

THE MARIAN MESSENGER

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Week-At-A-Glance

Friday, September 14, 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All School Liturgy – Grade 7 @ 9:00 AM
Monday, September 17, 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Morning Prayer – Grade 6• Kindergarten Begin Full Days
Tuesday, September 18, 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Picture Day• Co-Ed Soccer AWAY @ Child of Christ @ 4:30pm• Girls J. V. Volleyball AWAY @ Child of Christ @ 4:30pm
Wednesday, September 19, 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Primary School Liturgy – Grade 5 @ 9:00 AM• Market Day Pick-Up
Thursday, September 20, 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4th Grade Fieldtrip to Hudson Mills• Kindergarten Fieldtrip to Leslie Science Center• Co-Ed Soccer AWAY @ Holly @ 5:00pm• Girls J. V. Volleyball AWAY @ Holly @ 5:00pm• Girls Varsity Volleyball AWAY @ Holly @ 6:00pm

Principal Points:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

- Thank you to Mrs. Hall for speaking with our students about the upcoming St. Mary School Walkathon 2007! This event will be an opportunity to build community in our school, promote exercise and better health, raise funds for technology and other special programs, and improve upon our commitment to help others in the community through a 15% donation of all proceeds to Gleaners Food Bank.
- Thanks again for attending “Back to School Night,” especially to the teachers and staff members who worked so hard to get ready for the evening and to PTC for bringing together the many volunteers who do so much to support the school. See you at “Skeets and Cleats 2007!”
- Please review, complete, and return the packet of documents that were sent home on the first day of school. The **Emergency Cards, Covenant, Picture Release Form, Driver’s Information, Medication Form, and Verification of Handbook Receipt** are all due by Friday, September 14. Thank you for your time and consideration.
- Looking ahead: Tuesday, 9/18, is Picture Day; Wednesday, 9/19, is Market Day; and Thursday, 9/20, Grade 4 has a field trip to Hudson Mills.
- I updated the St. Mary Catholic School Parent-Student Handbook after receiving input from Fr. Bill and the staff of the school. As the Principal of the school, it is my responsibility to conduct an annual review of school policies and procedures and make appropriate changes that will facilitate good school practices, and in this case, a smooth transition to a new administration.

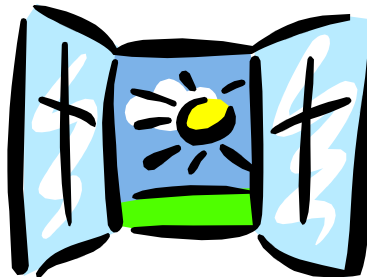
Some dress code requirements with regard to Mass were withdrawn in order to support a more even approach to the dress code in general and to reduce the disruption caused by the practice of changing in and out of different versions of uniforms during Wednesday and Friday school days. The withdrawal of the requirements does not prohibit students from wearing more formal clothing for Mass, and students may continue to do so in order to reflect individual family choices for Mass attire.

Certainly, this change is not appropriate to the generation of a referendum on the school dress code, nor is it to be construed, in any way, as a request to retreat from a level of piety that fits with individual family approaches to faith formation.

Indeed, my message to our students before our first Mass last Friday was to listen carefully to the Gospel and to determine ways in which to live the teachings found there. I will continue to support that message, and I am hopeful that we can all agree to that approach.

Best regards,
John Gilboe

THE WINDOW



First Grade News:

The First Graders are off to a great start so far this year. We are getting to know one another and are learning all of the rules in the school and classroom that help us to be in a safe and caring environment. To help us with this, we are learning about our good friend Jesus who is always with us and how great God is. We are also learning to read, write numbers correctly, cutting on lines, and using just the right amount of glue. We have so much to learn this year and are so excited to be here.

Happy Fall!

Library News:

Congratulations to the students who have been informed that the poem(s) they submitted to Pine Tree Poetry will be published. St. Mary School will recognize these students at the end of September or the beginning of October.

Library Birthday Club information will be coming home soon!

The Library needs 1st grade parents to assist the librarian Tuesday afternoon, 12:45p.m. – 1:30pm. Please consider helping. Our children love to see us around school! Please contact April Frost (517) 404-2791 or Heather Burton (734)878-3631 if you can help.

