

## All for Books!

Each year to kick off Catholic Schools Week, Saint John School Student Council partners with Scholastic Books to raise money to purchase books for the University of Minnesota Children's Hospital. These books will be donated through the Nicholas P. Koenig H.E.R.O. Foundation.

Here's where you come in. Next week, the student council will begin collecting change. To add some fun, we'll have a contest to see which class can bring in the most donations by collecting designated currency for each day.

Wednesday 1/24 -pennies

Thursday 1/25 -nickels

Friday 1/26 -dimes

Tuesday 1/30 -quarters

Wednesday 1/31 -bills



The class to bring in the most change each day will be able to choose a book for their own classroom library from the Scholastic Book Fair.

Even if you only have pennies to give, everyone can feel good about brightening the day of kids who are battling illnesses. So start digging through couches and breaking open piggy banks because your spare change can make a difference!

Thank You,  
Saint John School Student Council

### About the Nicholas P. Koenig H.E.R.O. Foundation

Nicholas Koenig is the brave, courageous, and heroic son of Erik and Shannon Koenig of Richmond, Minnesota. At the age of 2, Nicholas was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML), a cancer that starts inside the bone marrow where cancer grows from cells that would normally turn into white blood cells. This type of leukemia, rare in children, warrants more aggressive chemotherapy and usually requires a successful stem cell transplant to cure. Nicholas received numerous rounds of chemotherapy and a blood stem cell (cord blood) transplant throughout his 2 ½ year fight with AML. Unfortunately, the chemotherapy and transplant did not keep Nicholas' body in remission. Nicholas passed away in the arms of his parents on August 16, 2011. In his short 4 years of life, Nicholas inspired others to reach out to support him and his family and other families battling pediatric cancer. To continue spreading this support and to honor a hero, the Nicholas P. Koenig H.E.R.O. (Help & Encouragement on Rough Oceans) Foundation was created.

