

THE MARIAN MESSENGER

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Thursday, January 10, 2008

Week-At-A-Glance

Friday, January 11, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All School Liturgy – Grade 8 @ 9:00 AM• Middle School Bunco Party 7:00 – 9:30 PM• First Friday Food Drive• Popcorn Day
Sunday, January 13, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2nd Grade Parent Meeting @ 10:20 AM in the Multi-use Room
Monday, January 14, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Morning Prayer – Grade 7• Boys Basketball @ Holly – 5th gr. @ 4:30 PM, 6th gr. @ 5:30 PM, and Varsity @ 6:30 PM
Tuesday, January 15, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SPIRIT DAY• Boys Basketball @ HOME – 6th gr. @ 4:30 PM and Varsity @ 5:30 PM vs. HAACH
Wednesday, January 16, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Primary School Liturgy – Grade 4 @ 9:00 AM
Thursday, January 17, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boys Basketball @ St. Paul – 5th gr. @ 4:00 PM

Principal Points:

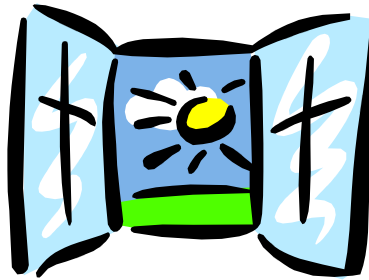
Dear Parents and Guardians,

- Happy New Year! My family and I want to thank all of you in the St. Mary family for your thoughts, gifts, and wishes during the holiday season.
- The Christmas Concert was a huge success! Thank you to all of the students and staff members who worked so hard, and indeed, saved their very best for the performance. Special thanks go to Monica Fry, Dr. and Mrs. Braciszewski, Mrs. Birdsong, Mrs. Frost, Ms. Ickes, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Malcolm, Dr. Mary Simoni and the University of Michigan School of Music Theater and Dance, and all of the other volunteers who made the show truly wonderful.
- Upcoming dates to remember:
 - Sunday, 1/13/08**...Grade 2 Parent Meeting for Reconciliation, 10:20 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. in the Multi-purpose Room
 - Monday, 1/21/08**...No School...Teacher Training
 - Thursday, 1/24/08**, 7:00 p.m...PTC General Meeting...Please plan to attend this important meeting. The St. Mary Parish and School Education Team recently discussed conducting a review of PIP. I'll present the ideas discussed by the Ed Team, and outline some ways for all of you to provide input for conducting a process of review. See you there!
 - Friday, 1/25/08**...1/2 day School...Busses **will** run...End of the 2nd Quarter
 - Saturday, 1/26/08** – Friday, 2/1/08...Catholic Schools Week
- Safety first! Please use extra caution when dropping off and picking up your children. Follow car line and parking lot procedures, and drive slooooooowly! Thank you.
- Thank you for your generous contributions to the St. Louis Center. Your generosity resulted in a collection of \$213.00 for the Center which will be appreciated greatly.

- The next time you come to school, please take a look at our brand new American Flag. The flag was donated to St. Mary Catholic School by Commander Jim Wallace and parishioner, Stan Olekas, both of whom are from the American Legion Post 419 in Pinckney. Our former flag will be retired in an official ceremony befitting the honor due to it. Many thanks to Commander Wallace and Mr. Olekas!
- The University of Michigan Center for the Child and the Family will begin its “Winter 2008 Public Lecture Series: Family Life in the 21st Century” soon. The topics focus on techniques and strategies to relieve the stresses related to modern family life. All lectures are free and open to the public. For more information, please visit the St. Mary School office and pick up a flyer.
- The Auction room will be cleaned and reorganized on Saturday, 1/19/08, in preparation for the 2008 Auction. If you would like to reclaim any items before the 19th, please let me know by calling the school office or by sending an email to me. Thank you for your time and consideration.
- Students! Do you like to sing? ♪ Youth Choir, Grades 4 – 8, is looking for new members. NO AUDITIONS© Practices are held on Wednesday nights from 6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Small time commitment...Big fun! Please contact Mr. Giamanco or Mr. Gilboe. ♪

Best regards,
John Gilboe

THE WINDOW



Kindergarten News:

The Kindergarten is taking a great leap into the New Year starting with learning about the calendar. We are learning songs and stories to help us remember the months of the year. Before the end of January we will have a Parade of the Months which will include appropriate props!

We will begin our night sky project on January 14. This includes nightly observations of the moon over a three week period. We will watch to see how the moon changes over time and record our observations. This is always an exciting homework project for the entire family. We will visit the Abram’s Planetarium on January 23rd to learn more about the night sky. This project supports our reading theme, “Nighttime”.

The children are working on recognizing and writing numbers to 30. They are also looking forward with great anticipation to celebrating our 100th day of school. Be sure to check out their 100th day projects which will be produced and displayed later this month.

In our unit Sharing God’s Love, we will learn how to share God’s love through acts of kindness, as we continue to learn more about the special seasons within the church year.

BaySail Dress Down Day:

The seventh graders are sponsoring a dress-down day on Thursday, January 31st to raise money for their BaySail Adventure in May. To participate, students should bring in \$1 in an envelope labeled “Dress Down Day”, marked with the student’s name and grade. The homeroom teachers will be given lists of the students

who are participating. Please send your money in by Wednesday, January 30th. The seventh graders thank you for supporting their fundraising efforts!

Art Class News:

The students have been working hard on their artwork for the Art Fundraiser. The name of the company is Square One. I will send in the students artwork to the company, then they will return a (approx.) 2" x 2" magnet for each student to keep. There will also be an order form with many other products. The money we raise will be used for the Art program.

