

# THE MARIAN MESSENGER

## SAINT MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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**Thursday, February 28, 2008**

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### Week-At-A-Glance

Friday, February 29, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All School Liturgy – Grade 8 @ 9:00 AM</li><li>• Stations of the Cross @ 2:45 PM</li></ul>
Monday, March 3, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Morning Prayer – Grade 8</li><li>• Middle School Fieldtrip to Mercy</li><li>• Girl's Basketball @ <b>Child of Christ</b> – J.V. @ 5:00 PM and Varsity @ 6:00 PM</li></ul>
Tuesday, March 4, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>
Wednesday, March 5, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Middle School Liturgy – Grade 6 @ 9:00 AM</li><li>• Reconciliation – Grade 3 @ 1:00 PM</li><li>• Progress Reports Go Home (Grades 4 – 8)</li><li>• Girl's Basketball @ Home – J.V. @ 5:00 PM and Varsity @ 6:00 PM vs. St. Joe</li></ul>
Thursday, March 6, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reconciliation – Grade 4 @ 1:00 PM</li></ul>
Friday, March 7, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>FULL DAY OF SCHOOL – NO DISMISSAL BUSES</b></li><li>• All School Liturgy – Grade 7 @ 9:00 AM</li><li>• Popcorn Day – Food Drive</li><li>• Signed Progress Reports due back to Homeroom Teacher</li><li>• Reconciliation – Grade 5 @ 1:00 PM</li><li>• Stations of the Cross @ 2:45 PM</li></ul>

### Principal Points:

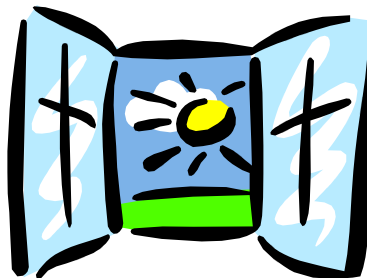
Dear Parents and Guardians,

- **Needed: Campbell Soup Labels and Box Tops!!!** Can you believe it? The end of February is already here, and we need your labels and box tops. Please search high and low in your cupboards and pantries for as many labels and box tops as you can find. We are a fair distance from our goal of 10,000 points, so if you have been saving them up, now is the time to turn them in!
- All of the permission slips for the Benziger Family Life Program have been returned and the program will proceed. There are still some *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.
- School Improvement Team efforts continue with members collecting information about our PIP program and similar programs throughout the diocese. Remember, an open meeting for school parents will be held on Thursday, 3/6, at 7:00 p.m. 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](mailto:SITStMary@gmail.com).
- Big thanks to parents in Grade 2 for providing a scrumptious lunch for the teachers yesterday. Speaking for myself, I really look forward to those lunches. They are so much better than the little black lunch bag that waits, cold and boring, for me everyday. Thanks again!

- Thank you to all of the volunteers who braved the snowy weather on Tuesday, 2/26, to help out on the Grade 6 Howell Nature Center field trip. I heard that everyone had a great time!
- Upcoming dates to remember:
  - Friday, 2/29, Stations of the Cross for students.
  - Wednesday, 3/5, Reconciliation for Grade 3; Progress Reports sent home today and due back on Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - Thursday, 3/6, Reconciliation for Grade 4; Town Hall meeting about PIP review with School Improvement Team at 7:00 p.m.
  - Friday, 3/7, Reconciliation for Grade 5; Stations of the Cross for students; Full day of school, but **NO BUSES in PM**, all students need to be picked up at the end of the school day.

Best regards,  
John Gilboe

## THE WINDOW



### **Computer News:**

This has been a busy term. The 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> Grades were busy making bookmarks while learning Publisher for Catholic Schools week. They worked very hard on them and did a fabulous job. Also, the 7<sup>th</sup> grade compiled all the material for the last St. Mary School Quarterly. A big "Thank You" for a job well done!

The computer lab has a new look. Thanks to Mr. Pauline, the computers tables have been moved to make the lab more efficient and effective for learning. Please stop by and take a look.

