

MARION MESSENGER

January 7, 2010

WEEK-AT-GLANCE

Friday, January 8, 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All School Mass – Grade 8• Popcorn Day - \$.25• First Friday Food Drive• Progress Reports Go Home – Grades 5 - 8
Monday, January 11, 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Morning Prayer – Grade 5
Tuesday, January 12, 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boys JV Basketball @ Away Livingston Christian 4:30 PM• Boys Varsity Basketball @ Away Livingston Christian 5:30 PM
Wednesday, January 13, 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Primary Mass – Grade 4• PTC Meeting – 7:00 PM Multi-Use Room
Thursday, January 14, 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boys JV Basketball @ Home Holly 5:00 PM• Boys Varsity Basketball @ Home Holly 6:00 PM
Friday, January 15, 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9:00- All School Mass - Grade 5
Saturday, January 16, 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Euchre Party – 6:00 PM to benefit the 8th Grade class trip
Monday, January 18, 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NO SCHOOL, daycare available

CALEDNAR CHANGE

THERE WILL BE NO HOT LUNCH AND NO PM BUS SERVICE ON JANUARY 29TH

REMINDER:

**ELEMENTARY LUNCH TICKETS ARE \$11.75
(5 LUNCHES)**

MIDDLE SCHOOL LUNCH TICKETS ARE \$13 (5 LUNCHESES)

PRINCIPAL POINTS:

*I would like to thank the following families for helping us raise money this week working at the Shark Club: Slotnick, Grossmeyer, Flaherty, Cross, McGlade, Aten, deBeauclair, Huyck, Hickman, Oakes, Myher, Jessop, Boote, Schultz, and Wing. We will have the final totals available at the PTC Meeting next Wednesday, but I do know that after one night of 4 people working they were able to raise \$600 for our school! (That was on the slow night!) That works out to be about \$17.50 an hour per worker! That is pretty good compared to the \$3.00 an hour for working bingo per worker. More details about the benefits of the Shark Club to come at the PTC Meeting on Wednesday, January 13th @ 7:00.

*Catholic Schools Week is coming soon; January 31 to February 5. We will be having a School Mass on Sunday, January 31st at the 11:30 Mass. I am looking for school parents who are Eucharistic Ministers, a family to take home the Chalice, greeters, and a family to carry up the gifts. After looking at the schedule for that mass, we already had school families scheduled to be altar servers and readers so that will stay the same. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in taking on one of these roles. I would like as many school families there as possible and would appreciate any student who would like to wear their school uniform or at least Wildcat wear.

Have a great week,

Veronica Kinsey

St. Mary Latchkey and Daycare

Monday, January 18, 2010

WHAT: Go sledding, participate in a play about young Martin, make a peace quilt, watch MLK's famous speech

WHEN: 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. On our NO SCHOOL day

Think about this - what is **YOUR** dream for:

Yourself? Your family? Your community? Your country? Your world?

THE CLASSROOM WINDOW

Third Grade News

Happy New Year and welcome to 2010! The third grade has many things in store for the new decade. Our study in Religion will focus on Jesus' coming, his work, and his teaching. The students will learn what God is like, and they are invited to live the spirit of God's kingdom by loving others as Jesus has loved them. We can show by example as we continue our two service projects: welcoming the newly baptized into our St. Mary Parish family and writing to our very special senior citizen.

In Language Arts we will be covering many different topics. Our grammar lessons will include learning to use adjectives and adverbs with our writing activities'. In Reading we begin a new theme called Indredible stories. Students learn that a fantasy story includes events that can not happen in real life. It may also include realistic details. Our first story Dogzilla by Dav Pilkey is a class favorite! Learning to count and use money is our focus in Math. In this chapter we will practice counting coins and learn how to make change. In Science we are seeing how animals and plants interact together in different habitats. Finally, we are beginning to see how our government can affect us at the local, county, state and national levels in our Social Studies chapter.

We wish you God's blessings in the New Year!

Fifth Grade News

The fifth grade has continued to work very hard over the past few weeks. We are trying to implement strategies to help us grow in the areas we identified during our student led conferences. We are working to apply our different strategies in all of our content areas. We are completing our study of European exploration of the Americas, and will begin looking at how European settlement grew throughout our country. In Science we are completing our work in living systems and will focus after the New Year on how systems interact in nature. In English we are learning the many different forms of verbs and the different usages that go with them. We also continually work on our writing skills. Religion finds us working to give gifts to Jesus during this season of advent, as well as learning more in depth about the Eucharist. Math has us mastering our skills in division with both whole numbers as well as decimals. We have worked very hard during the first part of this school year and are looking forward to a well-deserved break! Merry Christmas from fifth grade!

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. Your photo will be added to the St. Mary Beach Bum Wall!

The Auction Team is in need of large baskets!

You are invited!! Please join us for a **Pampered Chef Party** to benefit the St. Mary School Auction. The Pampered Chef Benefit will be **Tuesday, Jan. 12 at 7 p.m.** in the multi-use room. St. Mary friend Renee Chodkowski will demonstrate wonderful Pampered Chef products and prepare delicious food. Renee generously donates her time for this party each year. Products earned at the party help make wonderful, highly sought-after baskets for the auction.

So come enjoy the food, purchase some quality items for your kitchen (these items also make wonderful gifts), and help support St. Mary Catholic School at the same time! Please RSVP to Holly Oakes at (734) 878-5433 or hoakes@gmail.com. If you can't make it, let us know if you would like to pick up a brochure and perhaps you can still order.

Also, the Beach Bash is getting closer ... be sure to mark your calendars for the auction on Saturday, April 17.

HAVE YOU SEEN “THE JACKET”?

WHAT: St. Mary 2010 Traveling Jacket. One of a kind embroidered Columbia fleece jacket
WHERE: On display and seeking donations at St. Mary School and parish events
WHEN: Now – Auction night (April 17, 2010)
WHY: To create an item for the LIVE Auction and to provide the winning bidder with cash

HOW TO DONATE: Stuff “The Jacket” with cash donations (few dollars, \$20, \$100, or any bill amount) whenever you see it on display

HOW TO WIN: Bid on “The Jacket” and unknown amount of cash stuffed into the jacket up to the LIVE auction. Winning bidder receives jacket AND the unknown amount of cash. Be the winning bidder to get the cash.

Be the first to own “The St. Mary Traveling Jacket” and you will go home with a *fleece full of funds.*

FYI THE JACKET IS STARTING TO FILL UP I WONDER HOW MUCH IS IN THERE?!

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

Thank You:

We would like to thank you for the generous Christmas gift. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated. God Bless all of you, St. Mary Aides, Pam, Val, Maryanne, Sarah, and Deb.