

MARION MESSENGER

October 22, 2009

WEEK-AT-GLANCE

Friday, October 23, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All School Mass – Grade 7• JV Volleyball Tournament @ Holly - TBA
Saturday, October 24, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• JV Volleyball Tournament – Holly TBA
Monday, October 26, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Morning Prayer – Grade 8
Tuesday, October 27, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Halloween Party – P3• Dress Down Day - \$ 1.00 to benefit the class Baysail Trip
Wednesday, October 28, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Primary Mass – Grade 5• Halloween Parties – P4/Y5• Halloween Parties – Grades K-8 2:00 PM
Thursday, October 29, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NO SCHOOL – MANS• Varsity Volleyball – Practice & Team/Family Fun 3:30 PM – 6:00 PM
Friday, October 30, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NO SCHOOL – MANS• Varsity Volleyball Tournament – TBA HOME
Saturday, October 31, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Varsity Volleyball Tournament – TBA HOME
Monday, November 2, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Morning Prayer – Grade 7
Tuesday, November 3, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7th Grade Field Trip – Vocations Mass Lansing
Wednesday, November 4, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Middle School Mass – Grade 6• Picture Re-Take Day• Riverside Pizza Fundraiser 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM

THERE WILL NOT BE A MESSENGER NEXT WEEK – OCTOBER 29TH

PRINCIPAL POINTS:

***We decided to cancel the basketball skills tomorrow night, October 23, since there are so many sick kids. Thank you, Mrs. Salowitz**

*Please note that Mrs. Smith will be out of the building until November 16th. If you need something included in the Marion Messenger, please send it to me at mrskinsey@stmarypinckney.org

*Halloween Parties will be on Wednesday, October 28th starting at 2:00pm. If you would like to see the parade through the school; it will start at 2:15. Students should not come to school dressed for their parties but have a costume that is easy to change into.

*Thank you to the parents of the Kindergarten and Eighth grade classes. They put on a very nice luncheon for the staff yesterday. It was enjoyed by everyone who attended. We really appreciate the extra effort from all of you. Thank you, again.

*Conference slips continue to come into the office each day. If you still need one it is available at the bottom of this Messenger or you can stop by the office to get one.

*At the end of the Messenger you will find a new flyer that will help you to know the difference of a Cold and H1N1 Flu Symptoms. There are a lot of different things going around so hopefully this will be helpful.

***The St. Mary Yahoo** site has been taken off of the school web page as requested by Father Bill. Please note that it is not an official site of St. Mary School nor is it endorsed by St. Mary School. If you receive the Messenger link, you will continue to receive St. Mary School information via PTC e-mail. If you have any questions; please direct them to Mrs. Kinsey.

*** Calling all CAMPBELL Soup UPC's and BOX TOPS for Education**

Please remember to clip and send in your UPC codes and Box Tops as you collect them. This month is one of our turn in times. Last year we clipped over \$500 in Box Tops for our school. This is FREE money for the school! Ask friends, neighbors and relatives to save them for you. Please note: The soup labels have been replaced by the UPC code. Usually it is highlighted on the can or box where to clip.

*Last, but not least; you are all doing a great job monitoring your children for any signs of sickness. I really appreciate that you are all trying hard not to spread any germs into the school. If you decide to keep your child out of school please call each day of the absence to let us know.

Have a great week,

Veronica Kinsey

THE CLASSROOM WINDOW

THIRD GRADE NEWS:

As we head into a frosty fall the third graders have been moving full steam ahead. In Religion we are learning that we are called to follow Jesus. Students also were excited to have the opportunity to lead the Joyful Mysteries at Morning Prayer recently. Our Math skills are being challenged as we practice using numbers all the way up to the hundred thousands place. Next we will be rounding numbers, working on estimation and problem solving skills. In Science we are just finishing up our study of plants and will begin learning all about mammals next

week. In English we have completed a unit on sentence structure and nouns. Next we will begin to sharpen our writing skills by exploring the different styles of writing using photo prompts. In Social Studies our community projects are going very well! Each group is researching the historical background of a community in Livingston County. We are looking forward to group presentations and will display our finished projects in the hallway for everyone to enjoy!

SECOND GRADE NEWS:

In Religion, the children learned about the importance of the Sacrament of Baptism and how it makes us children of God and members of the Church. In addition to this, Baptism is the stepping stone for all the other sacraments. The second graders are looking forward to receiving their next sacrament, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which they will be receiving in February. In our Family Life portion of our Religion program the children have been learning about how families are different sizes and types but that God loves everyone and we are all part of God's family.

In Reading, the children have been learning about the differences between a fantasy and a true story and how to make predictions of what could happen based upon the information given in the story. The second graders have also enjoyed reading once a week to Mrs. Abbott's preschoolers. They also are excited about being buddies with Mrs. Kunick's sixth graders.

In English, the children have been learning about the different types of sentences and they have been busy writing letters to the residents at the Sacred Heart Adult Care Home in Gregory, Michigan.

