

THE MARIAN MESSENGER

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Thursday, February 14, 2008

Week-At-A-Glance

Friday, February 15, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No School – Winter Break• Girl's Basketball @ HOME – 6th Grade @ 5:00 PM and Varsity @ 6:00 PM vs. St. Pat's
Monday, February 18, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No School – Winter Break
Tuesday, February 19, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Classes Resume• Morning Prayer – Grade 2• 6th Grade Math League Contest
Wednesday, February 20, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Middle School Liturgy – Grade 7 @ 9:00 AM• Girl's Basketball @ St. Joe's – J. V. @ 5:00 PM and Varsity @ 6:00 PM
Thursday, February 21, 2008	

Principal Points:

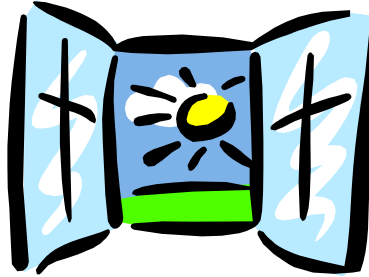
Dear Parents and Guardians,

- Happy Valentines Day! Thank you Principal Hall for the dress down day!!
- Please return the permission slips for the Benziger Family Life Program if you have not done so already. We need to have all of the forms returned before we can begin the program, and we still have not received some of them. There are a number of *Parent Connection* booklets that have not yet been picked up. Please stop by the office to retrieve your family's copy(ies). Thank you for your time and consideration.
- The Campbell's Soup Label/Box Tops for Education contest is still on! Our school goal is to collect 10,000 units, so, start saving and collecting those labels and box tops. Please mark the class name on your returns and place them in the collection container in the office. **SAVE, SAVE, SAVE!!!**
- Final numbers for Food Drive Challenge 2008 are on the way next week. Did we reach our goal? If so, which team came out on top? What will this mean for Mr. Gilboe? Stay tuned...
- Thanks to all of you who expressed an interest in the PIP review being conducted by the School Improvement Team. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, 2/19, and we are looking forward to sharing and discussing the viewpoints that have come from the St. Mary School community. Parent involvement is essential to St. Mary School, and the SIT is conducting the review to ensure that our involvement efforts continue to remain high. Please continue to submit your thoughts and suggestions about the present program and/or what you think would make it even better.
- Families of students who are car riders...we need your help! Please make arrangements to pick up your students at the time of dismissal. It is sometimes the case that several students are not picked up on time, and that causes delays for the office personnel in performing those duties needed to close the office for the day. After school meetings can be delayed as well if students need to be supervised beyond regular school hours. Of course, we understand that emergency circumstances, traffic problems, etc. occur. Thank you for your support in this matter.

- Upcoming dates to remember:
Monday, 2/18, NO SCHOOL. President's Day.
Tuesday, 2/19, SIT Meeting for PIP Review.
Friday, 2/22, Stations of the Cross for students.

Best regards,
John Gilboe

THE WINDOW



Fifth Grade News:

The fifth graders have been working hard on their IOWA standardized tests. We plan to finish those this week and get back to learning next week. We have finished the chapter on early American explorers in Social Studies and will begin our focus on early European settlement. In math we have recently finished sharpening our skills at multiplying decimals and will tackle dividing by one digit divisors next. We have focused our reading lessons on noting important details in what we read and have completed our study of the healing sacraments in religion. We will be focusing on the family life lessons in the coming weeks. Science finds us exploring systems and interactions in nature, while in English we have concluded our emphasis on verbs and will now turn our attention to adjectives. The fifth graders have enjoyed their experiences reading with their preschool buddies each week and look forward to spending more time with them in the coming weeks!

8th Grade Fundraiser – February 28th:

On Thursday, February 28th, the 8th grade is sponsoring a dress down day to raise money for their end-of-the-year activities. It costs \$1.00. If you wish to participate, please send in an envelope with your child(ren)'s name and grade with payment to the office. Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs. Mable and the 8th Grade Class

Kindergarten Informational Meeting:

There will be an informational meeting for parents interested in sending their children to St. Mary for kindergarten in 2008-2009. There will be a short video and a presentation about school readiness. The meeting will be on Thursday, April 3rd in the Kindergarten Room, 165. It will be at 7:00 p.m., babysitting will be available in the preschool room if you need it. The meeting should not last longer than an hour. Sign up sheets will be available for the Kindergarten screening that will take place on Monday, April 7th. There will be no school for current kindergarten students on that day.

