

THE MARIAN MESSENGER

SAINT MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Thursday, October 11, 2007

Week-At-A-Glance

Friday, October 12, 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All School Liturgy – Grade 8 @ 9:00 AM• Full Day of School – Dismissal at 3:00 PM• Signed Progress Reports due back to Homeroom Teacher• Fire Prevention Awareness Grades K - 3
Monday, October 15, 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Morning Prayer – Grade 2• Girls Volleyball @ St. Pats – 7th @ 5:00 PM and 8th @ 6:00 PM
Tuesday, October 16, 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Co-Ed Soccer @ HOME vs. Holly @ 4:30 PM• Girls Volleyball @ HOME vs. Holly – 5th @ 4:30 PM, 6th @ 5:30 PM and 8th @ 6:30 PM
Wednesday, October 17, 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Primary School Liturgy – Grade 4 @ 9:00 AM• Picture Retake Day• Market Day• High School Night @ St. Joseph, Howell @ 6:30 PM
Thursday, October 18, 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Girls Varsity Volleyball @ Cornerstone @ 5:30 PM

Principal Points:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

- Fr. Bill and I have had an opportunity recently to review the 2007-2008 St. Mary School budget, and we'd like to share with you some general information. The total income for the school comes from three sources:

School Tuition: \$662,200
Fundraising: \$185,000
Parish Subsidy: \$198,000
Total Income: \$1,045,200

Total expenses that include:

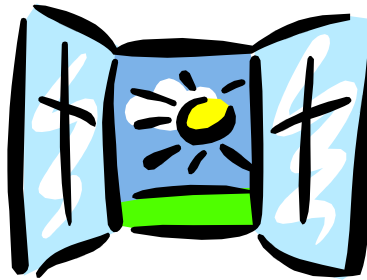
Wages and Benefits \$898,400
Books \$ 33,500
Utilities (prorated % of usage) \$ 81,400
Other (6% of expensed – classroom & office supplies, postage, maintenance repairs, etc.) \$67,700
Total Expenses: \$1,081,000

- Mrs. Langford informs us that as of October 8, 2007, the total number of Soup Label/Box Top points collected by our students is 1583! We are trying to reach our goal of 10,000 points, so, with three weeks left, it is time to SAVE, SAVE, SAVE! Grandparents and aunts and uncles can help too. Thanks, Mrs. Langford!
- We have been saying a decade of the rosary during the month of October as a wonderful addition to our morning prayer practice. Please don't forget to bring your rosaries.
- **Picture retake day is Wednesday, October 17.** Mark your calendar!

- The Putnam Township Fire Department will conduct a Fire Safety program for K-3 students on Friday, October 12.
- Bus dismissal will be early on Friday, October 12, at 3:00 p.m. The rest of the school will have a regular dismissal.
- You may have seen or heard about a child from Ann Arbor with measles, who had been previously immunized. Although there is no such case within the St. Mary School community, because of Ann Arbor's proximity, it is prudent to be vigilant and informed of events that occur near to us.

Best regards,
John Gilboe

THE WINDOW



Seventh Grade News:

The seventh graders are working hard as we reach the halfway point of the first quarter. In Religion, we are focusing on friendship with others, including the most important friendship of our lives – our friendship with Jesus. In Science, we are continuing our study of cells; come and check out our models of animal cells on display on the Middle School hall. We are learning to write, evaluate, and solve algebraic expressions and equations in Math.

We are also enjoying getting to know our first grade buddies, and we are looking forward to doing some fun projects with them.

Middle School Math News:

All of the Middle School students are excited at the prospect of being able to access their Math textbooks, as well as many other Math activities and tutorials, online. If you are a Middle School parent, you should have received a letter explaining this program, along with information on how to decline your student's online subscription. Please read the letter and talk about it with your middle school student. The deadline to opt out is Friday, October 12. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Dzombak.

Picture Retake Day:

Picture Retake Day is Wednesday, October 17th. This will be for any student who would like their picture retaken, any child that was absent on picture day and the 4 year old preschool class. If you would like to have your pictures retaken you must return your complete photo package, photos cannot be cut or altered. If you have any questions please contact the school office.

For Your Information:

1. PTC News:

Bingo – There were 72 players in attendance at our first non-smoking bingo. 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.

General Meeting Date – The next PTC general meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 25th at 7:00 pm. Please mark your calendars. Sgt. Doug LaLone will be there to discuss school safety.

