

MARIAN MESSENGER

SAINT MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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September 17, 2009

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Friday, September 18, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All School Mass - Grade 5 9:00 PM</li><li>• Kindergarten - 1/2 day NOON DISMISSAL NO BUS SERVICE</li></ul>
Monday, September 21, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Morning Prayer - Grade 6</li></ul>
Tuesday, September 22, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School Picture Day - Student MUST have order envelope with him/her at the time of pictures.</li><li>• JV Volleyball - HOME @ 4:00 PM Livingston Christian</li><li>• Varsity Volleyball - HOME @ 5:00 PM</li></ul>

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Wednesday, September 23, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MO MASS</li> <li>• Students eat lunch in the classrooms</li> <li>• Market Day Pick-Up</li> </ul>
Thursday, September 24, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walk-A-Thon - Merrill Field 9:00 AM-11:30 AM</li> <li>• JV Volleyball - AWAY @ 5:00 PM Holly</li> <li>• Varsity Volleyball - AWAY @ 6:00 PM Holly</li> </ul>

**Principal's Points:**

\*We would like to thank Mrs. Ann Langford for 10 years of service to our school as our Speech and Language Teacher. She has been a friendly face to us as she gently guided our children over the years. Mrs. Langford has been assigned to a different building this year and will be spending her time assisting the children at Country Elementary. We wish you good luck in your new posting. You will be missed.

\*Welcome Mrs. Stephanie Dunham to St. Mary School. Mrs. Dunham is our new Speech and Language Teacher and will be in the building on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

**\*Volunteers Invited Forms** are due into the office by Friday, September 18th. We had a wonderful response to all of the positions that needed to be filled and I am grateful for all who were able to sign up at the Open House last week or sent in their sheet. Many hands make light work! I know that with all of your help we can get all of the

positions filled. We are still looking for someone to be the President of the PTC. I will be happy to share the load with anyone who is willing to step up into this position!

\*Many teachers are still looking for a **Room Parent** to help out in their classrooms. This position doesn't take much time, so please consider if you are able.

\***Market Day Workers** are needed once a month on a Wednesday to help organize the boxes and get orders put together. Mr. Doug Garbarz has offered to be in charge this year, but he could use some extra help on days that the delivery comes in from 2pm to 6pm. I am told that it doesn't always go this long as most people pick up there items when the children are picked up after school. The money raised for this fundraiser goes to fund the 6th grade "Edventures" to the Howell Nature Center, 7th grade Bay Sail trip and the 8th grade trip to Chicago. I am very grateful to Mr. Garbarz for taking on this assignment as his children are still in the lower grades. Thank you for your "servant heart" Mr. Garbarz. Our first Market Day pick up will be next Wednesday, September 23rd.

\***Hot Lunch Program** has started this week. As you send in money for your child(ren) each week please keep the following in mind: Ticket cost for grades K-5 is \$2.35 each or \$11.25 for a full ticket; grades 6-8 are \$2.60 each or \$13.00 for a full ticket. It is very helpful for us to keep track if the correct amount is sent in for either a daily ticket or a full ticket amount. A full ticket amount is for 5 hot lunches and can be used for the whole week or can be used on any day of your choosing. It is very important for students to remember to get into the lunch count first thing in the morning so that we can order the correct number of lunches for the day. Please keep in mind that if your child orders lunch in the morning you are responsible for paying for that lunch. Likewise, if your child does not have money to cover the lunch and has forgotten his/her lunch; then a sandwich and carton of milk will be provided **2 times only!** (I know that is harsh, but we are often in the "red" and have to come up with the money to cover the bill to the lunch company.)

