

# THE MARIAN MESSENGER

## SAINT MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

EXCELLENCE IN FAITH + SCHOLARSHIP + SERVICE

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**Thursday, October 4, 2007**

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### Week-At-A-Glance

Friday, October 5, 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>NO BAND CLASS – CLASS RESUME OCT. 8<sup>th</sup></b></li><li>• All School Liturgy – Grade 4 @ 9:00 AM</li><li>• First Friday Food Drive</li><li>• Popcorn Day</li><li>• 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat</li></ul>
Sunday, October 7, 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>MANDATORY ALTAR SERVERS MEETING for all RETURNING AND NEW SERVERS following the 11:30 AM Mass</b></li></ul>
Monday, October 8, 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Band Class Resume</li><li>• Morning Prayer – Grade 3</li></ul>
Tuesday, October 9, 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>School Spirit Day</b></li><li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Fieldtrip – Ford Rouge Factory Tour</li><li>• Bucket Man to visit 4<sup>th</sup> Grade</li><li>• Co-Ed Soccer @ <b>HOME</b> vs. St. Joe's @ 4:30 PM</li><li>• Girls Volleyball @ <b>HOME</b> vs. St. Joe's, J.V. @ 4:30 PM and Varsity @ 5:30 PM</li></ul>
Wednesday, October 10, 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Middle School Communion Service – Grade 6 @ 9:00 AM</li></ul>
Thursday, October 11, 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• P-3 Fieldtrip to Towne Square Pizza</li><li>• Co-Ed Soccer @ <b>HOME</b> @ Child of Christ @ 5:00 PM</li><li>• Girls J. V. Volleyball @ <b>HOME</b> @ Child of Christ @ 5:00 PM</li></ul>
Friday, October 12, 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All School Liturgy – Grade 8 @ 9:00 AM</li><li>• <b>Full Day of School – Dismissal at 3:00 PM</b></li><li>• Signed Progress Reports due back to Homeroom Teacher</li><li>• Fire Prevention Awareness Grades K - 3</li></ul>

### **Principal Points:**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

- The St. Mary School Walkathon was a huge success! This student-centered event achieved our goals of raising health awareness about good nutrition and exercise and the importance of reaching out to others in need. I am especially proud that St. Mary School students were able to raise \$1150.00 for Gleaners Food Bank. Thanks again to everyone who made this event possible.
- “Skeets and Cleats 2007” scorecard: Team - Salowitz, Sdao, and Gilboe.  
Mr. Salowitz: Definitely the heavy hitter in the group...Longest drive champ...Carried the team a good part of the day...

Mr. Sdao: Steady and even play all day...Did the rest of the heavy lifting for the team...Saved a very impressive championship putt for a special fan...

Mr. Gilboe: Weak link on the team...Will work during the off season on fundamentals...Did manage a closest-to-the-pin effort...

Big fun. Thanks to all who attended!

- During the month of October, we will say a decade of the rosary each day during morning prayer. Please don't forget to bring your rosaries.
- Salad Success! The new entry to the school lunch menu has been a big favorite.
- Spirit Packages are coming...don't miss your chance to purchase one!
- A couple of car loop reminders in the interest of safety:  
During morning arrival, please use the loop in the front of the school to drop students off, but don't park in the loop if you have some business to attend to in the school. Park in the main lot if you are coming into school, and leave the loop free for arriving students.

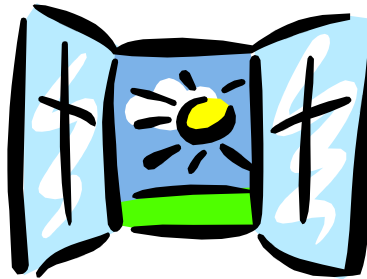
At dismissal, please park in the main lot and accompany your student(s) back to your car.  
Thank you!

- The St. Mary School calendar for January through June is included with the *Messenger* this week.
- Thank you for timely and complete tuition payments that follow the plan you selected at the beginning of the school year. If you are utilizing the monthly tuition plan, please remember that tuition is due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month. Thanks again for your time, consideration, and support.

