

# THE MARIAN MESSENGER

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**Thursday, November 15, 2007**

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## Week-At-A-Glance

Friday, November 16, 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All School Liturgy – Grade 8 @ 9:00 AM</li><li>• No Band Classes</li><li>• Book Fair Begins</li><li>• Report Cards Go Home</li><li>• Boys Varsity Basketball Scrimmage @ Home @ 4:00 PM</li><li>• Fall Sports Banquet – Multi-use Room @ 7:00 PM</li></ul>
Saturday, November 17, 2007 and Sunday, November 18, 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Book Fair after all Masses</li></ul>
Monday, November 19, 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Morning Prayer – Grade 5</li><li>• Noon Dismissal – <b>NO BUS SERVICE</b></li><li>• 4 year old Preschool Thanksgiving Feast</li><li>• Parent Teacher Conferences</li></ul>
Tuesday, November 20, 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Full Day of School with Bus Service</li><li>• 3 year old Preschool Thanksgiving Feast</li><li>• Boys Basketball @ <b>HOME</b> – 5<sup>th</sup> Gr. @ 4:00PM, 6<sup>th</sup> Gr. @ 5:00PM and Varsity @ 6:00PM</li><li>• Parent Teacher Conferences</li></ul>
Wednesday, November 7, 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No School – Thanksgiving Break</li></ul>
Thursday, November 8, 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No School – Thanksgiving Break</li></ul>
Friday, November 9, 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No School – Thanksgiving Break</li></ul>
Monday, November 26, 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Classes Resume</li><li>• Morning Prayer – Grade 4</li></ul>
Tuesday, November 27, 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Boys Basketball @ <b>HOME</b> vs. Holly – 5<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 PM, 6<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30PM and Varsity @ 6:30 PM</li></ul>
Wednesday, November 28, 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Middle School Liturgy – Grade 6 @ 9:00 AM</li><li>• 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Baking Day</li></ul>
Thursday, November 29, 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Boys Basketball @ <b>HOME</b> 5<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30PM, 6<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 PM and Varsity @ 5:30 PM</li></ul>

## **Principal Points:**

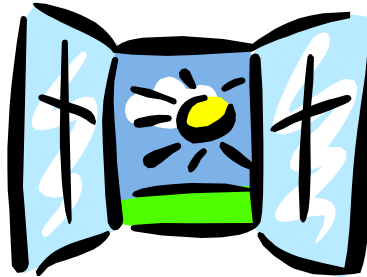
Dear Parents and Guardians,

- The Scholastic Book Fair is here! The Book Fair will run from November 16 through November 21 and is conveniently scheduled during our conference period. Our Morning Prayer will be held in the gym on Monday, 11/19, and Tuesday, 11/20, to accommodate the fair. See you there☺
- Report cards will be distributed on Friday, 11/16. Please sign the report card envelope and return it during the conference period. Conferences will be on Monday, 11/19, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, 11/20, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- REMINDER! Noon dismissal on Monday, 11/19. **NO DISMISSAL BUSES.**

- Many thanks to Mr. Rich Liddy and the other members of the U of M Survival Flight team who literally dropped in on St. Mary Catholic School! Their visit provided all of us with a wonderful chance to learn about the valuable service the team provides. It was a great field trip, and all we had to do is go to the field. Thanks again!
- The Athletic Banquet for fall sports will be held on Friday, 11/16, from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the Multi-purpose room. Congratulations teams on a great season!
- Thank you to Barbara Rea for conducting the Communion service on Wednesday...and
- Welcome back to Fr. Fortunato who will celebrate our Friday Liturgy with us tomorrow!
- A note of caution. Please drive very carefully at all times on the grounds of St. Mary Parish and School. We want to insure the safety of all, especially our students.  
Thank you!

Best regards,  
John Gilboe

## THE WINDOW



### **Art News:**

The students have been busy at work in the Art room. The hallway and art room are always full of awesome art work produced by our students. Each of the classes have started (and finished) working on the Square One magnet fundraiser. This year we have decided to use another company called Square One. I will send home more information about the program and permission slips for parents who do not want their child's work sent to the company in December. The students are really excited about the magnet project.

*Upcoming projects:* The Kindergarteners and First graders will be working on watercolor collages. The Second grade will be starting a crayon resist jungle scene. The Third grade will be making paper Molas. The Fourth grade will be drawing crazy quilt designs influenced by Gustav Klimt. The Fifth grade will be working on Reptiles reliefs. The Sixth grade will be working on birds-eye perspective cities. The Seventh grade will be finishing their clay whistles--they have worked really hard on these whistles. The Eighth grade will be finishing their paper Mache masks.

### **Music News:**

We are getting ready for the Christmas Concert and the students are working hard on their songs. Does anyone have a toy trumpet at home that we could use as a prop for the Christmas Concert? If you do, please contact Ms. Fry.

