

THE MARIAN MESSENGER

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Thursday, March 13, 2008

Week-At-A-Glance

Friday, March 14, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All School Liturgy – Grade 4 @ 9:00 AM Reconciliation – Grade 6 @ 1:15 PM Stations of the Cross @ 2:45 PM
Monday, March 17, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer – Grade 6 Girl's Basketball @ HAACH – J.V. @ 4:30 PM and Varsity @ 5:30 PM
Tuesday, March 18, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girl's Basketball @ HOME – Varsity @ 4:30PM vs. Huron Valley Catholic
Wednesday, March 19, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Middle School Liturgy – Grade 8 @ 9:00 AM Living Stations @ 2:30 PM
Thursday, March 20, 2008 through Sunday March 30, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No School – Easter Break
Monday, March 31, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classes Resume Morning Prayer – Grade 5 Girl's Basketball @ Child of Christ – J.V. @ 5:00 PM and Varsity @ 6:00PM
Tuesday, April 1, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8th Grade Parent Night @ PHS @ 7:00 PM Girl's Basketball @ HOME vs. HAACH – 5th Grade @ 4:00 PM
Wednesday, April 2, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary School Liturgy – Grade 5 @ 9:00 AM 3rd Grade Used Book Sale Begins
Thursday, April 3, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8th Grade Students Visit PHS 3rd Grade Used Book Sale Kindergarten Informational Meeting @ 7:00 PM
Friday, April 4, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full Day of School – NO AM BUS SERVICE All School Liturgy – Grade 4 @ 9:00 AM Popcorn Day/Food Drive 3rd Grade Used Book Sale Ends End of 3rd Quarter J. V. Girl's Basketball Tournament @ St. Mary

Principal Points:

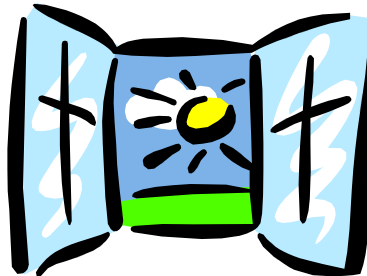
Dear Parents and Guardians,

- A Town Hall meeting was held for school parents 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 are still welcomed and can be submitted to SITStMary@gmail.com.
- Congratulations to Mrs. Dzombak's class for collecting the most Campbell's Soup Labels and Box Tops! The winning total was 1,261 points and earned the class a free dress down day. Although we didn't reach our goal of 10,000 points, we did manage to collect a very respectable 5,612 points. Special thanks to Mrs. Langford for organizing and cheering us on during the drive!

- On Tuesday, we had a very interesting, exciting, and informative visit from an educational speaker named Rob the Drummer. Rob provided us with two shows, one for K – 5, and the other for Grades 6 – 8. Both shows featured positive messages about developing good skills and relationships while avoiding negative behaviors that get in the way of being the best that we can be. Rob used the power of music, an excellent animated video, and his own positive life experiences to communicate the messages. He left us with our own CD entitled, “Rob the Drummer at St. Mary Catholic School.” Can’t wait to view it!
- The Brighton Center for the Performing Arts sent St. Mary Catholic School an announcement for their *2008 Celebration of Music* that is being held on Sunday, March 16, at the Performing Arts Center at Brighton High School at 2:30 p.m. Our very own Sarah Langford will play violin and perform Sonata in e minor by F. Veracini and Polish Dance by E. Severn at 4:15 p.m.!
- Upcoming dates to remember:
 - Friday, 3/14, Reconciliation for Grade 6; Stations of the Cross for students at 2:45 p.m.
 - Monday, 3/17, St. Patrick’s Day – Students may wear green shirts, ribbons, sweaters but must wear uniform bottoms (pants, skirts, or jumpers).
 - Wednesday, 3/19, All school Mass; Living Stations at 2:15 p.m.
 - Thursday, 3/20, – Sunday, 3/30, Easter Break
 - Monday, 3/31, School resumes.

Best regards,
John Gilboe

THE WINDOW



Third Grade News:

There has been great excitement in Math class as we have been learning how to multiply. We have already learned how to skip count, connect addition with multiplication and draw arrays. We will also be using games and poster stories to reinforce the skills we are learning. After we conquer multiplication it’s on to division.

In Language Arts we are learning to write a Personal Narrative. This week we will choose a topic and work on writing a strong beginning. Our topic sentence will either ask a question or set the scene. From there we will be identifying main events and writing details to support each idea. Finally we will write a closing that will tell how everything worked out or share some personal feelings about the topic. Our completed narratives will be illustrated and final copies are neatly written into our story journals.

In Social Studies we have had fun reading all about our American Culture. We’ve studied myths and legends and why they are important to every community. Many students enjoyed reading stories about Paul Bunyan or Pecos Bill in our tall tale lesson. Others liked the real American heroes like Frederick Douglas and Jonas Salk. Our chapter ends with learning how people celebrate their heritage with sculptures and memorials.

Throughout Lent we are working on a classroom activity which will help guide students to do more for others. Please keep us in your prayers as we move closer to Holy Week and celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus.