Best regards,

John Gilboe

## THE WINDOW



### **Kindergarten News:**

The Kindergarten classes have been busy so far this year! We've been learning many important rules. We have rules for our classroom, the lunch room, the hallway, the playground, and our special classes. (There are so many rules to know!)

Luckily, we are not just learning about rules. We are also studying several other subjects. In science we've been discussing our 5 senses, why leaves change color, and how we can tell a new season is approaching. In math we are practicing using positional words (over, under, etc.) and sorting. In reading we are continuing to develop and improve our knowledge of the alphabet. So far in religion we've talked about how names, stories, and welcomes are good things from God.

But wait! That is not all! We've been putting to work Dr. Flaherty's advice about healthy living. Not only did we participate in the Walk-a-Thon, but each day we enjoy a healthy snack and make sure we exercise, even if it is only stretching.

We've started our wave of field trips. A few weeks ago we went to the Leslie Science Center to further explore the uses of our senses. Our second trip is planned too. We are going to Spicer's Orchard in October.

Now that we are comfortable with our school, we are really ready to get learning!

### **Band & Orchestra News:**

No Band or Orchestra classes from September 27<sup>th</sup> through October 5<sup>th</sup>. Classes will resume on will resume on Monday, October 8, 2007. Thank you for your cooperation, Dr. & Mrs. Braciszewski

## **For Your Information:**

### **1. Bingo Workers for Sunday, October 7, 2007:**

Position	Family/Person Responsible
Senior Chairperson	L. Gonzalez Family
Chairperson	Toy Family
Caller	Paul Redpath
Kitchen Worker	D. Jones Family
Floor Worker/Kitchen Worker/Tag	P. Miller Family
Floor Worker	Langford Family
Charity Game/Floor Worker	Domen Family
Charity Game/Floor Worker	

**Please Note if a schedule change has been submitted and does not show above please contact Melinda Gannon 810-231-3156.**

### **2. 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 7<sup>th</sup> following the 11:30 Mass for all servers (new and old).**

### **3. St. Mary Spirit Day:**

Join us in St. Mary Spirit Day on Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. The Athletic Department is offering a "Spirit Pack" - a St. Mary Wildcat T-shirt, a water bottle and a raffle ticket for the low price of \$5.00. Spirit Packs can be purchased on Friday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>, Monday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, Oct 9<sup>th</sup> from 3 – 4 pm in the Gathering Space. You can also send in your purchase requests to the office by labeling an envelope: "Spirit Pack".

Wear your St. Mary Wildcat attire (along with uniform bottoms or skirts) on Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> and show your School Spirit! Our Volleyball and Soccer teams will be hosting games against our rival St. Joe that evening. Please come and cheer on our teams. Remember to bring your water bottles for free beverages at the concession stand and your raffle ticket for special drawings. The drawing will take place between games for various prizes.

#### **4. Athletic News:**

Is anyone interested in being a track coach? I would like to put a team together for this coming spring. If you are interested please contact Jeff Gabel at 734-268-6292 or email at: Jeffrey.Gabel@Covidien.com.

#### **5. PTC News:**

**Skeets and Cleats** –Thank you to all those who organized, worked, or attended this event. We were blessed with a beautiful day.

**Bingo** – Bingo is back!! This fundraiser will be held on Sundays in the school gym. Smoking is prohibited in the school building. There will be a designated outdoor smoking area. Please spread the word to your friends and neighbors.

**Raffle** – Don't wait until the holidays begin to sell those raffle tickets! Please turn them in as you sell them to help the Kukalis family with record keeping.

#### **6. Road Rally:**

The Road Rally Fun-Raiser will be held October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Please join us as we unravel clues throughout Livingston County to get us to the final destination where food, pop, beer and wine will be served and prizes will be handed out. The cost is \$25.00 per person. The Registration Form is attached to this weeks Messenger.