\*Before school started St. Mary Staff took a series of classes covering CPR, Lock Down Table Top, and one on Blood Born Pathogens. During the Blood Born Pathogens class we talked about the Swine Flu quite a bit. Two of the many important items that continually came across were fevers and infection. Often times as a classroom teacher I would hear " He/She had a fever last night, but I gave them some Tylenol

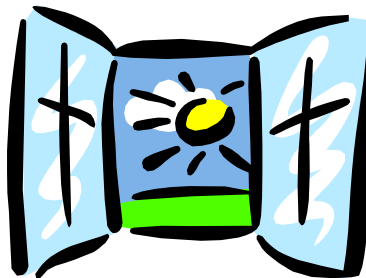
this morning and they should be good for now." Children should be **fever free for 24 hours after no medicine has been administered before returning to school.** The Tylenol might make your child feel well enough to return to school, but he/she is still carrying the virus to school with him/her. In order to keep everyone in the building safe, please allow your child to be completely healthy before returning to school. The best defense against germs is soap and water. We are encouraging children to wash hands frequently with soap to kill any germs they may have picked up. The Teachers are also very good about cleaning desks in the classroom. I'm sure that the teachers will be happy to put a work packet together for your child so they don't get behind. I appreciate your cooperation in this very important matter.

\*I would like to thank all of the "Summer Work Fairies" who came into the building to paint, clean, put things together, and do what ever was asked of them to help get the building ready for all of the children and teachers. We really appreciate all of your behind the scenes time and dedication to our school. God is Good; All the time!

Have a great week.

Veronica Kinsey

## THE WINDOW



## EIGHTH GRADE NEWS

The Eighth grade has hit the ground running this year. We are studying what Church is in Religion as we begin our year studying Church history.

In Grammar and Vocabulary we are studying nouns, pronouns and many new words.

In United States History, we have completed a review of the First Americans in North America and have moved on to European Exploration of the Americas.

In Literature, we have begun our unit on Short Stories. We have completed reading "The Adventure of the Speckled Band" by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. They have reviewed and written a business letter. They will be writing their first critical essay of many beginning this week. Lastly, we will begin reading the novel Call of the Wild by Jack London.

I am still in need of a class representative to plan parties and do the auction item.  
Thank You. Mrs. Mable

## **INFORMATION**

### **Library Volunteer Opportunities:**

St. Mary School Library is open for the 2009-2010 school year. The library schedule will be posted outside the library. Thanks to all who have already offered to help out in the library this year! We are still in need of a couple more volunteers. If anyone else is interested in helping out with any of the classes, please call me at (810) 231-6571 or e-mail at [djmhom@charter.net](mailto:djmhom@charter.net). It is a fun and rewarding way to get to know the students in our school.

Thank You!

Rina Malcolm

### **DAYCARE AND LATCHKEY PROGRAMS IN NEED OF DONATIONS:**

We have been very busy in daycare and latchkey!

The children in latchkey will be doing a service project once a month following the theme for the year, "A servant's heart". We will be sending packages overseas to Ebe Hennigan's sons, Erik (stationed in Iraq) and Jason (soon to be deployed to Afghanistan). Some items that we are requesting for this project throughout the school year are as follows: puzzle books, candy, gum, travel-size toiletry items, toothpaste, toothbrushes, cereal bars, drink powder for water bottles, etc. Thank you very much for helping us with this service project! Please leave these items in the office marked latchkey.

Both the daycare and latchkey rooms are in need of the following donations: toy rolling pins, plastic food, play money, boy dress-up clothes, 4 bean bag chairs, 2 portable CD/cassette players, preschool games for ages 3-5 (Candyland, Chutes & Ladders, etc), flower bulbs, garden trowels, magazines, and last but not least we would like to experience water adventures but need kid-size waders and 1 or 2 pair of adult sized as well. These items can be brought to the office and marked daycare/latchkey.

Thank you for your support of these two newest programs at St. Mary's. We appreciate any donation you can give.

God Bless,

Lisa Abbott & Daycare and latchkey teachers

## **Children's Clothing Exchange:**

Open Invitation:

To all who would like to help with the Consignment Sale Fundraiser we will meet

Wednesday September 16th 8pm at Zukey Lake (every Wednesday evening until October 7th)

Your help will make this event a success.

Special thanks to Rick Cross for volunteering to pick up the clothing racks! TJMaxx has generously donated the use of their clothing racks again this year. This will help minimize our cost to host the event.

Special thanks to Colleen and Randy deBauclair for helping advertise this event. The deBauclair's have generously donated an ad in Moms2Moms.com. This is a tremendous help in reaching our many in our community, both consignors and buyers.

Thanks to all who have already signed up to help. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

More Help needed:

Advertisements: flyers and street signs.

