

MARION MESSENGER

October 1, 2009

WEEK-AT-GLANCE

Friday, October 2, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NO MASS• Popcorn Day - \$.25• First Friday Food Drive• 4th Grade Field Trip – Hudson Mills
Monday, October 5, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Morning Prayer – Grade 4
Tuesday, October 6, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• J. V Volleyball @ Home St. Joe 4:30 PM & 5:30 PM• Varsity Volleyball @ Home St. Joe 6:30 PM
Wednesday, October 7, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NO MASS• Riverside Pizza Fundraiser – 4:00PM – 9:00 PM• Pinckney Fire Dept. Classroom Visits – P4/K/1/2
Thursday, October 8, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• STUDENTS EAT IN CLASSROOMS• J.V. Varsity Volleyball @ HOME HAACH 5:00 PM• Varsity Volleyball HOME @ HAACH 6:00 PM• Consignment Sale

October calendar and Hot Lunch menu went home with each student on Wednesday, September 30th

PRINCIPAL POINTS:

Riverside Pizza Fundraiser: Got Pizza?! Need to feed that crave? Don't wait for the weekend; on **Wednesday, October 7th** from **4:00 to 9:00 pm** Riverside Pizza will donate 15% of their sales back to St. Mary School, and give the winning class a pizza party! When you are ordering just let them know that you are a St. Mary family and what class you would like to get credit for the order. It's that easy! All funds raised will go towards our technology fund as we are trying to raise money for new computers.

First Friday Food Drive is tomorrow. We are getting low on food in the pantry and any donation would be welcomed. Lots of items are on sale at Kroger and Meijer this week. We are looking for soups, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, cans of fruits and vegetables, flour, sugar, juice, tuna fish, and laundry detergent. Anything that you could donate will be welcomed; however, please remember to check the dates as we are not allowed to give out expired food.

Thank You to Mrs. Chiminski for bringing in the *Germ Glow Box* this week for the children to see how well they were washing their hands. Ask you child about how well they wash their hands; it was a big eye opener for all of us.

Gentle Reminder: The cost for lunch for Kindergarten thru fifth grade is \$2.35 or \$11.75 and the cost for grades six thru eighth is \$2.60 or \$13.00. Please keep in mind the price difference if you want to order a "week" worth of tickets for each of you children at the different grade levels.

It is not too late to sign up and send in your **VIP slips**. We are always grateful for anyone who wants to come and help out at the school. We are still in need of a President for the PTC.

Some classes are still looking for **help in the classroom**. If you could find some time in your busy schedule, please contact your child's teacher(s) and see if your talents would be a benefit to the teacher or the children. Sometimes just listening to a child read for a few minutes makes a big difference in their day and their educational experience.

Latchkey and Preschool day care is off and running. We are hearing lots of positive comments about what is happening in these rooms. You are welcome to sign up if the need arises.

The Road Rally is coming soon; Saturday, October 10th. Did you get your team together? Are you signed up? I'm hearing about challenges from one car to another, and husbands against wives! Are you up for the challenge? Read below about how to sign up for a night of fun, friends, and food.

Have a great week,

Veronica Kinsey

Calling all Beach Bums...

The kick-off meeting for this year's Beach Bash volunteers will be Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. We hope everyone who has signed up for a volunteer position will attend, and encourage those who haven't yet signed up to come and see where they are needed. Some positions that are the most important to fill are listed below; others can be found in the gathering space.

This year's school theme is "A Servant's Heart." We already have seen this heart reflected in so many people, and we want to give a special thanks to Heather Orłowski, for all her time and efforts the past two weeks. She has volunteered to work on ALL of the Auction forms. A special Thanks also goes to Pam McGlade and Gina Aten for volunteering to turn our school into a fantastic beach setting; and to Kristin Myher, who is again working on random cataloging!

It's not too early to start thinking about auction donations -- receiving items early helps greatly in our planning, and in the auction's overall success. Monetary donations or item donations can be turned in to the school office. Donation support also can come in the form of helping us make connections with sport or celebrity figures. Autographed sports memorabilia, backstage passes, sports suites or tickets, airline miles, timeshares, and even the chance to visit a radio station are some past items that helped out tremendously. Some particular needs we have are for a dog breeder; patio furniture; baby items; and gift certificates for rounds of golf, restaurants, car washes, movies, etc. You'd be surprised at how much success we have in just having people ask businesses they regularly support (for haircuts, oil changes, etc.) for gift certificates or other items!

If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please contact Holly Oakes at (734) 878-5433 or Kim Plait at (810) 923-8901. Also, one very fun way to support the Beach Bash is by attending it! Mark your calendars now for Saturday, April 17. See you there!

Web Design/Maintenance: Must have computer knowledge. Remove text box
Will be in charge of designing and maintaining the auction website through the school and parish's websites.

Student Ads: Responsible for selling and obtaining ads from parents, relatives, or friends of St. Mary's students. These ads will be included in the auction program. Computer knowledge would be helpful.

Ad and Banner Sponsor Procurement: Outgoing person needed to obtain donors and sponsors for banners in the gymnasium, ads in the program, and the raise-the-paddle sponsor.

