

# THE MARIAN MESSENGER

## SAINT MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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**Thursday, October 25, 2007**

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### Week-At-A-Glance

Friday, October 26, 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All School Liturgy – Grade 6 @ 9:00 AM</li><li>• Soccer Tournament @ West Highland – Times – T. B. D.</li></ul>
Saturday, October 27, 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Soccer Tournament @ West Highland – Times – T. B. D.</li></ul>
Monday, October 29, 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Morning Prayer – Grade 8</li><li>• 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Bottle/Can Drive</li></ul>
Tuesday, October 30, 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3 year-old Preschool – Harvest Party</li><li>• 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Bottle/Can Drive</li><li>• Girls Volleyball @ <b>HOME</b> vs. Cornerstone – 7<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 PM</li></ul>
Wednesday, October 31, 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Full Day of School – <b>NO DISMISSAL BUS SERVICE</b></li><li>• 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Bottle/Can Drive</li><li>• Harvest Parties - Afternoon</li></ul>
Thursday, November 1, 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All School Liturgy – Grade 8 @ 9:00 A M</li><li>• All Saints Day</li><li>• 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Bottle/Can Drive</li></ul>

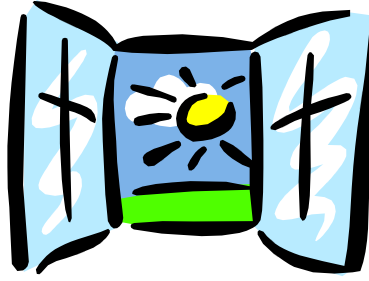
### **Principal Points:**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

- The PTC general meeting is tonight, Thursday, 10/25, at 7:00 p.m. Please join us for an agenda that includes a presentation by Sgt. Dan LaLone about school safety programs, Auction news from Shannon Orłowski, and other important information. Fr. Bill will be in attendance as well, so, please join us!
- The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students received a lot of great information from the Mercy High School and Catholic Central High School representatives who gave presentations to them on Tuesday, 10/23. We are making plans to have a representative from Ladywood High School visited us as well. Stay tuned!
- We still have time to collect Campbell's Soup Labels and Box Tops. Help us reach our final goal of 10,000 labels/tops. SAVE, SAVE, SAVE!!!
- We are still saying the rosary during our morning prayers. Please remember to bring your rosary.
- Remember to welcome our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade pen pals from Holy Redeemer School in Burton, on Friday, October 26. They will join us for Friday Liturgy and stay to spend part of the school day with the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class.
- VIRTUS training, *Protecting God's Children*, is a program that is required by the Diocese of Lansing for all staff members and volunteers who work with our students, including those who accompany classes on field trips. This three-hour workshop is held often throughout the diocese in an effort to make the requirement as convenient as possible for school volunteers. Two local workshops will be held as follows: St. Martha Parish in Okemos on Monday, November 12, at 6:30 p.m. and at Holy Spirit Parish in Hamburg on Monday, November 19, at 6:30 p.m. Please take advantage of one of these training opportunities if you have not already done so and you volunteer your time and talent by working with our students. Thank you!

Best regards,  
John Gilboe

# THE WINDOW



## **Fourth Grade News:**

Busy is the fourth grade! We've had a field trip to Hudson Mills Metro Park already. We had a lot of fun gathering live specimens in the water. It was great weather and the water was refreshing. Another field trip is scheduled for November. We will visit WCC to see a play on immigration. This fits nicely into our social studies curriculum on the United States.

We are growing soybean plants in our classrooms for science. We studied all about them and soon we will see our finished product. This supports "Our World of Living Things" theme in science. Soon we will dissect owl pellets to study predator/prey relationships.

We are studying the Old Testament in religion class. "Time, Data, and Graphing" are what we are about to study in math. We are also working on mastering our math facts.

Fourth grade may be small in number, but we are mighty in learning!

## **Seventh Grade BaySail Fundraiser:**

Bottle/Can Drive: The 7th grade families will be having a bottle/can drive next week 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. Thank you.

## **For Your Information:**

### **1. Bingo Schedule for Sunday October 28, 2007:**

Position	Family/Person Responsible
Senior Chairperson	
Chairperson	Linville Family
Caller	John Fackler
Kitchen Worker	Malcolm Family
Floor Worker/Kitchen Worker/Tag	Malcolm Family
Floor Worker	Cross Family
Charity Game/Floor Worker	Schmitter 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.**

## **2. PTC News:**

Please plan to attend the **PTC General Meeting** scheduled for **TONIGHT** at 7 pm in the multi-use room. Fr. Bill will be there to clarify the school/parish budget, especially the confusion with regard to the parish subsidy. Sgt. Doug La Lone will explain the new school lockdown procedures and share his experience in developing safety programs for schools. The full agenda is attached to this Messenger.

Thank you to all that attended the Road Rally. Everyone enjoyed the evening. We made \$727.26 for the Student Enrichment Program. Congratulations to the winners: Dan & Lori Hall, Angela Garcia, Rod & Julie Hitchcock.

