

# MARION MESSENGER

January 21, 2010

## WEEK-AT-GLANCE

Friday, January 22, 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All School Mass – Grade 6</li><li>• Boys JV Basketball Tournament AWAY @ Charyl Stockwell TBA</li><li>• Knights of Columbus Daddy Daughter Dance</li></ul>
Saturday, January 23, 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Boys JV Basketball Tournament AWAY @ Charyl Stockwell TBA</li><li>• Knights of Columbus Vegas Night</li></ul>
Sunday, January 24, 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting – 10:15 am – 11:20 am</li></ul>
Monday, January 25, 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Morning Prayer – Grade 3</li><li>• Start of Iowa Testing – Grades 4 – 8</li></ul>
Tuesday, January 26, 2010	
Wednesday, January 27, 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Market day Pick-Up</li></ul>
Thursday, January 28, 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4<sup>th</sup> &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip – Michigan Theater – Ann Arbor</li><li>• Boys Varsity Basketball Tournament AWAY @ LCS TBA</li></ul>
Friday, January 29, 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All School Mass – Grade 4</li><li>• <b>NO HOT LUNCH</b></li><li>• <b>NO DISMISSAL BUS SERVICE</b></li><li>• Boys Varsity Basketball Tournament AWAY @ LCS TBA</li></ul>
Saturday, January 30, 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Boys Varsity Basketball Tournament AWAY @ LCS TBA</li></ul>

### REMINDER:

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

**MIDDLE SCHOOL LUNCH TICKETS ARE  
\$13.00 (5 LUNCHES)**

## PRINCIPAL POINTS:

Dear Families,

\*We have our ministries ready for our Catholic School Week Mass on January 31<sup>st</sup> at the 11:30 mass. They are as follows: **Lectors:** Tim Burke, Dustin Wise; **Altar Servers:** Rachel Menosky, Ryan Burke, Brody Burke; **Gifts:** McGlade Family; **Challis:** Miller Family; **Greeters:** Haynes Family, Reynolds/Woldyga Family, Flaherty Family; **Eucharistic Ministers:** Dan Hall, Debbie and Brad Miller, Lisa Wack, Heather and Paul Menosky, Imelda Liddy, and Michelle Moenart; **Youth Cantors:** Sean Miller, Zach Westerberg, and Brendan Burke. I hope that all can make the mass in support of our wonderful school.

\*There is a letter going home today to all current sixth and seventh graders about a Diocesan Scholarship opportunity. Two hundred scholarships will be awarded at \$500.00 each for those who qualify. Scholarship applications will be available on the Greater Lansing Catholic Education Foundation website ([www.glcef.org](http://www.glcef.org)) on or before February 1, 2010. Awards will be announced in May. Please read the letter carefully to get all of the information about this great opportunity for your child. Ask your child for the letter today.

\*Our classroom competition for Auction items is well under way. At the moment it is a close race with 3<sup>rd</sup> grade in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and 1<sup>st</sup> grade in 1<sup>st</sup> place. All the other grades are quickly catching up. Do you want to you're your child's teacher the day off and your child a pizza party with Mr. Aten? How about a half day off for 2<sup>nd</sup> place with Mr. Cowdrey as your child's teacher? Competition will end on Friday, February 5, 2010!

Have a great week,

Veronica Kinsey

# THE CLASSROOM WINDOW

## First Grade News

In the First Grade we have been busy with the usual first grade things...learning how to read, write, and do computations. However, we have also been busy with other and equally important things. We have made a blanket with our own hands for a child in need. We have donated our own money for the poor, for infants, and for the Red Cross. We are trying our best not only to become good readers, but to also become good citizens.

It is hard to believe we are nearing the half way mark of the school year. As we head into the second half of the year, there will be many additions to the first grade curriculum. We will start taking spelling tests. We will finish our science program and begin social studies. We will also start working hard on our basic math facts. Plus, in February, we will finally get a chance to lead the whole school at morning prayer!

We are looking forward to some exciting excursions as well. If Mother Nature is willing to give us some more snow, we will have a sledding day...or two. Also, in May, we will go tour the Chelsea Milling Company. (It is a first grade tradition that I am looking forward to carrying on.)

There are many goals that we have already reached this year, but we are looking forward to stretching ourselves to reach even more.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Calling all beach bums...

## BEACH BASH

Saturday April 17, 2010

St. Mary School will be transformed into a beach side get-away complete with our version of *Jimmy Buffet's* famous Margaritaville, and Fisherman's Wharf with the "Catch of the Day". Relax and enjoy great sea-side foods and tropical drinks as you are entertained by the sounds and artistry of our live entertainment sponsors **EmptyCanvas**. [www.emptycanvaslive.com](http://www.emptycanvaslive.com) See you at the BEACH!

- Catch a Wave – or a great *LIVE* item

### Principals Backpack

Always a hot item with the kids! One child will get to feel what it's like to sit behind the desk of a principal and Mrs. Kinsey will get to feel what it's like to sit behind the desk of your child. The winning child will be front and center outside to greet the children as they arrive for school. Your child will have the opportunity to be in charge during Morning Prayer and make their own announcements. There will be

opportunities for your child to go into the classrooms during the day to observe, help out, or ask the students questions about what they are learning. Included are 5 dress down passes for your child so they can wear what they want and you can let them stay up late watching a movie because on this day, they will have no homework (per teacher's discretion). Better yet they will be the envy of their classmates at lunch because Mrs. Kinsey will take your child out to lunch that day. And for you, 6 front row seats at the 2010 Christmas Program. What a way to end the year!

## • **The Pipeline - what's happening**

Saturday Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> – CROP Day, auction fundraiser. All crafters welcome. \$10 includes pizza lunch and drinks. Register in the gathering space or email [Pamonthe8th@charter.net](mailto:Pamonthe8th@charter.net).

Tuesday March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jewelry fundraiser in the St. Mary Multi-Purpose room. Watch for details.

## • **DUDE! - we need these items**

Costco Gift Cards (any denomination – needed to finish LIVE package)  
Rockband Wii  
Drink Mixers  
Entertaining Sets  
Sports Tickets (Suites too!)  
Kitchen Items  
Signed Sports Memorabilia  
Entertaining Serving Sets  
Golf Excursions

## • **WipeOut – décor wishlist**

Surf boards  
Large pieces of cardboard  
Wooden ships wheel  
Baskets  
Family Beach Photos  
St. Mary Kids with Rods & Reels (fishing photos)

## • **Surfs Up – Supporters**

*Gnarly* thanks to the Schmidt/Ickes, Domen, and Wing families for their cash donations. And to the Aten, O'Donohue, Flaherty, Wise, Wack, Miller, Wilson, L. Gonzalez, McGlade, Braciszewski, deBeauclair, Falinski, Oakes, Plait, Nagy, and Schultz families for their item donations. HANG TEN to the Kukalis, Cross, Sanchez, Stepaniak, and Plait families for their LIVE item contributions. These families will all receive points towards their children's class for an end of the year party. Finally, the auction team would like to recognize Rina Malcolm and the Library Staff for sharing some of their "scholastic" money to purchase books for our baskets.



Visit the link on the school homepage for more details.

# 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.***