

# THE MARIAN MESSENGER

SAINT MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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**Thursday, February 21, 2008**

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## Week-At-A-Glance

Friday, February 22, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All School Liturgy – Grade 5 @ 9:00 AM</li><li>• 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Fieldtrip to Chelsea Milling Company</li><li>• Stations of the Cross @ 2:45 PM</li><li>• Girl's Basketball @ <b>HOME</b> – J. V. @ 4::30 PM and Varsity @ 5:30 PM vs. HAACH</li></ul>
Monday, February 25, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Morning Prayer – Grade 1</li></ul>
Tuesday, February 26, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Edventure @ Howell Nature Center</li><li>• 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math League Contest</li><li>• Kindergarten Fieldtrip to MSU Planetarium</li></ul>
Wednesday, February 27, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Primary School Liturgy – Grade 2 @ 9:00 AM</li><li>• Market Day Pick-up</li></ul>
Thursday, February 28, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dress Down Day – Fundraiser sponsored by 8<sup>th</sup> Grade</li></ul>

## **Principal Points:**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

- **4,070 pounds!!! 4,070 pounds!!! 4,070 pounds!!! 4,070 pounds!!!**

Congratulations!!! That's how much food was collected during Food Challenge 2008!

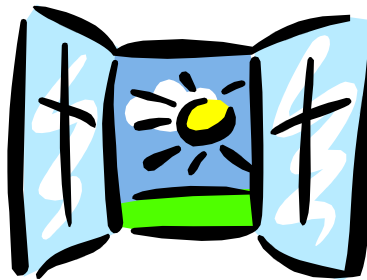
Here's how the teams contributed: First place: Grades 6 and 7 – 978 pounds; (that's almost a half ton!) Second place: Grades 1 and 4 – 826 pounds; Third place: Grades 2 and 5 – 805 pounds; Fourth place: K-Torongo and Grade 3 – 739 pounds; Fifth place: K-Trierweiler and Grade 8 – 619 pounds. Special thanks to the Religious Education Program's participation for helping us reach beyond our goal. This total represents more than **two tons** of food! Thank you to all of the students, parents, and staff for an outstanding job, a true demonstration of community stewardship. Extra special thanks go out to **Mrs. Wack** for making long leaps in a single bound throughout the drive! Now it looks as if I have a date with a member of the order known as Rodentia!?! Isn't a cute little Easter bunny a rodent???

- 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.
- Attached to this messenger is a Food Service Survey from Aramark our hot lunch provider. Please take a minute to answer the questions and share your comments about the hot lunch program. Return the to the School Office by Friday, February 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Our Campbell's Soup Label/Box Tops for Education contest will run until the end of February. Keep saving and collecting those labels and box tops so that we may reach our school goal of 10,000 units. Please mark the class name on your returns and place them in the collection container in the office. **SAVE, SAVE, SAVE!!!**

- A School Improvement Team meeting was held on Tuesday, 2/19, in order to begin the process of a PIP review. Thanks to all of the team members who volunteered their time and talent toward the effort: Wendy Warshal, Julie Flaherty, Scott McGlade, Amy Salowitz, Carol Fackler, Kristin Myher, Therese Redpath, Debbie Miller, Sue Doman, Julie Wolf, and Paige Gabel. The members are in the process of collecting information about our PIP program, and will contact other parishes and schools about how community involvement is conducted there. An open meeting for school parents will be held on Thursday, 3/6, to discuss the progress of the PIP review and to provide an opportunity for parent input. Questions, comments, and suggestions throughout the process are welcomed and can be submitted to SITStMary@gmail.com.
- Upcoming dates to remember:  
Friday, 2/22, Stations of the Cross for students.  
Tuesday, 2/26, Grade 6 to Howell Nature Center  
Thursday, 2/28, Grade 8 Dress Down Day - Fundraiser

Best regards,  
John Gilboe

## THE WINDOW



### **Art News:**

I hope the Square 1 magnet packets made it home. The students did an excellent job on their art work for this magnet project. ORDERS are DUE: **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22**. Please have your child give the order form to their teacher. Thank You. Mrs. Hamer

During the second semester all classes will be working 3-D art work. The Eighth grade will be working on a wire sculpture and clay project. The Seventh grade will be working on altered recycled books, painting their whistles and a clay project. The Sixth grade will begin a printmaking project and clay bowl project. The Fifth grade will begin a printmaking African cloth design and a clay project. The Fourth grade will be making clay dragons. The Third grade will be making clay coil animals. The Second grade will be introduced to pinch pots. The First grade will be making paper Mache animals. The Kindergarten will be starting a stuffed fish project.