## **3. Market Day News:**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the October Market Day order. We reached our goal and earned \$400.00 in free books plus \$373.00 in profits. Also thanks to April Frost, Lori Hall, Dee Campbell, Julie Kukalis, Jack Frost, Doug Garbarz, Lois Black, Paige Gabel and Sally Barclay for their help.

Workers for the November 14<sup>th</sup> sale are Karen Hubbard, Gretchen Sanchez, Karen Tarske, Theresa McIntyre, Cherise Kiel, Sally Barclay and Doug Garbarz.

If you are a 6<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent and have not signed up to work an upcoming Market Day pick up, please contact Cindy McClafferty at 734-878-2927 to schedule.

## **4. Virtus Classes:**

This informative class is required by the Diocese of Lansing to volunteer in the school or the parish when working with children. The following is a list of classes that will be in our area in the near future.

Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at St. Martha in Okemos at 6:30 PM

Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at Holy Spirit in Hamburg at 6:30 PM

To register to take the class at one of the above locations you must register at: [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org)

## **5. First Friday Food Drive:**

The November Food Drive will be held next Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. This month we are asking for donations to help with the Men's Club Christmas Baskets. St. Mary's Men's Club provides food baskets each year to those families in need during the holidays. Once again, we have broken the items down per grade to spread out the items that are needed (see attached list). If you have any questions please feel free to contact Lisa Wack at 810-231-6116. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## **6. Box Top/Campbell Labels Update:**

**Thanks again to everyone who has been saving soup labels and box tops!** By now you should all be aware that we have a contest going on with a dress-down pass going to the class who collects the most points during the month of October. Mrs. Torongo's class turned in 569 points this week to move from fourth to second place, just a mere 29 points out of first. Mrs. Haberl's class turned in 414 points this week to come from near the bottom of the pack and take third place.

The top three classes as of Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Mrs. Weber's second grade class with 859 points

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Mrs. Torongo's kindergarten class with 830 points

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Mrs. Haberl's third grade class with 534 points.

The total number of points collected to date is 3,811.

This week's standings show that anything can happen so don't forget to keep saving. God bless all of you for your time and efforts.

Ann Langford – Box Top/Label Coordinator

## **7. Athletic Department News:**

### **BASKETBALL & CHEER FAMILIES**

On Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM the MANDATORY PARENT MEETING will be held in the Multi-Use Room. At this meeting we will discuss the Eligibility Policy, receive the Letter of Commitment, sign up for concession requirements, and pay the Pay to Play fee of \$25.00 per child/per sport. If you are unable to attend you must contact Jeff Gabel at 734-268-6292 or 734-355-6455 or by email at [thegabels@yahoo.com](mailto:thegabels@yahoo.com)

### **FALL SPORTS BANQUET:**

Mark your calendars – Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 9:00 pm is the Fall Sports Banquet. If you are a Soccer or Volleyball Family this is the night that we will celebrate our season's accomplishments. We hope to see you there. Invitations will go out the week of November 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **8. Middle School Harvest Dance:**

It's time for our First Middle School Dance of this school year. Our Harvest Dance will be on Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7:00 – 10:00 PM in the Gym. Permission slips will go home next week. We will need volunteers to help chaperone and to work the snack booth. Please contact your class room parent or the school office to sign up to help out. Thanks in advance. Rochelle Stepaniak-6<sup>th</sup>, Therese Redpath-7<sup>th</sup>, Denice Zakalata-8<sup>th</sup>.

## **9. A Message from Sue Cowdrey:**

Dear Families of St. Mary,

I wanted to share with you how much I appreciated your generosity last spring when you provided us with such a generous gift for our fall travels. Dick and I just returned from taking a long planned trip to Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Quebec, Montreal, and Lake Placid in the Adirondacks. Our two week, two thousand mile journey allowed us to see some of the most beautiful country, and we thoroughly enjoyed the relaxed manner of our trip. Of course, we visited Ben and Jerry's, the Vermont Teddy Bear factory, L.L. Bean Outfitters, and made sure that lobster was occasionally on the menu. We attended Mass at the Basilique Notre Dame de Quebec. Seven priests celebrated the liturgy and eleven brothers from the local Order provided the music in French. We also visited the shrine of St. Anne outside the city.

While our time away was great, I still miss all of you. We shared many great times together and I am grateful for all of them. Thank you again for your generosity and know that both of us truly appreciated it.

Sue Cowdrey

## **10. Parish Directory:**

Photo sessions start this week but there are several families that have not signed up yet. Sessions run weekly through Thanksgiving weekend.

Don't forget that you receive a free 8X10 and copy of the book just for having your picture taken.

The online is closed, and I know that some people have received calls, but if you STILL haven't scheduled your appointment, call me directly and I can put you in the system.

I am shooting for 100% participation of school families that are registered parishioners!

Our kids grow up so fast; don't miss this opportunity to get a free photograph!

Amy Salowitz 734-878-0878

## **11. Ladywood High School Open House:**

This Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 3 pm Ladywood High School is hosting their Fall Open House.

Ladywood is an all-girls' Catholic college-preparatory high school sponsored by the Felician Sisters rooted in the Franciscan tradition. For more information please visit their website at: [www.ladywood.org](http://www.ladywood.org)