

# THE MARIAN MESSENGER

## SAINT MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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**Thursday, March 6, 2008**

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### Week-At-A-Glance

Friday, March 7, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Full day of School – <b>NO DISMISSAL BUS SERVICE</b></li><li>• All School Liturgy – Grade 7 @ 9:00 AM</li><li>• Popcorn Day/Food Drive</li><li>• Signed Progress Reports Due to Homeroom Teacher</li><li>• Reconciliation – Grade 5 @ 1:00 PM</li><li>• Stations of the Cross @ 2:45 PM</li></ul>
Sunday, March 9, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Parent Meeting @ 10:20 – Multi-use Room</li></ul>
Monday, March 10, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>NO BAND CLASSES</b></li><li>• Morning Prayer – Grade 7</li><li>• Middle School Fieldtrip to Mercy High – “The Music Man”</li><li>• Girl’s Basketball @ <b>HOME</b> – J.V. @ 5:00 PM and Varsity @ 6:00 PM vs. Holly</li></ul>
Tuesday, March 11, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>NO BAND CLASSES</b></li><li>• Spring Pictures</li><li>• Rob the Drummer Presentation</li><li>• Girl’s Basketball @ <b>St. Pat’s</b> – 6<sup>th</sup> Gr. @ 6:00 PM and Varsity @ 7:00 PM</li></ul>
Wednesday, March 12, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Primary School Liturgy – Grade 5 @ 9:00 AM</li><li>• Kindergarten Fieldtrip to Buschs @ 1:00 PM</li><li>• Reconciliation – Grade 8 @ 1:15 PM</li></ul>
Thursday, March 13, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reconciliation – Grade 7 @ 1:15 PM</li><li>• Girl’s Basketball @ <b>HOME</b> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade @ 5:00 PM</li><li>• PTC Meeting @ 7:00 PM – Multi-use Room</li></ul>

### **Principal Points:**

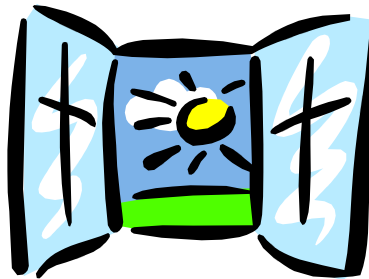
Dear Parents and Guardians,

- Just a reminder if you have not turned in your required auction donation (\$50.00 cash/check or a new/unused item with a \$75.00 value), please get those in. Time is running short. Our auction team will be contacting families that have not met their obligation.
- A Town Hall meeting for school parents will be held tonight, 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).
- Congratulations to Mrs. Dzombak and all of the middle school students who participated in the Michigan Mathematics League Contest. Please see Mrs. Dzombak’s article in this edition of the Messenger!
- Thank you to all of the Knights of Columbus who visited Grade 2 to make bluebird houses. Each house was unique and a beautiful work of art. Thanks again!
- Spring Pictures will be taken on Tuesday, 3/11. Uniforms are not required, but remember to dress appropriately.

- We need your help! If you send your student to school with a microwave lunch, please also send a dish or paper plate. Dishes and plates will not be provided for students since no staff is available to clean those dishes and plates after they are used. Thank you for your time and consideration...  
...and... Students are not allowed to bring any electronic devices, including iPods and cellular telephones to school. Student in-school possession of these devices can cause a number of problems for the students and staff, including those issues involving liability and more importantly, student safety. Please leave all electronic devices at home.
- Upcoming dates to remember:
  - Friday, 3/7, Reconciliation Grade 5; Stations of the Cross for students: Progress Reports due back in school. Full day of school, but **NO BUSES in PM**, all students need to be picked up at the end of the school day.
  - Wednesday, 3/12, Reconciliation for Grade 8
  - Thursday, 3/13, Reconciliation for Grade 7
  - Friday, 3/14, Reconciliation for Grade 6; Stations of the Cross for students;

Best regards,  
John Gilboe

## THE WINDOW



### First Grade News:

What a wonderful winter wonderland we have been having this winter. The first graders enjoyed a sledding day out on the side yard as part of their Valentine's Day party and it was great fun. We have been working very hard in the classroom and it was nice to take a little break.

We recently took a Reading Theme test to see how we were coming along with our studies in Language Arts and Reading. We raised our class average by 4.8% to 94.8!! What a great accomplishment. We have been learning how to write telling and asking sentences, how to proofread, all about nouns and action words, too.

In Math we studied geometry and symmetry. It was fun to learn about shapes and solids especially when we found out that they learn about this in high school, too. We have also been practicing to add and subtract from 20 or less. We are getting pretty good at using number lines or counting backwards or forwards in our heads with the smaller number.

We completed our Social Studies unit with a trip to the Chelsea Milling Co. where we saw an actual assembly line in progress. We recreated an assembly line in our classroom and made penguins. It is amazing how many parts there are in a penguin. We had to learn about quality control and how to stop the presses to get things back on line correctly. It was great fun.

Currently we are learning about plants and animals in Science. There is a lot to learn about. So far we have learned what plants need to be healthy: air, water, soil, and sunlight, they come from seeds, and their body parts. We have also learned about the different kinds of animals and insects, what they need to be healthy and grow: food, shelter, air, and water, body coverings, how a butterfly comes from a caterpillar. There is so much more to learn and we are very eager to learn it all!

