

# MARION MESSENGER

December 10, 2009

## WEEK-AT-GLANCE

Friday, December 11, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All School Mass – Grade 6</li> <li>• Hearing Screening – Grades K-2-4</li> <li>• Vision Screening P4 &amp; Rescreening 1-3-5-7</li> <li>• T-Shirt orders due</li> <li>• Money for Adopt a family due</li> <li>• <b>Students eating in Classrooms</b></li> </ul>
Sunday, December 13, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Reconciliation Parent Meeting # 1 10:15 AM – 11:20 AM Multi-use Room</li> </ul>
Monday, December 14, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning Prayer – Grade 8</li> <li>• <b>Students Eat in Classrooms</b></li> </ul>
Tuesday, December 15, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Raffle tickets due</b></li> <li>• Spanish Classes- Grade 5 &amp; 8</li> <li>• Hispanic Wax Museum in the Multi-Use room</li> </ul>
Wednesday, December 16, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Middle School Mass – Grade 7</li> <li>• Reconciliation – Grades 5 and 8</li> <li>• Market Day pick-up</li> </ul>
Thursday, December 17, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dress Down Day to benefit the 7<sup>th</sup> grade BaySail class trip \$1.00</li> <li>• Reconciliation – Grade 4</li> <li>• <b>Christmas Program – 7:00 PM</b></li> </ul>
Friday, December 18, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00- All School Mass - Grade 4</li> </ul>

## PRINCIPAL POINTS

\***Help St. Mary School** raise much needed money to go towards the operating expenses and the cost of keeping tuition rates down. We are looking for Volunteers to work a few hours at the Shark Club in Howell in January. There are 2 shifts per night and we need 2 people to cover each shift. Shifts go from 4:45-9pm and 8:50pm-2am. It is a great way to have fun with a friend or your spouse while still raising much needed funds for the school. The duties include "selling" the initial buy-in chips, counting and recording the house take every so often, and recording the final numbers on state forms. The dates and times needed are:

**January 5<sup>th</sup>:** 4:45 – 1 Person  
8:50 – 1 Person

**January 6<sup>th</sup>:** 4:45 – 2 People

**January 7<sup>th</sup>:** All Positions Open

**January 8<sup>th</sup>:** 4:45 – 1 Person

**January 17<sup>th</sup>:** 8:50 – 2 People

**January 18<sup>th</sup>:** 8:50 – 2 People

**January 19<sup>th</sup>:** All Positions Open

**January 20<sup>th</sup>:** 4:45 – 1 Person

8:50 – 1 Person

We have the potential to raise **\$7,000 to \$10,000** from our four events between January and June. We really need your help. If you are a night owl or not working at the moment and can work these night shifts we would greatly appreciate all your help! It is much easier than Bingo and the staff at the Shark Club are friendly and very helpful and easy to work with. If you are able to help, please contact Amy Salowitz at [rwsalowitz@yahoo.com](mailto:rwsalowitz@yahoo.com) or call the school office at 734-878-5616. We need to know if you are able by the 18<sup>th</sup> of December so we are not scrambling at the last minute to fill spots. Thank you for your time and consideration, Veronica Kinsey

\*We have our totals for the Scholastic Book Fair in November; \$1,159.90! This is fantastic. Thanks to all of you who visited the book fair to help make it so successful. We will use the money to purchase book shelves for the library.

\*With the winter months upon us, we need to ensure that everyone is informed of any school closings because of the weather. You can be informed quickly by turning to FOX 2 NEWS, 7 ACTION NEWS, WDIV-TV/Local 4 NEWS, WWJ NEWSRADIO 950, or WHMI FM 93.5. Please note that if PINCKNEY SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED WE ARE CLOSED, TOO.

\*Please make sure that your child is dressed for the outside weather as the children will be going outside unless the temperature is below zero degrees or it is raining.

\*Last Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> we had two students represent us at the Catholic Central High School Band Concert; Ryan Burke and Paul Moenart. They were two of the eight elementary students invited to play "Hark the Herold Trumpets Swing". During the song performed in front of several hundred people, the boys had solo notes and a choreographic piece. Mr. Greg Normandin, CC's director, was impressed with both Paul and Ryan's talents, bravery, and composure to perform in front of so many. Congratulations to both Paul and Ryan for representing St. Mary School in such a grand way. We are very proud of you!

\*Thank you to Mr. deBeauclair for coming in to make ginger bread houses with the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes this week. As usual they smell wonderful. The classes did a great job decorating them and they are on display in the showcase in the Gathering Space for all of you to see. Also, thank you Mr. Wise for helping glue the houses together!

\***CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** is coming soon! It will be on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 pm. Students in grades K to 5 should arrive at 6:45 and go to their classrooms. Students in grades 6 to 8 should arrive at 6:30 to put costumes on. Dress attire for the elementary students should be their Christmas best, NO JEANS. We will begin the night with the Band students playing a few tunes to get us in the mood and then we will begin our program of *Christmas Special Delivery*. The children and teachers have been working very hard to get this polished and I am sure you will enjoy it.