A Note from Ms. Trierweiler:

We have reached our goal! Thank you to everyone who sent in milk jugs to make our igloo. It should be completed in the few weeks. Stop by and see it.

For Your Information:

1. Bingo Schedule for Sunday, February 17, 2008:

No Bingo!! Enjoy the Winter Break

2. School Improvement Team:

The school improvement team will consist of the following people: Sue Domen, Carol Fackler, Julie Flaherty, Paige Gabel, Scott McGlade, Debbie Miller, Kristen Myher, Therese Redpath, Amy Salowitz, Wendy Warshal, Julie Wolf and Mr. Gilboe. Please look for a Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, March 6th at 7:00 PM in the Multi-use Room. More information to follow.

3. PTC News:

The minutes from the last general PTC meeting are attached to this Messenger. If you were unable to attend the meeting, please read take a few minutes to read them.

There have been several requests for the closing prayer from the PTC Meetings. . .

We pray over you that you have...

the power to be gentle,
the strength to be forgiving,
the patience to be understanding, and
the courage to be faith-filled.

May you grow in...

The peace that overcomes violence,
the openness that overcomes exclusion,
the honesty that overcomes fear, and
the love that overcomes selfishness.

May all these hopeful and necessary qualities become more and more deeply rooted in you, as you are sent to bring Jesus and Jesus' ways to all you meet and serve this year.

Let peace extend from my hand to yours.

Let my hope for you give you strength for your journey.

And may the love that is in my heart for you pass from my hand to yours. Amen.

Next PTC Meeting –Thursday, March 13, 2008 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:

That's Amore- *An Evening in Italy* is just about 2 months away!! Get ready to be wined and dined on some delicious Italian food, fine wines and delectable desserts. You'll visit the Piazza, St. Mary's Vineyard, Sicily, Sardinia, and St. Peter's Square all without having to leave Pinckney!!

"Benvenuti, amanti del vino!" [*Welcome Wine Lovers*]

At the auction you'll have the opportunity to purchase our very own Select Signature Brand of St. Mary's Wine. This special vino was prepared just for this event!! Salute'

New this year you can bid on becoming this year's **AUCTION VIP's**. You and 3 guests will be the "Celebrities of the Night". You'll receive first class round trip transportation to the Auction with your very own chauffeur who will whisk you away to the event in a luxury Chrysler 300. You and your guests will enjoy early preview and reception in our San Marino Club, receive VIP preferred seating, special bidder pads, 4 drink tickets, raffle tickets, and your very own bottle of St. Mary's Wine with beautiful souvenir etched wine glasses. Look for more details about this special opportunity coming next month.

We are now accepting advertisements for our Auction Program. Don't forget to promote your business or your place of employment. There are many options to choose from. Please pick up an extra Donation form in the school office for more details. Want to be a Banner Sponsor and promote your business year-round in our school gym? Have a question? Call Chairperson, Shannon Orłowski @ 517-861-9235.

5. Market Day News:

February Orders are due to the office by Feb. 19th, order online by Feb. 21st. The February pick up date is Wednesday, Feb. 27th between 3:30 and 5:00 PM in the Multi-use Room.

The workers for the February pick up are Sally Barclay (phone calls), Cheryl Estes and Doug Garbarz. We are in need of more workers; please call me to sign up

6. Campbell's Soup Labels/Box Top News:

Thanks to everyone who has been saving soup labels and box tops!

Reminder: Our contest continues through the end of February with the winning class receiving a class-wide dress down pass.

The top three classes as of Monday, February 11th are as follows:

1st Place – Ms. Trierweiler's kindergarten class with 334 points

2nd Place – Mrs. Kinsey's first grade class with 242 points

3rd Place – Mrs. Houk's fourth grade class with 149 points.

The total number of points collected to date is 1,140.

We are a long way from meeting the 10,000 point challenge but we got off to a slow start with three snow days this month. There is still plenty of time left. Remember to SAVE, SAVE, SAVE! Encourage grandparents, aunts and uncles, and neighbors to help too!

God bless all of you. In the end, St. Mary will be the ultimate winner!

Ann Langford (Campbell's Soup Label and Box Tops for Education Mom)