Procurement: *If everyone were to procure a few items the load would be lighter!* We need a team to solicit donations and advertisers, communicate and follow-up with businesses and sponsors, assist with banner construction and hanging, assist in physically collecting items from donors and purchasing fill-in items as advised by auction chair(s).

Auction Program: Works with the auction chair(s) to create the auction program distributed the evening of the event. Comfort working on the computer is a must and graphic design is a plus. Will scan ads and design simple ads from logo, create an advertiser index and put together the layout for printing. May work with the printer to set-up scheduling and pricing. The main body of the program will be complete a few weeks before the auction but there will be addendum work the week prior. A large portion of this position can be worked on at home.

THE CLASSROOM WINDOW

SIXTH GRADE NEWS:

Religion – we are learning about the Old Testament and specifically what books are in the Bible.

English – we are working on verbs – in particular: action verbs, linking verbs and helping verbs.

Literature – we are studying plot – in particular: the problem, setting, rising action, climax, falling action and resolution.

Science – we are studying weathering and soil formation.

Math – we are working on numbers and patterns. Next we will be working on an introduction to Algebra.

Social Studies – we are studying Ancient Mesopotamia.

ART NEWS:

The Art classes will be participating in the Square 1 Art fundraiser. The funds raised will benefit our art program. If you DO NOT want your child's art work sent to the company please send in a note to the office. Thank You.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Girls & Boys Basketball Night:

All 4th-8th grade boys and girls invited to hone their basketball skills on the following dates:
October 9 & October 23 from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM.

The goal is to let the kids have fun while practicing basketball basics like free throws, defense, dribbling, passing, rebounding all through fun exercises.

Parent volunteers needed to help with "crowd control" and drill leadership. If you are available to help out, please contact Amy Salowitz at rwsalowitz@yahoo.com

Road Rally & AfterParty - 2009 Fall Social:

What a night it will be! Have you registered? Mrs. Abbott's car is revved up to go, are you? As of this week we have 6 teams in the running and many more coming to the AfterParty. If you signed up to bring a non-perishable item – food, drink, cash – feel free to bring these items to the school office at your earliest convenience. Label ROAD RALLY. Please double check the sign-up list to see what you graciously donated.

Thanks to the Oakes and Liddy families for their \$10 cash donations and to Heather Orłowski for the donation of Diet Coke 2-liters.

Go Grease Lightning.....you're burning up the quarter mile.....grease lightning, go grease lightning!!

St. Men's Club Breakfast:

On October 4th, 2009 St Mary's Men's Club is sponsoring a Country Style Breakfast at the Parish. Breakfast is served 8:30 until 11am and is a free-will donation. Proceeds are to help with the Rectory Restoration project. We have the best menu in the area which includes: fried or scrambled eggs, hash browns, biscuits and gravy, French toast, pancakes, quiche, ham, pork sausage, and of course our renowned "waffle station". Everyone welcome! For further information call Heather at Parish Office 734-878-3161.

Car Seat Check:

St. Mary will be hosting a CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECK on Saturday, October 24th from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Have questions – contact Mott Buckle Up! @ 734-763-2251.

Clothing Exchange Update:

Next weekend St Mary School will host the Second Annual Consignment Sale/Fundraiser!

**Sale hours: Friday October 9th 2 - 4pm (volunteer presale), 4 - 8pm
Saturday October 10th 8am - 3pm, Half price sale 12 - 3pm**

We have organized and advertised. Please watch for our ads in local newspapers, local radio, Craig's list, church bulletins, street signs, local business' billboards and flyers at local business', schools and at the homecoming parade. So far, we have close to 35 consignors!!

Our best free advertisement is YOU! Please spread the word to relatives, friends and neighbors!

It's not too late! Get involved! Get your consignor number and make a few extra \$\$, while fundraising for the school OR volunteer to help the event! Visit the Consignment Sale/Fundraiser web page on the school web site for more details.

Please take a moment to look at the list of help needed below to consider what you can do to support this fundraiser. Email consignment@stmarypinckney.org if you can help.

Thursday October 8th: receiving items , organizing items, hall monitors

Friday October 9th: organizing items, hall monitors, tag table(removing 3x5 card), sales/floor worker

Saturday October 10th: tag table , sales/floor worker, pull items for consignor pick up, pull items for donation, rack removal/load, clean up

Your support is needed and appreciated!

Free Children's Vision Screening at Howell Library:

The Howell Library is pleased to partner with the Howell Area Lions Club to offer "Project Kidsight," a program that provides free vision screenings for children. The program will be held at the Howell Carnegie District Library on **Saturday, October 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** The screenings are intended for children aged one to five. "Project Kidsight" has grown from the effort to prevent blindness and has been active in Michigan for ten years. Children's Hospital of Michigan, Kellogg Eye Institute, Michigan Ophthalmological Society, the Michigan Department of Community Health, and others endorse it. Approximately 1 in 20 children aged one to five has an eye problem that can permanently affect vision if left untreated. "Project Kidsight" screening detects seven diseases and qualifies as the mandatory vision screening required by the state of Michigan prior to entering kindergarten. Pre-registration is required by calling the 517-546-0720 ext. 107 or by stopping by the youth services desk.