In Math, the second graders have been progressing rapidly learning about the following concepts: place value, rounding to the nearest ten, problem solving, graphing, and learning different addition and subtraction strategies.

In Social Studies, the children have been learning about communities and they worked in small groups to make I-Maps about the shared roles that different workers have. In Science, the children have been learning about plants and how to classify animals.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

OCTOBER LATCHKEY NEWS

There will be a change in the start time for Latchkey at St. Mary. The latchkey room will open at 7:00 am instead of 6:30 effective Monday, Nov. 2. We hope this will not be an inconvenience for anyone.

We have been very busy in the afterschool program. We planted bulbs in the flower bed near the latchkey door and are anxious to see the flowers come up in the Spring. We have also been baking cupcakes and making various Halloween decorations. We also put together a service package for Erik Hennigan who is stationed in the Army in Iraq. This week we will learn how to make corndogs, and we will be making Veggie Tale Characters from gourds donated by Mr. Hinkle.

A big thank-you for all the generous donations we have received including: Jiffy baking mixes, items for the service packages, gourds, pumpkins, various toys, and more. We will continue to send monthly service packages to Erik and Jason Hennigan, therefore we welcome any donations of granola bars, candy, gum, drink mixes, holiday decorations, puzzle books, and toiletries (or anything else you can think of). Just bring them to the latchkey room.

Just a reminder: Please turn in your calendars on Wednesday the week before your child will be in latchkey in order to avoid any late fees. Thank you for your cooperation. Mrs. Abbott & Staff

Calling all Beach Bums ...

We want to announce an exciting incentive for the first class to have each family turn in an auction item valued at \$75 or a monetary donation of \$50. We hope to offer that class dress-down passes, an extra recess, a pizza party ... just an all around fun day!!

Donation support can come in the form of an item donation, or in terms of helping us make connections with sport or celebrity figures. Additional ideas include...

- Autographed sports memorabilia
- Backstage passes
- Sports suites or tickets
- Airline miles
- Timeshares
- Dog breeder
- Patio furniture
- Baby items
- 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 would like to volunteer (some major needs are listed below; others can be found in the school gathering space), please contact Auction Co-Chair 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! The Beach Bash is set for Saturday, April 17. See you there!

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

Student Ads: responsible for selling and obtaining ads from parents, relatives or friends to St. Mary's students to be added to the 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 a 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 Flint Mission was very appreciative with what we dropped of from consignment and donated Men's clothes. They stressed however that even with our 10 bags of Men's clothes they will still be in desperation as winter creeps in. Please look through all your old/out-dated clothing, coats, shoes, hats....etc. We will collect additional men's clothing for the next week or two and Julie Kukalis has offered to drop the items at the mission. Mark your bags MENS and drop in the office.

Minutes from the 10/14/09 General PTC meeting:

Opening prayer: Mrs. Kinsey

Auction: Holly Oakes

- **Date is 04/17/2010 with a Beach Bash theme**
- **Auction needs help with procuring**
- **Accepting willing people to make 10 follow up phone calls to prior donors—see Kim Plait if interested**
- **Budgeted for \$90, 000.00 profit this year**
- **Kickoff meeting at 7pm 10/20/09**

Riverside Pizza: Dan Aten

- **We will repeat the pizza fundraiser on the first Wednesday of each month.**
- **St. Mary takes 15% of the proceeds.**
- **In October, the store total that day was \$2,000 and St. Mary families were \$1,000 of that.**
- **We earned \$200.00 for the school and a pizza party for the winning class.**

Euchre party: Dan Aten

- **Julie Kukalis will be coordinating a party on Nov. 14 with proceeds going to the 7th grade Bay Sail trip. She would like 7th grade parents to volunteer to work it. Contact her at 810-231-0623**
- **The eighth grade will receive the proceeds from a 1/16/2010 party.**
- **There will be cash prizes and workers have an opportunity to play.**

Treasurer report:

- **Handed out a summary of our fundraising requirements.**
- **There is a committee exploring fundraisers to generate a larger profit. Any suggestions can be forwarded to Kristin.**

Millionaire parties:

- **Consists of 2 shifts per night with 4 persons per shift; 4:30-9:30pm and 9-2:30am**
- **Dates are**
1/5/10-1/08/10
1/17/10-1/20/10
5/21/10-5/24/10
6/02/10-6/05/10
- **The 2 dates we worked last year generated \$5,000 for the school.**

Mega raffle:

- **Combined with Church this year.**
- **School is guaranteed to obtain \$42,000 from it if all 84 families sell their \$500 requirement.**
- **Tickets should be ready in November**
- **Tickets cost: \$20 each**
- **Each school family is expected meet its \$500 goal in sales**

Consignment:

- **The \$ profit number is still being tallied**

Road Rally:

- **Very low cost this year due to the number of donations**
- **Expected to make approximately \$2,000 in profit**

Walkathon:

- **Generated \$2,681 for the school technology fund; Generated \$473.00 for Gleaners food bank**

Car seat safety check:

- **Will take place on 10/24/09 from 11am-2pm**

- Allot 1/2hr per car seat

Adjourned at 7:40pm

Next meeting 01/13/10

2009 Fall Social Road Rally & After Party:

It was a really great night. Thanks to all the parents who donated food, drink or cash, making this event a low-cost fundraiser.

