

THE MARIAN MESSENGER

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Thursday, September 20, 2007

Week-At-A-Glance

Friday, September 21, 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All School Liturgy – Grade 6 @ 9:00 AM
Monday, September 24, 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Morning Prayer – Grade 5
Tuesday, September 25, 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fall Sports Pictures - Co-Ed Soccer and Girls Volleyball @ 3:30pm• Girls Varsity Volleyball HOME @ 5:30 PM vs. Cornerstone
Wednesday, September 26, 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Middle School Liturgy – Grade 7 @ 9:00 AM
Thursday, September 27, 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Walkathon @ 9:00 AM• Co-Ed Soccer AWAY @ HAACH @ 4:30PM• Girls Varsity Volleyball HOME @ 5:00 & 6:00 PM vs. St. Pat's• PTC Meeting @ 7:00 PM in the Multi-use Room

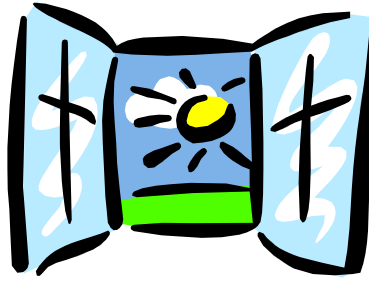
Principal Points:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

- The Walkathon is scheduled for **Thursday, September 27**, following Morning Prayer. The first permission slip that went home incorrectly identified the day and the date for the event. My apologies for the error. Thanks again to Lori Hall and all of the other volunteers who have been working to make the Walkathon a great success.
- Dr. Kevin Flaherty, a St. Mary School dad, will speak to our students on Monday, September 24, about the importance of good nutrition and exercise as a prelude to our Walkathon. Thank you Dr. Flaherty!
- Speaking of upcoming dates: The Christmas Concert this year will be on **Thursday, December 20**, so mark your calendars!
- I hope to see you at "Skeets and Cleats 2007!" This event is a great opportunity to have some fall sports fun and support St. Mary School at the same time. See you there!
- Thank you to Pinckney Chrysler, Dan Hall, the PTC, and Amy Salowitz for sponsoring and organizing the "Ride and Drive" on August 26. The event was a huge success for St. Mary School and culminated in the presentation of a check for \$670.00 to the school. Thanks again to all who participated!
- St. Mary School has been the beneficiary of a donation of a very nice spinet piano from Mr. Ed Greener, a local resident. We're now in need of a permanent piano dolly for the instrument so that it may be moved freely about for music practice, particularly for our student Masses. If you have a suggestion about where we might obtain a dolly, or if you know someone who could build one, please contact Mr. Gilboe in the school office. Thank you!

Best regards,
John Gilboe

THE WINDOW



Third Grade News:

It's only the third week of school but check out all the things we have already accomplished. We have been spending time learning how to follow classroom procedures. We have also been learning how to stay organized by using our assignment notebooks. So far everyone is trying their best to follow the rules and get all their assignments completed and handed in on time. Keep up the good work! We are also getting used to having even more hard covered textbooks.

Our new math series has been challenging our addition and subtraction skills. Soon we will be moving on to place value and number sense. In Science we have already completed three investigation activities while we are learning all about plants. Our writing skills are already off to a great start as we have completed our first descriptive paragraph in our writing journals. Finally in Religion God is challenging us to use all of the many gifts and talents he has given to us. What a wonderful way to begin a new year in Third Grade!

Library News:

Most students visited the library for the first time this week. Parents, it is important that you help your child remember on his or her scheduled library day to return the book they borrowed. Your student will not be allowed to check out a new book until the previous book has been returned. We appreciate your partnership in teaching our students to be good library patrons.

Thanks to the help of our many parent volunteers, I am please to announce the library is open daily from 1:00-3:15 p.m. and Wednesday mornings from 9-Noon. Parents, please take note of our weekly class schedule so that you can remind your student when it is their library day.

Monday: 4th and 5th grades

Tuesday: K-Torongo and 1st grade

Wednesday: 3rd grade

Thursday: K-Trierweiler, 6th and 7th grade

Friday: 2nd and 8th

Please remember to complete the Library Birthday enrollment form and return it to school soon!

For Your Information:

1. Cleats & Skeets:

As we're sure you've heard, the PTC is sponsoring an event on Saturday, September 29th called **Cleats and Skeet's**. This is a fundraiser with all proceeds going to the tuition reduction fund, directly benefiting all school families. We're asking each family to help by participating in either the golf outing or skeet shooting event or by recruiting a participant to attend. Please refer to attached flyer for further information.

Cleats and Skeet's Committee

2. 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.

3. 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).**

4. Bingo:

Bingo will return soon . . . please stay tuned.

5. PTC News:

Skeets 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 *NEW* school fundraiser.

PTC General Meeting – The first general meeting will be held on Thursday, September 27th at 7:00 pm in the multi-use room. The agenda is attached to this Messenger.

6. Advancement Team:

The St. Mary School Advancement team wants to get the word out about the wonderful people and activities we have at our school! Many of you may have noticed the increased newspaper coverage St. Mary's received last year. We would like to continue, and possibly even to expand upon, that coverage this year. In order to achieve this, we need YOUR help! Please keep your eyes and ears open for newsworthy happenings in our school – special class projects, unique activities in or out of school in which a student or teacher may be involved, athletic accomplishments, the possibilities are endless. Remember, we submit items to the news media – publishing the items remains in their hands. Nevertheless, this may be the chance to get your child, or class, or friends in the news! If you have an item you think we should submit as a press release, please contact Heather Schultz at (810) 623-7310, or by e-mail at dhschultz@peoplepc.com. Also don't be afraid to mention ideas if you see me around school! We're also hoping to set up a story suggestion box in the school; watch for updates in the Messenger!

Also, if you or someone you know is a second generation student at St. Mary's, please let us know! We are hoping to submit a story about these unique families to local media sources.

7. 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.

Saturday, September 22nd @ 9:00 AM at St. Andrew in Saline.

Saturday, September 29th @ 9:00 AM at St. Mary Student Parish in Ann Arbor.

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

8. 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.

9. M.O.M.S. Group News:

To all of the incredible moms who spend hours with infants, toddlers, preschoolers and older children: Are you yearning for some fellowship with other moms? Need a spiritual pick-me-up? Need a night away to refresh and renew? Then the St. Mary M.O.M.'S. group is for you, Ministry of Moms Sharing! We meet twice a month, on Monday evenings, to break open the Word of God for the upcoming Sunday liturgy. We read, share, discuss, and support one another as moms of faith.

Join us Monday, October 1st at 7:00pm in Meeting Room A. We look forward to seeing new faces and sharing our journey of parenting in faith together. For more information, contact Debbie Miller at (734) 878-5595 or Kathy Peavyhouse at (734) 878-1368.

Martha, Martha, Martha!!!

Are you a Martha or a Mary? How can you make the better choices in life? The MOMS Group will be reading a book this fall titled: "**Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World**" by **Joanna Weaver - Finding Intimacy with God in the Busyness of Life**. Ms. Weaver shows how all of us-Marys and Marthas alike-can draw closer to our Lord, deepening our devotion, strengthening our service, and doing both with less stress and greater joy. Along with our bi-monthly meetings to break open the Word, we'll be discussing this facinating and highly recommended book. If you are interested in ordering the book for yourself, please contact Lori Nickels @ 810-231-0095 or t13j5@yahoo.com to request an order. Books are \$11.20. Orders will be taken until Oct. 1st.

For more information on the book contact Debbie Miller at (734) 878-5595.

9. 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.