**Gentle Reminder:** The cost of a lunch ticket for grades K to 5 is \$2.35 for a single lunch and \$11.75 for a full ticket of 5 lunches; for grades 6 to 8 the price of a single lunch is \$2.60 and \$13.00 for a full

ticket of 5 lunches. It is very helpful if the correct amount is sent in whenever possible. Thank you so much.

**God's Blessings,**

**Veronica Kinsey**

## **THE CLASSROOM WINDOW**

### **Sixth Grade News**

We are studying how God forms a family of faith through Abraham and Jacob in Religion.

In English we are studying the basic sentence parts. In particular, the subject, predicate, direct object and indirect object.

In Literature we are reading the novel "Where the Red Fern Grows."

We are studying 'Plate Tectonics' in Science.

In Math we are working with fractions and mixed numbers.

In Social Studies we are studying Ancient Egypt.

**We will be going on our cross country skiing and building a fire and shelter field trip, on Thursday, January 21, 2010.**

## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

### **Calling all beach bums...**

- This year the auction team is making our St. Mary families part of the décor, so we are looking for your
- family beach photos!! Submit any photo of your family on the beach – either hard copy to the office labeled "beach photo" or electronically to [onthesth@charter.net](mailto:onthesth@charter.net). Your photo will be added to the St. Mary Beach Bum Wall!
- The Auction Team is in need of large baskets!
- Watch for details coming in December regarding classroom competitions!
- Visit with friends, make cooking for your family easier, and help our school! Please plan to attend a Pampered Chef party Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. to support the auction!
- THANK YOU to Rina Malcolm for helping us obtain books from the book fair. The baskets we are able to make with these books are always a big hit!
- Thanks also to Linda Schneider, Joann Jessop, and Scott Oakes for procuring items.
- A HUGE thanks as well to Debbie Miller and Kerri Cross for procuring all of our live items and SO MUCH MORE!!
- Also, remember that the earlier you get in your family's donations, the better!!

# **St. Mary's Christmas Program is just around the corner and "The Jacket" needs to be stuffed before the holidays**

**"The Jacket" will be seeking donations at the St. Mary Christmas Program. Please encourage grandparents, aunts, uncles, and family members to stuff "The Jacket" with lots of cash. The Christmas Program will be a great opportunity for them to show their support for St. Mary School.**

**WHERE:** St. Mary Christmas Program

**WHEN:** Thursday December 17<sup>th</sup> before and after the Christmas program

**The Jacket will be on display and seeking donations in and around the school. Please do take a minute to stuff The Jacket.**

## **Book Fair:**

I would like to thank all who supported the St. Mary's Book Fair. We were able to earn over \$1,100 in cash and earned an additional \$270 in a Scholastic voucher to benefit our school library!

Special thanks to the many volunteers who stepped up to help with the book fair this year: Mrs. Menosky, Mrs. Cross, Mr. Wise, Mr. Nickels, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Birdsong, Mrs. Sullivan, Ms. Wlodyga, Mrs. McGlade, Mrs. Warshal, Mrs. Liddy, Mr. Gavlinski, Mrs. Flaherty, Mrs. Domen, Mrs. Salowitz, Mrs. Falinski, Mrs. Frost, Mrs. Adams & Mrs. Rau. Whether it was helping with set-up, take-down, sales, or the teachers' breakfast, I couldn't have done it without you!

I, also, want to thank Mrs. Kinsey for helping me out with all the organizing and "special requests" that go along with the book fair, Mrs. Smith for helping to wrap up the fair, and I can't forget Dee & Diane for their extra work hauling in and out tables for the event.

I feel truly blessed to be a part of this school...  
Rina Malcolm

## **Coat/Sock/Men's Clothes Drive:**

The Christian Service team will be collecting coats, socks (gently used is preferred) and men's clothing for the Flint area. Please leave the items in the church or school office. Thank you for your help. If you have any questions, please call Julie Flaherty 734-878-9547 or [soccermom07@gmail.com](mailto:soccermom07@gmail.com)

## **Howell Nature Center:**

**Hayride with Santa - December 11 & 12!**

Enjoy a delightful hayride with Santa, sing your favorite holiday songs, and warm up with hot chocolate and cookies. Adults \$8 & Children \$6 Hayrides are at 6 pm, 7 pm & 8 pm. Advance Reservation Required!

## **Camp Frosty!**

(Day Camp K - 5th Grades) Christmas Break December 23, 28, 29 & 30 Keep your children busy during the Holiday Break! Nature Activities, Crafts, Games, Wildlife Park Tours, Snowshoeing, Cross Country, Skiing, Sledding and more! Payment required in advance. 8:30am - 4:00pm \$32 per day.