We can e-mail! We would like to keep you informed of your student's library schedule, special events, and those ever so dreaded overdue notices. Send your email address to: library@stmarypinckney.org to participate.

Clothing Exchange:

The clothing exchange is over. Please pick up your clothing by Wednesday, September 19th. Clothing that is not picked up by then will be donated. Thank you for your cooperation.

For Your Information:

1. Asbestos Notification:

As required by law we are notifying parents/legal guardians that our new facility is asbestos free. The required documents are on file in the school office and are available upon request.

2. Bingo:

Stay tuned. . . Bingo will return soon.

3. School Directory:

If you do not want your address or phone information published in the school directory, please contact the school office by September 21st.

4. Picture Day:

Picture day will be Tuesday, September 18th. The 3 year old preschool will be photographed on this day, along with kindergarten through 8th grades. The 4 year old preschool class will be photographed on Retake day which will be held on a Monday, Wednesday, or Friday. When this date is available we will publish it. Please remember to dress your child(ren) appropriately. If your child(ren) is wearing something sleeveless please have them bring in a sweater or jacket to wear or a change of clothes. Thank you for your assistance.

5. Altar Servers:

If you are in grades 5 – 8 and interested in becoming an Altar Server please sign up at the school office.

There is a **MANDATORY MEETING** on Sunday, October 7th following the 11:30 Mass for all servers (new and old).

6. PTC News:

It was wonderful to see such a great turnout for Back to School Night. We had 101 of 124 families in attendance! Please mark your calendars with the following **PTC Meeting Dates** for the year:

September 27th, October 25th, January 24th, March 20th, May 22nd

The meetings fall on Thursday evenings and begin at 7:00 pm. The agenda for the meeting will be attached to the Messenger one week prior to the meeting date. Please plan to attend as the meetings are your best opportunity to learn about school programs and to share your ideas.

Raffle Tickets – If you did not pick up your Raffle tickets on Back to School Night, please contact the school office. They need to be signed out, so they cannot be sent home with your children.

Skets and Cleats – Brochures with details are located on the information table outside the school office. The event will take place on Saturday, September 29th. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to this school fundraiser.

7. Cub Scout News:

Join Cub Scouts! On Monday, September 17th, St. Mary Cub Scout Pack 311 will host our annual Fall Round-Up. Boys in 1st – 4th grade can attend our Fall Round-up at 6:30pm in the Multi-use room to get more information or sign up for Cub Scouts. We hope to see you there! If you have any questions please contact Leo Gonzalez at 734-878-2982.

8. VIRTUS – Protecting God’s Children:

The upcoming classes in our area are at the following sites:

You will need to contact the parish you are attending and go to www.virtus.org to register. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the school office.

Monday, October 15th @ 6:30 PM at St. Francis of Assisi in Ann Arbor.

9. Education Team News:

Your Education Team needs You! - The Education Team consists of parishioners that have students enrolled in our religious education program, or attend St. Mary School. We also need parishioners to represent the "parish at large" including our "youth". We meet once a month on the second Wednesday. This month our meeting will be held on September 19th at 7:00pm.

Please contact Bob Galloway at 517-545-4849 if you are interested in joining the team, or would like to obtain more information. No experience is necessary.

10. Attention Ministers:

Attention ministers! We need to have all returning ministers fill out a form to renew their commitment to serve in the 2007-08 year. There is a table in the gathering space for this. Training for NEW Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Proclaimers of the Word, Ushers and Greeters will be held Wed. Sept. 19th from 7-9pm and on Sat. Sept 22 from 10-12 noon. Training for ALL altar servers both new and old will be on Sun. Oct 7th after the 11:30 Mass. Please sign up after mass. If you have any questions, contact the office.

11. Life Issues Conference:

You won't want to miss the Life Issues Conference this year. Our featured speaker is Michael Voris, host of the weekly Catholic television program "The One True Faith". Catch his show Sundays at 6:30pm on WADL-TV 38. The theme of this year's conference is "Living the Gospel Values in a Secular World". Michael's passion and desire for our faith, joined with his extensive media background makes him a dynamic and inspiring speaker. Look for our brochures near the board of quotes by parishioners who attended the taping of some of his shows. The Life Issues Conference will be held on Sunday, October 14th from 12:30 – 4:00 pm.

Registration is due by October 1st. For more information please call Debbie Coffelt at 734-878-0622.