

THE MARIAN MESSENGER

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Thursday, January 17, 2008

Week-At-A-Glance

Friday, January 18, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All School Liturgy – Grade 5 @ 9:00 AM• Middle School Dance 7:00 – 10:00 PM
Monday, January 21, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No School – Teacher Training
Tuesday, January 22, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Morning Prayer – Grade 6• Boys Basketball @ HOME – 6th gr. @ 4:30 PM and Varsity @ 5:30 PM vs. Emerson
Wednesday, January 23, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Middle School Liturgy – Grade 6 @ 9:00 AM• Kindergarten Fieldtrip to Abrams Planetarium
Thursday, January 24, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boys Basketball @ West Highland – Varsity. @ 4:30 PM
Friday, January 25, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All School Liturgy – Grade 5 @ 9:00 AM• 8th Grade Retreat• Noon Dismissal with Bus Service• End of 2nd Quarter

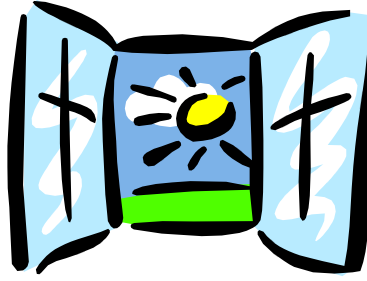
Principal Points:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

- Please plan to attend the 7:00 p.m., Thursday, 1/24, PTC General 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!
- 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.
- The Kindergarten will visit Abrams Planetarium at MSU on Wednesday, 1/23!
- **Food Drive Challenge 2008** has arrived! Our goal is to exceed the amazing 4000 pounds of food we collected last year. Classes will work in teams to achieve a new record-breaking amount. Please find all of the details for the drive in the flyer coming home with the *Messenger*, including, certain incentives!
- Upcoming dates to remember:
Monday, 1/21/08 – **NO SCHOOL** – Teacher Training
Friday, 1/25/08 – ½ Day of School – Busses **will** run – End of 2nd Quarter
Saturday, 1/26/08 – Friday, 2/1/08 – Catholic Schools Week

Best regards,
John Gilboe

THE WINDOW



Seventh Grade News:

The seventh graders are back into the full swing of studies after the holidays. In Religion, we continue to focus on who Jesus is and on our own relationships with Him. In Math, we are studying patterns and linear functions. We have completed our studies of the details of cells and genetics, and we are now moving on to a survey of the six Kingdoms of organisms in Life Science.

As we move through the winter weeks, we continue to look forward to our BaySail Adventure in May. Please support us in our fundraising efforts by participating in the dress-down day on January 31.

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

Invite a Guest to Lunch:

Our annual Invite a Guest to Lunch Day will be on Wednesday, January 30th during Catholic Schools Week. Attached to this messenger is the sign-up form. Please fill it out and return it to the school office with payment by Thursday, January 24th.

We are in need of cookies for dessert on Invite a Guest to Lunch Day. Please send in your donations on Monday, January 28th or Tuesday, January 29th. Thank you in advance.

Request From Ms. Trierweiler:

Please send in clean gallon size milk jugs. We need 200 to build an igloo in our classroom. You can either send them into the office or have your child(ren) drop them off at my classroom. Thank you in advance.
Ms. Trierweiler

For Your Information:

1. Bingo Schedule for Sunday, January 20, 2007:

Position	Family/Person Responsible
Senior Chairperson	Killingbeck Family
Chairperson	Zdanowski Family
Caller	Vroman Family
Kitchen Worker	Hartsell Family
Floor Worker/Kitchen Worker/Tag	Hartsell Family
Floor Worker	Jasinski Family
Charity Game/Floor Worker	Jasinski Family
Charity Game/Floor Worker	Campbell Family

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

2. Food Drive Challenge for 2008:

It is that time again for the Classroom challenge. There is a flyer in this week's Messenger explaining all the details and rules of this year's challenge as well as the list of the items we hand out to those in need. Please look the flyer over. There are a couple of changes to this year's challenge.

St. Mary's food pantry serves our parish community as well as those in the communities around us. The food we give out consists of enough food to provide those in need with breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks for approximately 2 days – 2 weeks, depending on the circumstances. We also provide personal care items as well as diapers and wipes if needed.

Your contributions to our food pantry are more than just a blessing. They are vital for us to operate. The donations from last February's challenge lasted for almost a year. We are very grateful for the support our school families provide us. If you have any questions regarding the food drive please feel free to contact me. Also, if you or someone you know is in need of our services please let us know that too. We are completely confidential and would be glad to help if we can.

God Bless and Good Luck!

Lisa Wack 810-231-6116 or wackymama@chartermi.net.

3. Auction News:

Only 3 months until this year's Auction!! Do you have the date saved? April 12th, 2008 you'll be wined and dined at our event: "*That's Amore- an Evening in Italy*". We are asking "every" family to donate an item [\$75 value] or to make a cash donation of \$50. If you send in your donations before the end of the month, your children will receive a Dress Down Day pass. Turning in your donation in early will assist the Auction Team to get a head start on making your cash contributions work to get some great deals on needed items.

We are still in need of extra assistance in helping to procure LIVE Auctions items, organize and coordinate LIVE Auction packages, Renew our Banner Sponsors in the gym, and help log-in items as they come in our Auction Room. We are also seeking a person to create this year's Auction Program. If you have any computer experience, we would really appreciate the help setting up the ads and coordinating the information with the Printing Company [Econo Print in Pinckney].

Donation forms are attached to this week's Messenger and are also available in the School Office. Please, drop off all donations in the school office and we will take them to the Auction Room. Thank you for all your help. For more information, please contact Shannon Orłowski @ 517-548-6742.

Don't forget to invite your friends and Save the Date- Saturday, April 12th!!

4. BaySail - Fundraiser:

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

5. 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 chair lift. 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 seven days a week. The complete list will be distributed upon purchase.

The check-ins are in the building behind the outside ticket counters. You must go to the respective check in school on the day you go.

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

6. Bunco Night:

Thanks to the PTC, teachers, staff, and all the parents who helped out with the very first BUNCO Night: Theresa Redpath, Rochelle Stepaniak, Paige Gabel, Shelly Huyck, and Lori Hall. Over 30 Middle school students came to the event, and many picked up on the game quickly and had a good time. Top winners for the evening were ALL 7th graders: Sarah Masinda who had the top score and the most BUNCO's, Jacob Glaser for 2nd place, and Joe Mable for having the last BUNCO and for the most wipeouts!!! Proceeds of over \$170 will be donated toward the 7th grade Bay Sail Trip this Spring. Thanks kids for coming and we'll see ya again next year!!

7. 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

8. Christian Service Team:

The Christian service team is sponsoring the REACH Homeless nights on Feb 13 and Feb 16 at Community Congregational Church. We provide dinner and breakfast as well as chaperone overnight. If you are interested, please contact Julie Flaherty at 734-878-9547 or julie@flaherty.org.