## **For Your Information:**

### **1. Bingo Schedule for Sunday, November 18, 2007:**

Position	Family/Person Responsible
Senior Chairperson	Hur Family
Chairperson	Craig Family
Caller	John Fackler
Kitchen Worker	Tucker Family
Floor Worker/Kitchen Worker/Tag	Sanchez Family Sanchez Family
Floor Worker	Black Family Black Family
Charity Game/Floor Worker	Oakes 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.**

### **Bingo Schedule for Sunday, November 25, 2007:**

Position	Family/Person Responsible
Senior Chairperson	Galloway Family
Chairperson	
Caller	Paul Redpath
Kitchen Worker	Tucker Family
Floor Worker/Kitchen Worker/Tag	Malcolm Family Malcolm Family
Floor Worker	Schmitter Family Schmitter Family
Charity Game/Floor Worker	Huyck Family Huyck Family
Charity Game/Floor Worker	Langford Family

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## **2. PTC News:**

### **Recent Fundraising Successes:**

Golf Outing - \$8249

Road Rally - \$720

Bingo – going strong!!!

### **Auction**

Please contact Shannon Orłowski if you can give even an hour of your time to help the team. There is still an opening for the Program Chairperson.

### **Suggestion Box**

There is a suggestion box located in the gathering space. TALK TO US! Let us know what you like. Share your concerns. Have a great idea – tell us about it!

### **3. Auction News:**

The Auction is only "5 MONTHS AWAY!!" The Donation Forms and Procurement Letters are ready for distribution. Please help us out with the acquisition of items, advertisements, or monetary donations if you are able. If you have a personal connection with any area business, please let us know so we do not solicit these businesses twice.

PRE-AUCTION SALE- Back by popular demand, the Classroom Art Projects will once again be displayed at this year's Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 20th. Get ready for some fierce bidding on some "one-of-a-kind" unique craft, art pieces, or classroom memorabilia created by our very talented students. Silent Auction bids will be accepted prior to the concert and ends after the concert that evening. Items must be picked up that night or arrangements must be made to retrieve all winning bids. All proceed benefit the Wish List at the auction this spring.

Special "Thanks" to Dr. and Mrs. Braciszewski for donating dozens of empty wine bottles to the auction for our decorations. Please visit their restaurant, *Terry B's* in Dexter!!

For more information on the auction, please contact Chairperson, Shannon Orlowski at 517-548-6742. On behalf of the Auction Team- Happy Thanksgiving!!!

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

#### **FALL SPORTS BANQUET:**

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. We are not serving dinner; we will be serving cake and punch.

#### **VOLLEYBALL WRAP-UP**

The St Mary Girl's Varsity Volleyball team wrapped up an excellent season over the past two weekends with multiple tournament victories. Two weeks ago, the Wildcats traveled to St Pat's in Brighton for an invitational tournament. We had a clean sweep as the 7<sup>th</sup> graders won their division and the 8<sup>th</sup> graders won the top division. The Wildcats finished the regular season a combined 12-3 in match play with a league record of 7-3 to go along with 3 invitational first place trophies. That mark earned the inaugural MMIAA Regular Season League Champion Trophy. With the first round bye at the league tournament, the varsity squad only had to play 3 matches to win the title, defeating Holly and HAACH twice to take first place. We had a lot of good fan support and the spirit and sportsmanship was outstanding! Our Junior Varsity team took second place in the tournament at Holly the previous weekend. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders finished an excellent season with a 10-3 record to go along with their invitational tournament win at St Paul earlier in the year. We are proud of the achievements and progress made by all of our girls. Congratulations!

Thanks to all of the parents who supported our teams this year and the volunteers who worked the concessions during our home games and the tournament to make this a successful year. We couldn't do it without you!

#### **CHEERLEADING NEWS:**

A big thank you to all who helped with the baking and buying of treats at our annual bake sale. It was a huge success and we couldn't have done it without you!

### **5. Library News:**

Saint Mary School will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair November 16-20, 2007. If anyone is interested in volunteering to help set-up, sell, or pack-up the Book Fair, please see the volunteer sign-up sheet outside the library or call April Frost or Heather Burton.

Remember the Book Fair is a wonderful opportunity to get some Holiday Shopping Done. Our 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be available to gift wrap your purchases during conference times.

## **6. 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 list below is a few classes that are coming up in our area. For more information and to register go to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org).

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

Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM at St. Mary Magdalen in Brighton

## **7. Advancement Team:**

The Advancement Team needs your help to spread the word about our school. Please contact us if you know of any potentially newsworthy items we could submit to local media, such as special class projects, sporting news, or students or staff taking part in unique activities. Please call Heather Schultz at (734) 878-6493 or contact her by email at [dhschultz@peoplepc.com](mailto:dhschultz@peoplepc.com). Also, there is an idea box located outside the school office.

Thank you, The St. Mary School Advancement Team

## **8. 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 8 X 10 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