#### **7. Walk-A-Thon Wrap-Up:**

What a perfect day we had for walking! We had a great turnout of parents and grandparents join us to walk with the kids, THANK YOU! Grades K-2 walked 2 miles and 3-8 walked the whole 5K! Mr. Gilboe and the teachers joined them. Four Hamburg police officers joined us along with Mr. Hur on his bike. (Mr. Hur is a police officer for Ann Arbor.) Thank you to all of them for keeping us safe! After the walk we gathered back at school for hot dogs donated by the Birdsong Family and served by Mr. Dunn's hot dog cart, what a treat! Thank you Mrs. Birdsong and Mr. Dunn.

Total funds raised: \$7,641.46! Gleaners Food Bank will receive \$1150.00! We had almost 100% participation, WAY TO GO KIDS!

1st place - Mrs. Kinsey's class received a dress down day, pizza party, extra recess, and an afternoon movie or games - they raised over \$1530.00!

2nd place - Mrs. Treiweiler's class received a dress down day

3rd place - Mrs. Torongo's class also received a dress down day

1st place student - Matthew Sherman won a bowling party for 10 at the Bowl-E-Drome in Howell, a \$50 gift card to Target and 15 car washes

2nd place student - Brendan Aten won a \$50 gift card to Target and 10 car washes

3rd place student - Devin Jones won a \$30 gift card to Target

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

#### **8. Auction:**

The Auction Team was looking for volunteers to help fill all the needed positions to enable us to have an auction this year for the school. We were in dire need of Chairpersons, and we are glad to announce that a Chairperson has been found. Please welcome Shannon Orlowski as this year's Auction Chairperson. Shannon has a Kindergartner and comes to the team with experience in planning big events. Also volunteering to help this year will be Pam McGlade and Gina Aten who will Co-Chair the Set- Up and

decorating. Kerri White has volunteered to Co-Chair the Check-In and Check-Out process. Please welcome them and thank them for stepping up into these roles.

We are still in need of ONE more Chairperson to complete the Team. The Program/Cataloging Co-Chair is needed and would be responsible for logging in all the items and various other tasks listed in the PIP Handbook. If you are good at Computers- you could do the job!! Please consider stepping up and helping us out this year. We are also in need of an Event Coordinator, Item Organizers, and a LIVE Auction Solicitor. Without these positions filled it will be difficult to hold an auction here at the school and will make others jobs that much harder. Please remember this is the schools "Largest" fundraiser and every person should do all they can to help make it as successful as it has been in past year. We are ready to start planning this event and we need you to help us out!!!

To volunteer, please contact Lori Nickels, Auction Marketing Co-Chair @ 810-231-0095 or [tl3j5@yahoo.com](mailto:tl3j5@yahoo.com).

## **9. 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](http://www.virtus.org) to register. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the school office.

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

## **10. High School Night:**

St. Joseph Middle School in Howell will be hosting their Annual High School Night on Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. Please meet in the Library promptly at 6:30 PM. The following High Schools will have presentations:

Lansing Catholic Central

Detroit Catholic Central

Ladywood

Mercy

Gabriel Richard

St. Thomas More Academy

Howell High School

Kensington Woods High School

## **11. Parish Directory:**

The sign up sheet for the Parish Directory hostess shifts is missing in action. If you signed up to work a shift, please contact Amy Salowitz at 734 878 0878 to reschedule.

Sorry for the inconvenience.

## **12. Life Issues Conference:**

Michael Voris, host of “The One True Faith” seen on WADL-TV Sundays @ 6:30 PM, will be our keynote speaker at the Life Issues Conference on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM. You won’t want to miss this expert on our Catholic faith speak out about living out that faith amid the media influences in our world. Register now by picking up one of our brochures in the church gathering space and filling out the form inside. You can drop them off at the parish office, in the collection basket or by giving it to Debbie Coffelt at the school. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie at 734-878-0622.

## **13. Life Chain:**

Please join with fellow parishioners and Pinckney area churches on Sanctity of Life Sunday for a public, prayerful, legal witness for life. During Life Chain, we hold signs, while silently praying for an end to abortion, a change of heart of abortionists, healing and forgiveness for those who may have experienced an abortion and in thanksgiving for the gift of life. Life Chain will be held between Dexter-Pinckney Road at M-52 and the Town Square on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 3 pm, rain or shine. Everyone is welcome. Please call Mark or Marianne Rose at 734-426-2880 for additional information.