Flyers are already made. We need someone print them and take them to the local preschools, daycare businesses and someone to hand out flyers at the Pinckney Homecoming Parade.

Street signs-update dates on street signs. Putting street signs up 1 week prior to sale.

Thursday October 8th (2pm-7pm) Clearing multi purpose room, set up racks and tables, receiving, hall monitors, item organizers

Friday October 9th (8am-8pm)receiving items, hall monitor, item organizers, cashiers, tag table, sales/floor worker

Saturday October 10th (8am-5pm) cashiers, tag table, Sales/floor worker, organizer consignor pick up, charity donation organizers, rack removal and final clean up

Please look for Consignment sale sign up poster in school lobby .

IMPORTANT:

All consignors must email : [consignment@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:consignment@stmarypinckney.org) for a consignor number....even if you had a consignor number last year.

Sale Dates: October 9th 2-4pm Volunteer pre-sale (All volunteers can shop the presale)

October 9th 4-8pm and October 10th 8am-3pm

Please feel free to email any questions to [consignment@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:consignment@stmarypinckney.org)

### **Calling all Beach Bums:**

Thank you to everyone who visited the auction booth at Back to School Night! We appreciate your support of our school's major fundraiser. Many positions are still available; please stop by the table in the gathering space to see where your talents can best be put to use! If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please contact Holly Oakes at (734) 878-5433. This year's Beach Bash is April 17 -- mark your calendars now!

### **Fall Social – Road Rally & After Party:**

**Vroom Vroom Vroom!!!** Way to go St. Mary families – our school sponsored Road Rally will have no expenses other than small Road Rally incidentals and Beer. Now that we have food and drink we need teams. Team Salowitz/Wittrup and Team Plait/Oakes have registered and are gearing up .....are you? Get that registration form in so we can plan accordingly. Thanks to the Wack family for the wine donation and Schmidt/Ickes and Germain families for the \$10 cash donations. *Go Grease Lightning.....*

## **2009 – 2010**

### **SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR**

Tuesday, September 8, 2009	School Opens ½ Day of School
Wednesday, September 9, 2009	First Full Day of School
	Back to School Night 7:00 PM
Thursday, September 24, 2009	Walk-A-Thon
Thursday, October 8, 2009	Consignement Sale
Friday, October 9, 2009	Consignement Sale
Saturday, October 10, 2009	Consignement Sale
Thursday, October 29, 2009	NO SCHOOL MANS Conference

Friday, October 30, 2009	NO SCHOOL MANS Conference
Friday, November 13, 2009	NO SCHOOL End of First Marking Period
Monday, November 23, 2009	Teacher – Parent Conferences
Tuesday, November 24, 2009	½ day NOON DISMISSAL NO BUS SERVICE @ DISMISSAL Teacher – Parent Conferences
Wednesday, November 25, 2009	NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break
Thursday, November 26, 2009	NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break
Friday, November 27, 2009	NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break
Tuesday, December 8, 2009	Full Day of School NO BUS SERVICE @ DISMISSAL
Thursday, December 17, 2009	Christmas Program 7:00 PM
Tuesday, December 22, 2009	Christmas Vacation Starts @ End of Day
Monday, January 4, 2010	Classes resume
Monday, January 18, 2010	NO SCHOOL / Teacher Training
Friday, January 29, 2010	End of Second Marking Period
Friday, February 12, 2010	NO SCHOOL Winter Break
Monday, February 15, 2010	NO SCHOOL Winter Break
Friday, March 12, 2010	NO SCHOOL / Teacher Training
Wednesday, March 31, 2010	Spring Break Starts @ End of Day End of Third Marking Period
Monday, April 12, 2010	Classes Resume

Friday, April 16, 2010	½ day NOON DISMISSAL NO BUS SERVICE @ DISMISSAL Auction Set-Up
Saturday, April 17, 2010	Auction
Friday, May 14, 2010	NO SCHOOL / Teacher Training
Friday, May 28, 2010	NO SCHOOL
Monday, May 31, 2010	NO SCHOOL
Thursday, June 3, 2010	Field Day
Wednesday, June 9, 2010	½ Day Last Day of School NOON DISMISSAL NO BUS SERVICE @ DISMISSAL