IF you **DO NOT** want your child to participate in the magnet project, **PLEASE** send a note to the office by **Monday, January 21st**. Attention-Mrs. Hamer.

Schedule of program: 1/25/08 Artwork sent to company
2/13/08 Packets sent home
2/22/08 Orders due back to school
3/12/08 Product orders sent home

Thank you from the School Office Staff:

We would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks to all of the families for the wonderful Christmas gifts. We are both very touched by your generosity.

Thank you again and Happy New Year, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Stepaniak

Thank you from Mr. Leszczynski:

I want to say thank you to all of the families for the great Christmas gifts. Your thoughtfulness is most appreciated. Thanks again Mr. L.

For Your Information:

1. Bingo Schedule for Sunday, January 13, 2007:

Position	Family/Person Responsible
Senior Chairperson	Westerberg Family
Chairperson	Toy Family
Caller	Paul Redpath
Kitchen Worker	Warshal Family
Floor Worker/Kitchen Worker/Tag	Plait Family
Floor Worker	Plait Family
Charity Game/Floor Worker	Schultz Family
Charity Game/Floor Worker	McIntyre Family McIntyre Family

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

2. PTC News:

We would like to create a display for Catholic Schools Week that shows parishioners names along with the Catholic schools they attended. Please fill out the form in the weekly church bulletin and return it to the parish or school office. Thanks for your help!

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week begins on Saturday, January 26th. We will kick off the celebration with special Masses utilizing lectors, Eucharistic ministers, and other volunteers from our school families. The school kids are making "Thank You" bookmarks for the parishioners as a token of appreciation for supporting the school. We need 5 or 6 children for each Mass to pass out the bookmarks when Mass is over. There is a sign up sheet on the table outside the school office.

Next PTC Meeting – Thursday, January 24, 2007 at 7:00 pm

School Website – <http://www.stmarypinckney.org/scjpp>;

Yahoo Parent Group – http://groups.yahoo.com/group/st_mary_school/

3. Market Day News:

The December Sale earned \$287.15. We have raised a total of \$1224.60 so far this school year.

Thank you to Doug Garbarz, Christine Hur, Peggy Linville, Deb Pauline, Rochelle Stepaniak and Tammie Tucker for working the December pick and Sally Barclay for the reminder phone calls.

The January orders are due to the school office by January 18th and the pick-up date is January 30th. The workers for January are: Paige Gabel, Maureen Galloway, Doug Garbarz, Lori Hall and Tammie Tucker.

4. Middle School Dance:

The next Middle School Dance will be Friday, January 18th from 7:00 to 10:00 PM in the gym. We hope to see you there. As a reminder, we can always use extra parents to help chaperone. If you can help out please come.

5. Box Tops/Campbells Soup News:

Happy New Year from your Campbell's Soup Label and Box Tops for Education Mom!

It's time to start saving those labels and box tops again. The more you save the more we earn! **I am going to reissue my challenge to the St. Mary's students to collect 10,000 labels and box tops during the month of February.** Although we fell short of meeting this goal in the month of October, we were able to collect over 7,500 points. I am confident that with a month of advance notice, this time we will be able to meet the challenge. Contact your grandparents, aunts, and neighbors and ask them to start saving too. Only labels and box tops submitted between February 1st and 29th will be counted. **Watch the Messenger in the next couple weeks for more information about this February contest.** Happy collecting! God Bless You! Ann Langford

6. Faith & Family Night with the Detroit Ignition:

The Detroit Ignition Soccer Team is hosting Faith & Family Night at Compuware Arena in Plymouth on Feb. 29th at 7:30 PM

If there is enough interest, I will coordinate this great night out for all our families. The games are always exciting and are family friendly!

The tickets will be about \$19 each. Tickets have to be purchased by Feb 15th.

Please let me know how many are interested in going to the game via email to: jandc@chartermi.net. Please put "Detroit Ignition" in the subject line.

7. Ski Club:

Ski/Snowboard Tickets for Mt. Brighton are now available. Tow rope tickets are now available for \$48.00 for 4 tickets which **you must buy in advance**. Checks should be made payable to Mt. Brighton. You are able to upgrade for \$5.00 extra on the day you go to ski. They also offer discounts on equipment rental. This is a huge savings! **Anyone can buy and use these tickets**. You are able to get a free lesson each day you go also. I have coordinated with other schools so that you are able to go six days a week. The complete list will be distributed upon purchase. The check-in is in the building behind the outside ticket counters. You must go to the respective check in school on the day you go.

New this year – The school will have the passes on a limited time and so will I. Get them while we have them.

Any questions please contact Mary Lyttle at 810-923-8624.

8. 6th Grade Battery Recycling Effort:

In effort to maintain our “Green School” status, the 6th grade class continues to collect household batteries for recycling. They will accept any household battery i.e.: Size D and smaller, 9 – 12 volt, button batteries and small rechargeable batteries. You can either drop them off at the office labeled “6th grade – battery recycling project” or have your child drop them off at the 6th grade classroom. Thank you in advance, Mrs. Kunick and the 6th grade class.

9. Social Team Euchre Party:

I have Euchre tickets!! Only \$10 for a fun-filled evening. Let me know how many you would like...I will be up at school Thursday and Friday morning and at the Boys Basketball game tomorrow. You can get them from me at the Middle School BUNCO Night Friday, and I will selling after Masses this weekend as well. IT is a fun time if you have never been. Check your calendars and if you are free **Saturday Jan. 19th**- please come and join us!! Lori Nickels – 810-231-0095