Thanks as well to:

Jill & Rich O'Callaghan who planned the Rally itself

Rina Malcolm, Dustin Wise, Wendy Warshal for helping in the kitchen

Josh Weiland and Rebecca Keiser for the Music/Lights and entertainment

Scott Oakes and Mike & Kristin Myher for the clean-up support

And a HUGE thank-you to Dan & Lori Hall (Pinckney Chrysler) for donating some great 1st place prizes.

Watch for our Road Rally preferred donor list coming soon and go grease lightning....!

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.

CROP till you DROP!!

Everyone come to a day of laughs and accomplishments. Get those books done or get one started. \$10 per person includes lunch, drinks, raffle. Bring all your girlfriends because this is an auction fundraiser. Let's all help raise some much needed start up cash. We will have several consultants from a variety of products – including a masseuse. All crafters welcome.

On November 1st, 2009 St Mary's Men's Club in Pinckney is sponsoring a Country Style Breakfast at the Parish located at 10601 Dexter Pinckney Road. Breakfast is served 8:30 until 11am and is a free-will donation. Proceeds are to help restock the St Mary's Food Bank which is in financial distress in these tough economic times. 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". Musical guests and raffles add to the festivities. Everyone is welcome! For further information call Heather at Parish Office 734-878-3161.

All are invited to the next Ave Maria University Ann Arbor Founders Club Dinner Tuesday, October 27, 2009 "Bioethics and Stem Cells for the Layman" featuring special guest Deacon Jerry Brennan, Director of the Diaconate for the Diocese of Lansing. Deacon Brennan will discuss stem cell research, financing and the bioethical issues involved from the viewpoint of a layman. The dinner will be held at Domino Farms Lobby H; Level 1, EBA Board Room Park in Lobby H. The cost is \$25 per person or \$30 at the door. RSVP by Sunday, Oct, 25th to (734) 930-3435.

SAINT MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Parent – Teacher Conference Request

Grades K – 8

Due by Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Family Name: _____

Student(s)

Grade(s)

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Please check the time slot you prefer. Please put down a first and second choice. Every effort will be made to try and accommodate your request. Conferences will be scheduled on a first come, first serve basis. We appreciate your cooperation, patience, and understanding.

Monday, November 23rd

Tuesday, November 24th

_____ 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

_____ 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM

_____ 6:00 pm – 8:00 PM

If you wish to see the art, computer, band, or physical education teacher please check next to the teacher's name:

_____ Mrs. Barrett - Computers (Tuesday afternoon only)

_____ Dr. Braciszewski - Band (appointments will be set by Dr. Braciszewski)

_____ Mrs. Hamer - Art (Monday afternoon only)

_____ Mr. Leszczynski - Physical Education (Monday evening only)

H1N1 flue is about to be upon us and we need to be on top of information regarding it. Here is a comparison to the normal cold symptoms that was sent to me.

Know the Difference between Cold and H1N1 Flu Symptoms

Symptom	Cold	H1N1 Flu
Fever	Fever is rare with a cold.	Fever is usually present with the flu in up to 80% of all flu cases. A temperature of 100°F or higher for 3 to 4 days is associated with the

		flu.
Coughing	A hacking, productive (mucus-producing) cough is often present with a cold.	A non-productive (non-mucus producing) cough is usually present with the flu (sometimes referred to as dry cough).
Aches	Slight body aches and pains can be part of a cold.	Severe aches and pains are common with the flu.
Stuffy Nose	Stuffy nose is commonly present with a cold and typically resolves spontaneously within a week.	Stuffy nose is not commonly present with the flu.
Chills	Chills are uncommon with a cold.	60% of people who have the flu experience chills.
Tiredness	Tiredness is fairly mild with a cold.	Tiredness is moderate to severe with the flu.
Sneezing	Sneezing is commonly present with a cold.	Sneezing is not common with the flu.
Sudden Symptoms	Cold symptoms tend to develop over a few days.	The flu has a rapid onset within 3-6 hours. The flu hits hard and includes sudden symptoms like high fever, aches and pains.
Headache	A headache is fairly uncommon with a cold.	A headache is very common with the flu, present in 80% of flu cases.
Sore Throat	Sore throat is commonly present with a cold.	Sore throat is not commonly present with the flu.
Chest Discomfort	Chest discomfort is mild to moderate with a cold.	Chest discomfort is often severe with the flu.

The only way to stop the spread of the epidemic is to spread the awareness.

