



# Newsletter

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A Message from the Principal

## **Dates to Remember**

**February 25 & March 4**

Stations of the Cross

Time 2:30

**March 3-6**

**Middle States Visit**

**March 6**

No School/auction set up  
PD for staff

**March 7**

Auction Night

**March 20**

Terra Nova testing 3-8<sup>th</sup>

Dear St. Isidore Families:

NO MORE SNOW DAYS!! We will now have school on May 22<sup>nd</sup> and it will be a ½ day as the blood drive is scheduled for that day as well. Any additional days will be added to the end of the school calendar beginning with June 12<sup>th</sup>. Until the winter weather is finished graduation date may need to change.

Great job to the first and fourth grade who tied for the most donors during the blood drive. First grade dress down is tomorrow. We also exceeded the expectation of donations to 39 donors. Thank you all!! End of marking period is now 3/18. Report cards will go out March 26<sup>th</sup>. Grandparents luncheon is now April 1<sup>st</sup>!! NOTE: Tuesday gym classes will be tomorrow. Gym uniforms please.

Faithfully,

*Dr. Robin A. Conboy, Principal*

**Registration for 2015-2016 is OPEN! A special gift is being sent home to those who register early.**

**Phantoms Reminder:** You have until tomorrow to get your tickets. Brandy Voytko [bvoytko@stisidoreschool.com](mailto:bvoytko@stisidoreschool.com)

**Stations of the Cross:** Stations are held every Wednesday beginning at 2:30 in the gym. All are welcome.

**The annual Auction is on Saturday, March 7.** Mardi Gras. Tickets are \$25 a person, please contact Melissa Bowen at [mbowen@stisidoreschool.com](mailto:mbowen@stisidoreschool.com). If you are interested in volunteering to help that evening, a link to sign up is available on the school website under the Parents as Partners section. Basket donations are also needed, and are a good opportunity to earn a volunteer credit for baskets worth \$50 or more.

We will be also selling cash and credit tickets again this year. The winner will be announced at the Auction. We are asking if each family could try and sell 5 tickets. The tickets are \$5 a piece and have the opportunity to win either \$1000 cash or \$1500 tuition credit for next year. contact Megan McClaskey [mcclaskey@verizon.net](mailto:mcclaskey@verizon.net).

## **Middle States:**

Middle States is an accreditation process schools go through all over the world. It is a self-study that enhances improvement and is reviewed by a visiting panel of educators as well as a team at Middle States headquarters. It is a plan that is reviewed at least bi-annually to determine if progress is being made towards goals established by committees. With your input from our surveys, parent meetings and committees working on the standards (there are 12), the school community has established the following objectives within the Action Plan:

**Objective 1:** By the year 2020, SI students will demonstrate higher levels of understanding in ELA by an increase of 5% in scores on standardized testing. Actions: ELA curriculum committee, adopt methods of assessment using technology, review methods/strategies supporting student reading, update and supplement learning materials.

**Objective 2:** By the year 2020, SI students will demonstrate higher levels of understanding in math and science by an increase of 5% in scores on standardized testing. Actions: establish math and science committees, evaluate and update science curriculum and resources, form colloquium to evaluate and implement STREAM across curriculum.

**STREAM=SCIENCE-TECHNOLOGY-RELIGION-ENGINEERING-ART-MATH**

**Objective 3:** Increase student opportunities to participate in faith-based activities. Actions: increase presence of clergy/religious in school, provide additional support for students to participate in local and global service activities.

**Objective 4:** Maintain current enrollment in a declining market utilizing strategic marketing strategies. Actions: update school website, increase school name visibility in community, re-establish marketing committee, develop relationships with marketing professionals.

**Please join me for an overview on Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the gym followed by a PAPA general meeting & then committees will meet.**