## **Middle School Math Competition:**

Recently, students in the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades participated in the Michigan Mathematics League Annual Contest. During math class, the students took a timed, 10-question math test. The five highest scores from each grade were combined and submitted to the Michigan Mathematics League as our school's team score. Students with the top scores in the sixth grader were: Sam Black, Jonathan Estes, Nolan Lefebvre, Julia McClafferty, and Benjamin Schmitter. The top seventh grade scorers were: Steven Galloway, Jacob Glaser, Dan Jessop Jonathan Nickels and Gabbie Redpath. In the eighth grade, the five scorers were: Marisa Hur, Sarah Langford, Clarissa LeVasseur, Matt McIntyre and Jake Stepaniak.

Additionally, the Math League awarded a certificate to the student with the highest score in each of our classes. The best scores in each class were earned by: Julia McClafferty – 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Dan Jessop – 7<sup>th</sup> grade and Clarissa LeVasseur – 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Congratulations to all!

## **Pre-School Open House:**

We are hosting an Open House for our Pre-school program on Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30 - 7:00 PM. Please come visit our Pre-School Room (Room #166). Parents, children are welcome. We have the following classes available: 3 year old, 4 year old and Young 5's. Please tell your friends and family. Pass the word. Thank you in advance, Mrs. Abbott.

## **For Your Information:**

### **1. Bingo Schedule for Sunday, March 9, 2008:**

No Bingo!

### **2. 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/)

### **3. Auction News:**

Tickets go on sale MONDAY March 10th. Please plan to join us for our 11th annual auction: That's Amore~ An Evening in Italy!! Invitations will be mailed your home next week. Please return all ticket request forms to the school with a list of your table guests with all payment included if possible. We have a GRANDE evening planned. Take a look at these LIVE Auction offerings we are working on...

#### **"IT'S ALL ABOUT FAMILY"**

Nothing reminds us more of an Italian themed movie than the Oscar winning film, *The Godfather*. As the high bidder, you'll take home an authentic reprinted autographed script of this 1973 Academy Award winning movie as well as an **original** authentic 27x 40 display movie poster hand signed by the cast including:

Marlon Brando, Al Pacino, James Cann, Gianni Russo, Robert Duvall, Dianne Keaton, Talia Shire, Al Martino, and Writer Mario Puzo, and Director Francis Ford Coppola.

#### **THE GODFATHER'S CHEF:**

A group of 8 will be on the "hit list" this year for an authentic Italian dinner at the home of Dale and Rochelle Stepaniak. Your menu includes Italian favorites from appetizers, pasta, main courses and desserts ("*leave the gun, take the cannoli*"). Please remember... "*We don't discuss business at the table*". You and your mafia friends will choose red or white, and be treated to the best Italian Vino!! Dinner must be a mutually agreed upon date. Bid, bid high and we'll say "*Belle Notte!*" Don't worry; you'll be treated like *famiglia!*

For more information about the auction or ticket sales, please contact Lori Nickels @ 810-231-0095. Visit our website to view the updates @ [www.stmarypinckney.org](http://www.stmarypinckney.org)

#### **4. Market Day News:**

We earned \$199.37 from the February Sale.

Thank you to Sally Barclay, Cheryl Estes, April Frost, Doug Garbarz, Julie Kukalis, and Deb Pauline for helping.

The workers for next month are Lois Black, Sally Barclay, Carol Fackler, Paige Gabel, Doug Garbarz, Cherise Kiel, and Peggy Linville.

Orders for the March sale are due to the school office on March 18<sup>th</sup> or order on the Internet by March 27<sup>th</sup>. The pick up for the March sale will be April 2

If you are unable to pick up your order please send a check into the school office prior to the pick up date/time or consider placing your order on-line and pre-paying with a credit card.

Thank you. Cindy McClafferty – Market Day Coordinator

#### **5. 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> in the Kindergarten Room, 165. It will be at 7:00 p.m., babysitting will be available, 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.

#### **6. 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.

#### **7. Food Drive Thank You:**

What a great food drive challenge this year! It was inspiring to see the true spirit of giving at work throughout the school. Each team pulled out all the stops and brought in a whopping **4,070 pounds!** That was **670 pounds more** than last year! WOW! The food could not have come at a better time as the pantry shelves were practically empty. Now, they are literally bulging with food! Thank you to each and every family for your unbelievable support. Hopefully, everyone enjoyed the dress down day pass the entire school received. You have definitely earned it! The first prize winner was our 7<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Team with a total of **978 pounds**. They will enjoy a 2<sup>nd</sup> dress down day for their efforts! In second place was the 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade team with **826 pounds** followed closely by the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade team with **805 pounds**.

**Weight totals for the rest of school were as follows:**

Mrs. Torongo/3<sup>rd</sup> grade – 739 pounds; Ms. Treiweiller/8<sup>th</sup> grade – 619 pounds; Preschool – 103 pounds.

Congratulations to all of you for a job well done! God bless you all!

If anyone knows of anyone that is in need of emergency food or personal care items, please contact the parish office at 734-878-3161. All information is confidential.

Sincerely, Lisa Wack

## **8. Information on Stem Cells and Cloning Conference:**

### **Stem Cells and Cloning Conference**

**Date:** Monday, March 3, 2008

**Time:** 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

**Location:** Sacred Heart Seminary, 2701 W. Chicago, Detroit ; secure parking, enter from Linwood

The Catholic Lawyers Society of Michigan is hosting a conference discussing multiple issues surrounding the current stem cell debate. The featured speakers are Reverend Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D. (Fr. Tad), Director of Education, the National Catholic Bioethics Center, and Mr. Paul Long, Vice President of Public Policy, Michigan Catholic Conference. Although geared toward legal and healthcare professionals, all those interested in this evolving issue are welcome. The speakers will discuss these issues in a non-confrontational/non-debate format through formal presentation and panel discussion. We hope that you will join us for this informative conference presented free of charge!

For more information visit: <http://catholiclawyersmi.org/>