

THE MARIAN MESSENGER

SAINT MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Thursday, January 24, 2008

Week-At-A-Glance

Friday, January 25, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All School Liturgy – Grade 7 @ 9:00 AM• Noon Dismissal with Bus Service• End of 2nd Quarter• Boys JV Basketball Tournament @ LCS times to be determined
Saturday, January 26, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boys JV Basketball Tournament @ LCS times to be determined• Catholic Schools Week Begins – Open House after Mass• Catholic Book Fair
Sunday, January 27, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Catholic Schools Week – Open House after all Masses• Catholic Book Fair
Monday, January 28, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Morning Prayer – Grade 5• 8th Grade Mass with the Bishop• 1st Grade Fieldtrip to Chelsea Milling Company
Tuesday, January 29, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Litter-less lunch
Wednesday, January 30, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Primary School Liturgy – Grade 3 @ 9:00 AM• Spirit Wear Day• Invite a Guest to Lunch – No Hot Lunch Service
Thursday, January 31, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reconciliation Celebrations @ 7:00 PM• Boy's Varsity Basketball Tournament @ St. Mary times to be determined

Principal Points:

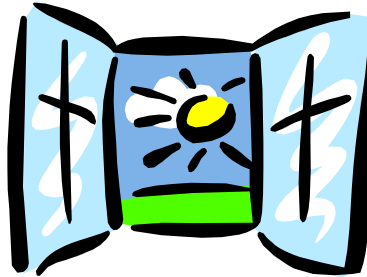
Dear Parents and Guardians,

- I hope you will be able to attend the PTC General Meeting tonight at 7:00 p.m. 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. Please join us!
- Big thanks to Gina Aten, Pam McGlade, Shannon Orlowski, and Mike and Kristin Myher for spending time on Saturday, 1/19, cleaning the Auction room. The team worked hard to clean, organize, and make way for new Auction 2008 items. Thanks again!
- Huge thanks also go to Jan Aurand and Dennis Wysocki for sharing their time, talent, and treasure on Monday, 1/21, during teacher training sessions. Jan's presentation about blood borne pathogens, was as usual, both highly informative and entertaining. Dennis provided the staff with the basics of first aid in a very practical and humorous fashion that resulted in our first aid recertification. Mr. Wysocki also donated a set of first aid textbooks to St. Mary Catholic School! Please give these two a big "Thank you" the next time you see them.
- Food Drive Challenge 2008 is still on! Remember, 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. Every can, box, bag, and case helps, so, bring your donations!

- Upcoming dates to remember:
 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; Open Houses
 after all Masses on Saturday, 1/26/08, and Sunday, 1/27/08.
 Monday, 1/28/08...8th Grade Mass with the Bishop in Lansing

Best regards,
 John Gilboe

THE WINDOW



Second Grade News:

The Second Graders have been very busy in Religion preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on January 31st and February 1st. They have learned how important the Sacrament of Reconciliation is to prepare them to receive the greatest gift that Jesus gave to us the Holy Eucharist. They are also learning about the two greatest Commandments: the first one is to love God with all your heart, mind, and soul. This is covered in the Commandments 1-3. The second greatest Commandment is to love your neighbor as your self. This is found in the Commandments 4-10. Father Bill came and helped the children to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation by practicing with them. The children are looking forward to receiving God's love and forgiveness in this great sacrament.

In Reading, we have been learning how to distinguish between facts and opinions and how to classify and categorize information. In English, they have been learning about nouns and writing letters to their pen pals at St. Clare and Holy Redeemer schools, as well as to the St. Louis Center and the Sacred Heart Adult Care Home.

In Math, we are working on two-digit addition utilizing base ten blocks. The children have been learning about our country's physical environment and how people interact with it, in Social Studies. In Science the children have made dioramas and murals on the many different kinds of habitats they have learned about.

For Your Information:

1. Catholic Schools Week:

In the past we've asked students to wear school uniforms, to varying degrees of resistance (outcry?). This year uniforms are optional, but still encouraged.