Presently, grades K-2 are learning new features in Word while improving their keyboarding skills. Grades 3-5 have been learning how to scan pictures into a document and designing some fun personalized comic strips. Middle school is focusing on improving skills required for research papers. Learning how to perform efficient searches on the internet and evaluate web sites is just one skill. We will also be covering how to produce papers in APA and MLA format.

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Kindergarten Room, 165. 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 7<sup>th</sup>**. **There will be no school for current kindergarten students on that day.**

### **Band News:**

On Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> there will not be band classes. Thank you in advance, Dr. & Mrs. Braciszewski

## **For Your Information:**

### **1. Bingo Schedule for Sunday, March 2, 2008:**

Position	Family/Person Responsible
Senior Chairperson	Westerberg Family
Chairperson	Raymond/Barclay Family
Caller	Vroman Family
Kitchen Worker	B. Miller Family
Floor Worker	B. Miller Family
Floor Worker	Brewer Family
Charity Game/Floor Worker	Brewer Family
Charity Game/Floor Worker	Schmidt Family Schmidt 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:**

Has someone touched you by performing an unexpected act of kindness? Would you like to recognize them in a small way? The PTC has started a parent recognition program to focus on the many small ways we reach out to others. If you would like to acknowledge a school parent, please put their name in the box on the table outside of the school office.

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/)

### **3. Angels Aware – DVD Orders:**

Don't forget to order your copy of this past Christmas program, "Angels Aware". The cost is \$10.00 per DVD. Order forms are available in the office. Remember to keep family and friends in mind when making your order.

### **4. 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 25<sup>th</sup> are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Ms. Trierweiler's kindergarten class with 567 points

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Mrs. Kinsey's first grade class with 557 points

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Mrs. Heatwole's fifth grade class with 422 points.

**Ms. Trierweiler and Mrs. Kinsey are just 10 points apart with a week left to go!**

The total number of points collected to date is 3,226.

We are a long way from meeting the 10,000 point challenge but perhaps we can at least meet or exceed our October collection of 7,651 points. **I said this last week but 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? **This is like free money for our school!** 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

## **5. Auction News:**

We are just weeks away until the BIG event. Plan to join us on April 12th and take your trip to Italy with your family, friends, and co-workers. The Auction Team has been working hard on we have a GRANDE evening planned for everyone!!

Please turn in your auction donations as soon as you are able. If you know of any business that would be interested in becoming a Sponsor and have the opportunity to have their advertisement on a banner in our gym year-round, please contact Chairperson, Shannon Orłowski for more details @517-861-9235. Our LIVE Auction will take place under the heavenly stars in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican. Here's a sneak peak a few items up for bid...

### **"Party like a Rock Star"- with a Bruce Springsteen Autographed Guitar!!**

Legendary Rock and Roll icon, Bruce Springsteen has won numerous awards including 18 Grammy Awards and an Academy Award, and has sold over 60 million albums in the U.S. alone. This stunning body-signed Guitar signed by the BOSS, also comes with a complimentary adjustable Fender Guitar Stand for display. Be the envy of all the classic rock fans with this unique memorabilia. [This Guitar comes with a Certificate of Authenticity (COA) which includes a lifetime money back guarantee on authenticity].

*Donated By: St Mary School families*

### **2008 Season U of M Football Tickets – GO BLUE!**

FOUR tickets for every U of M home Football game, including the BIG ONE: the greatest in-state rivalry, **U of M vs. Michigan State!!** This is a great opportunity for all you Michigan Fans! Come out and see the new Head Football Coach- Rich Rodriguez, and the Maize and Blue Wolverines!! Section:18 Row 10-11 Seats 28 & 29

- ❖ August 30<sup>th</sup> UTAH
- ❖ September 6<sup>th</sup> MIAMI (Ohio)
- ❖ September 27<sup>th</sup> WISCONSIN
- ❖ October 4<sup>th</sup> ILLINOIS
- ❖ October 11<sup>th</sup> TOLEDO
- ❖ October 25<sup>th</sup> MICHIGAN STATE
- ❖ November 15<sup>th</sup> NORTHWESTERN

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Visit the parish/school website @ [www.stmarypinckney.org](http://www.stmarypinckney.org) for more details and updates on our Auction items, raffles, and sponsorships.