2. **Bingo:**

Position	Family/Person Responsible
Senior Chairperson	Picano Family
Chairperson	Linville Family
Caller	Liddy Family
Kitchen Worker	Nagy Family
Floor Worker/Kitchen Worker/Tag	Nagy Family
Floor Worker	D. Gonzalez Family
Charity Game/Floor Worker	Cross Family
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Please Note if a schedule change has been submitted and does not show above please contact Melinda Gannon 810-231-3156.

3. **Cheerleading News:**

Attention all 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls! We need you!! Would you like to show some school spirit and have fun doing it? Do you like to dance, yell and work together as a team? Then we have a place for you! This year we will be learning a dance in addition to some new cheers. We are also going to do some mini workshops within our practice times with high school cheerleaders. Please let the office, Mrs. Mick @ 734-878-5662, Mrs. Wilenius @ 734-878-4468 or Mrs. Lefebvre @ 734-954-0644 know ASAP! See YOU Soon! GO WILDCATS!!!!

4. **Campbell Soup Label & Box Top News:**

Thanks to everyone who has been saving soup labels and box tops!

Reminder: Our contest continues through the end of October with the winning class receiving a class-wide dress down pass.

The top three classes as of Monday, October 8th are as follows:

1st Place – Mrs. Weber's second grade class with 608 points

2nd Place – Mrs. Mable's eighth grade class with 419 points

3rd Place – Ms. Trierweiler's kindergarten class with 257 points

The total number of points collected to date is 1,583.

Although we are a long way from meeting the 10,000 point challenge, we still have over three weeks left. Remember to SAVE, SAVE, SAVE! Encourage grandparents, aunts and uncles, and neighbors to help too! God bless all of you. In the end, St. Mary will be the ultimate winner!

Ann Langford
(Campbell's Soup Label and Box Tops for Education Mom)

5. **Road Rally:**

The Road Rally Fun-Raiser will be held October 20th 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 week's Messenger.

6. **Trip News:**

To keep our TRIP users up to date on incentives, discount and denomination changes, back orders and other TRIP information I would like to start emailing that to you. Please let me know if you are interested either by dropping me a note with your email address in the trip envelope in the school office or email me at: jncfalinski@sbcglobal.net

Thank you in advance. Christine Falinski

7. **Auction News:**

The Auction date has been set- Mark your calendars and prepare to enjoy an evening at our 11th Annual Auction: "***That's Amore'~ An Evening in Italy***" on Saturday – March 1, 2008. Yes, the auction is early this year and we are very fortunate to have an eager and excited group of parents who have stepped up onto the Auction Team. Please welcome Danielle Boote as our new Co-Chair who will be in charge of the Catalog/Program.

Many families have volunteered and signed up through PIP to help out with the Auction on the Set-Up date, Auction Night, or Clean-up the day after. This is GREAT, but we could use some help ahead of time "planning" for the Big Event. Please consider helping as Log-In Assistants, Corporate Sponsor Solicitor, Raffle Coordinator, and any aspect of a LIVE Auction Solicitor. Our LIVE Auction brought in over \$35,000 and we could use several people to help solicit items for this event. If you have any connections with hotels, time shares, airline tickets, or know someone who could arrange a meeting with the Pope, or would like to donate 2 weeks at their Tuscan Villa, PLEASE give us a call!!

Spread the word, the Auction will take place on Saturday, March 1st and we would love for everyone to plan to come AND bring your family and friends for a *bella sera* [beautiful evening].

For more information or to volunteer to help, please contact Lori Nickels @ 810-231-0095. CIAO~

8. **7th Grade Bottle Drive:**

The 7th grade families will be hosting a bottle/can drive the week of 10/29-11/2 to help defray the cost of the Bay Sail field trip. Please drop off your returnable cans/bottles in front of the school. If you are able to help with the can drive, please call Julie Flaherty 734-878-9547.

9. **High School Night:**

St. Joseph Middle School in Howell will be hosting their Annual High School Night on Wednesday, October 17th 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

10. **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.

11. **Christian Service Team News:**

Homeless nights:

The Christian Service team needs your help to feed and chaperone the homeless on Nov 6 and Nov 10. We will serve dinner and breakfast on both dates. The transitional homeless shelter is run through the Salvation Army and will be at Community Congregational Church in Pinckney the 2nd week of November. Please call Julie Flaherty at 734-878-9547 if you are interested. Thank you.