Immediately before Sunday 11:30 Mass we will be handing out badges for the kids to wear that will prominently identify them to our Parish as St. Mary students.

Directly after Mass, we'll collect the badges so we can reuse them at the next "school" weekend Mass. Please make sure your child or children pick up and return these badges.

As always, thanks for your terrific support! If you have any questions, please contact Stacy Mick 878-5662 or Jeff Wack 810-231-6116

2. Bingo Schedule for Sunday, January 27, 2008:

Position	Family/Person Responsible
Senior Chairperson	Estes Family
Chairperson	Ortiz Family
Caller	LeVasseur Family
Kitchen Worker	Glaser Family
Floor Worker/Kitchen Worker/Tag	Glaser Family
Floor Worker	Myher Family
Charity Game/Floor Worker	Myher Family
Charity Game/Floor Worker	Langford Family Warshal Family

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

3. PTC News:

Catholic Schools Week begins this Saturday, January 26th. Earlier this week you should have received a schedule of events via kid-mail. If you've misplaced yours, the information is also available on the school yahoo site.

Please plan to attend the PTC General meeting tonight. Mr. Gilboe will give an overview of the PIP review being conducted through the Parish Education Team. The meeting agenda is attached to this Messenger. See you there!

Next PTC Meeting – **TONIGHT** 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/

4. Auction News:

The Decoration Sub-committee is looking to borrow items you might have around your home that may have a "Tuscan-theme". They need large wooden barrels, Roman pillars, plastic grapes, greenery, bistro tables and chairs, wine corks, and large Garden statues. Might you have an Olive Press or an old butcher block?

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].

Auction Donations: We are asking "every" family to send in their donation of a NEW and UNUSED item [\$75 value] or a cash donation of \$50. If you send in your donation before the end of the month, your child(ren) will receive a Dress Down Day pass. Turning in your donation 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.

Extra donation forms are 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!!

5. Athletic Department News:

St. Mary will be hosting the Boy's Varsity Basketball Tournament on Thursday, Jan. 31, Friday, Feb. 1 and Saturday, Feb. 2. We are in need of volunteers to help with concessions, admission and the score/time table. If you are able to volunteer please contact Jeff Gabel at Jeffrey.Gabel@Covidien.com or 734-355-6455. Thank you in advance for your support. Jeff Gabel - AD

6. 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 the chair lift for \$5.00 extra on the day you go. 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.

7. Box Tops/Campbell's 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. Social Team Euchre Party Update:

It was a packed house last weekend for the 7th annual Social Team Euchre Party!! Over 120 guest attended the event- which made it one of our largest crowds ever. Lots of fun and plenty of prizes were won. Highest scores were by Steve Ward (1st), Bill Mayer (2nd), Dave Iwanski (3rd), and Tim Barrett (4th). Our Showdown Round was a tie between Steve Ward and Tim Barrett- both split the winnings. Our 50/50 winners were John Stawizky and Rick Kania. Special thanks to all the Social

Team members and volunteers who helped out during the evening. Thanks to everyone who braved the cold weather and joined us for the fun!! All proceeds for the event will help benefit the parish. See you all again next year in 2009!!

• **Middle School Rally:**

All middle school aged young people of the community are invited to experience a dynamic day of faith, fun, food and friends!

This is going to be an amazing day of fun with APEX and the huge blow up obstacle course, sumo wrestling, lots of great music and more. Join us for a *GRAND* day of fun! And hey, feel free to invite a friend!

“We’re All in This Together”

“You-Me-God”

Diocese of Lansing Presents: MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH RALLY!

March 8th, 2 pm to 9 pm

at Power Catholic High School in Flint

(we will be carpooling from St. Mary)

Early Bird Cost is \$20 if register by Monday February 11th (\$30 thereafter).

Please contact: Rebecca Keiser (734) 878-2217 ext. 203 or rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org