENTS!

Mt. Carmel HS Open House  
Sunday, January 22, 2006  
1:00 to 3:00 pm  
6700 Mt. Carmel Drive  
Houston, TX  
(713)649-2745

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### January

- † 19 School Board Meeting (library) 6:30 pm
- † 25 School Mass (Pk4-8) 8:15 am
- † 26 Spelling Bee: Middle School – 8:15 am;  
Elementary – 9:30 am
- † 29 School Liturgy for Opening of Catholic  
Schools Week – 10:00 am Mass.

## **Reminder about VIRTUS!**

*Protecting God's Children*

The next date and closest place to TCS, is January 21 at St. Bernadette's Parish. Please contact the school office for more information or you can go to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) to register.