### **For Your Information:**

#### **1. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Fundraiser – February 28<sup>th</sup>:**

On Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, the 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class

## **2. Bingo Schedule for Sunday, February 24, 2008:**

Position	Family/Person Responsible
Senior Chairperson	Estes Family
Chairperson	Ortiz Family
Caller	John Fackler
Kitchen Worker	Glaser Family
Floor Worker	Glaser Family
Floor Worker	Myher Family
Charity Game/Floor Worker	Myher Family
Charity Game/Floor Worker	Albert Family Grossmeyer 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:**

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/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/st_mary_school/)

## **4. Auction News:**

Getting tired of the cold weather yet? Well, spring is just around the corner and so is the Auction. This year we have some fabulous LIVE auction items for you to bid on. These get aways are full of SUN and FUN, and something wonderful to look forward to. Plan to bid on...

### **Fun in the Sun- Orlando, Florida**

In need of some sunshine and relaxation? You'll be "thankful" while you spend Thanksgiving week in Florida at the beautiful Cypress Pointe Resort. Bring your whole family! November 22nd-29th you will stay in a gorgeous 3 bedroom condo, includes 3 bathrooms, full kitchen, screened in porch, maid service, TV, washer & dryer, a lake, mini golf, pool with a volcano, kiddie pool, basketball, tennis, and a playground. Within minutes you can reach Universal Studios, Sea World, Golf, shopping and so much more!!! You can even walk to Downtown Disney!! What a way to enjoy the holiday!

*Donated by St. Mary PTC*

### **Crystal Mountain Family Get-Away:**

You'll spend 4 days and 3 nights, August 14th-17th, in a 3-bdrm Cottage that sleeps 9 right at the heart of the Crystal Mt Resort and the Park at Water's Edge. Your weekend includes 18 holes of golf for 4 with a cart and access to the 4200 sq ft. outdoor pool with zero-depth water playground, outdoor jacuzzi, fitness center with indoor pool, and many family activities Crystal Mt has to offer during your stay. Bike rentals and Chair lift rides are available and the Lake Michigan shoreline is only a short drive away. Great summer fun guaranteed!!!

*Donated by: Camille Ozog, and Crystal Mt Resort*

We currently still need a volunteer to help with our Auction Program. If you have any experience with computers and can help with layouts using Microsoft Word, please call Shannon Orlowski, Chairperson, @ 517-861-9235.

### **Become an Auction Sponsor**

The St. Mary Auction Team is looking for Sponsorships for this year's upcoming Auction. Become a VATICAN [Platinum] Sponsor at our That's Amore- An Evening in Italy event on April 12th. You'll receive 8 tickets [a full table] at the auction in a premium location, a 4'x6' Banner hung in our gym for a full year, Full page ad in our Auction Program, and early auction preview and Champagne Reception in our San Marino Club. Other sponsorship options are available and more information can be found on our parish website @ [www.stmarypinckney.org](http://www.stmarypinckney.org). Please contact Chairperson, Shannon Orlowski @ 517-861-9235 for details.

We are also currently accepting auction donations. Please drop off donations to the school office, or in marked envelopes in the Sunday Mass Offertory Baskets. Thank you!!

### **5. Come to a Pampered Chef Party:**

Everyone is invited to attend a special Pampered Chef party hosted by school parent Lori Hall. Come and stop by and be entertained by the always insightful and witty Renee Chodkowski as she serves up some delicious treats using all the latest from Pampered Chef. Brunch will be served and there is no obligation to buy BUT all proceeds will purchase Pampered Chef products to be auctioned off at this year's auction. The party starts at 9am on Thursday, February 28th at 9598 Rolling Green Drive in the Whispering Pines Subdivision. Please RSVP to Lori Hall @ 734-878-1771 or e-mail [lousy123@aol.com](mailto:lousy123@aol.com) You can also place an order if you unable to attend. Don't forget: Mother's Day is just around the corner!! Pampered Chef will have some great gift ideas. Hope you can join us!!

### **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 Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Ms. Trieweiler's kindergarten class with 507 points

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Mrs. Kinsey's first grade class with 485 points

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Mrs. Heatwole's fifth grade class with 301 points.

The total number of points collected to date is 2,427.

We are a long way from meeting the 10,000 point challenge but there is still plenty of time left.

Remember to SAVE, SAVE, SAVE! **If every student brought in just 10 points next week, we would add over 2,000 points to our total. Most of us have that many points just sitting in our pantries or cupboards.** So what are you waiting for? Start clipping!

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)