For Your Information:

1. Bingo Schedule for Sunday, March 16, 2008:

Position	Family/Person Responsible
Senior Chairperson	Westerberg Family
Chairperson	Toy Family
Caller	John Fackler
Kitchen Worker	Jasinski Family
Floor Worker	Jasinski Family
Floor Worker	Black Family
Charity Game/Floor Worker	Black Family
Charity Game/Floor Worker	Hunter Family Hunter Family

Bingo Schedule for Sunday, March 23, 2008:

NO BINGO - ENJOY EASTER

Bingo Schedule for Sunday, March 30, 2008:

Senior Chairperson	Westerberg Family
Chairperson	Ortiz Family
Caller	Brian LeVasseur
Kitchen Worker	Anderson Family
Floor Worker	Anderson Family
Floor Worker	McGlade Family
Charity Game/Floor Worker	Albert Family
Charity Game/Floor Worker	Garbarz Family Garbarz 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:

Don't miss the opportunity to be an Auction VIP! VIP bids must be placed through the yahoo parent group site listed below. To join the yahoo group:

1. Go to the website listed below
2. Click on "Join This Group"
3. Enter your yahoo ID and password (or click the Sign Up button to obtain one)

Volunteers Needed!!

Help is needed to update the classroom websites. Please contact the school office if you are able to help with this project.

PTC Meeting Tonight–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/

3. Auction News:

AUCTION VIP'S

Here are the instructions on how YOU and 3 of your guests can become this year's First AUCTION VIP's...

Be the "Celebrities of the Night"!!

Go to the School's Yahoo/Group website and join the bidding war!!

The Auction VIP's will receive 4 admission tickets and first class round trip transportation to the auction via your private chauffeur who will whisk you away in a new Chrysler 300!! Then, enjoy an early Auction Preview and Reception in our San Marino Club with complimentary cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. ALL VIP's will share Prime Seating in the LIVE Auction, Special Bidder Paddles, and a beautiful bottle of souvenir St. Mary's Vino accompanied by 4 etched glass wine goblets.

The highest bidder will receive a \$50 "Carta della Fortuna" Raffle Ticket enabling you the chance to win a new Plasma TV!! Four additional drink tickets will also be in your package. At the end of the evening, you'll experience EXPRESS Checkout and everything will be taken care of, because you won't have to wait in line!!! Your chauffeur will escort you home after your memorable evening ends~ Belle Sera

RULES:

NOW, join the discussion on the school's Yahoo/Group website and place your bid.

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/st_mary_school/

Use your Family Name, LOG-in Name, or an Anonymous Name and place your bid under this post.

Bidding must begin at \$200 and increase in [at least] \$20 increments.

The Auction Team will contact the winning bidder. Bidding ends at 10pm on Sunday, APRIL 6th. Check back regularly on-line to this site to see if you remain the highest bidder. Good Luck!!!

Tickets are now ON SALE!! Get your ticket request forms in soon. We are expecting a large crowd this year for our auction: That's Amore- *An Evening in Italy*. Please plan to join the fun and bring your friends and family. Our LIVE Auction is once again filled with some wonderful trips and a GREAT new surprise!!! Watch for details on how you could win a trip for two to ROME ITALY!!!

Here's a new item up for bid...

Virginia's Historic Triangle: Williamsburg, Jamestown and Yorktown

Colonists, Patriots and Indians!!! Come see where America began — Take a step back in time (220 years) and experience first hand what it was like to live in the 18th century. Tour the battlefield where America won it's independence, step into the restored villages of America's first English colonists, take part in activities that Pocahontas would have done. Centrally located between Richmond and Virginia Beach, the Historic Triangle is a unique travel destination.

Colonial Williamsburg is the nation's largest living history museum encompassing 301 acres including some 500 buildings, homes, stores and taverns reconstructed and restored to their 18th-century appearances; tradesmen practicing 30 historic trades and domestic crafts; historical interpreters and character actors; and 90 acres of gardens and greens, and now featuring the live action drama, Revolutionary City™, daily from mid-March to the holiday season.

Travel to the past November 28th - December 5, 2008 when the average daytime temp is a comfortable 60 degrees. Enjoy a 2 bedroom condo for 6 at Marriott's Manor Club at Fords Colony in Williamsburg.
Donated by the Plait Family

Your kids are going to beg you for this offering...

The Ultimate Sleepover

Your child and 3 of their BFF's [best friends forever] will be blasted off in a *Limo* to *The Great Escape* in Howell for hours of Velocity Indoor Go-Cart Racing and Great Shot Bumper Basketball! Swing through *Hungry Howies* to pick up pizza and pop on your way home. Sleeping will not be an option after they hook up their new *Wii Game System* and play all night long!! Four Ultimate Sleeping Bags are included with a basket full of sleepover essentials! You will go down in history as the BPE [Best Parents Ever]!!
Donated by Camille Ozog, Entertainment Express, The Great Escape, Hungry Howies Pizza

4. 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, 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.

5. Kindergarten News:

No Kindergarten Classes on Monday, April 7th.

6. Pre-School Open House:

We are hosting an Open House for our Pre-school program on Thursday, April 3rd 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.

7. Box Tops and Campbell Soup Label Update:

I am pleased to announce the results of the February Soup Label and Box Top contest. Congratulations to the seventh graders who collected the greatest number of points and win the class-wide dress down pass. While it would be impossible to record individual student totals, I feel I must acknowledge Thomas Tarske who alone contributed over 800 points to his class total.

1st Place – Mrs. Dzombak's seventh grade class with 1,261 points

2nd Place – Mrs. Kinsey's first grade class with 984 points

3rd place – Ms. Trierweiler's kindergarten class with 623 points

While we once again fell short of our goal, we collected a total of 5,612 points. Thanks to everyone who participated. This is really an untapped resource, especially the box top collection as this is cash back to our school.

God bless you for your stewardship,
Ann Langford