

THE MARIAN MESSENGER

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Thursday, April 10, 2008

Week-At-A-Glance

Friday, April 11, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NOON DISMISSAL – NO DISMISSAL BUSES• All School Liturgy – Grade 5 @ 9:00 AM• Report Cards Go Home• Girls Varsity Basketball Tournament @ Holly Times – T.B.D
Saturday, April 12, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Girls Varsity Basketball Tournament @ Holly Times – T.B.D• <i>That's Amore – Auction @ 6:00 PM</i>
Sunday, April 13, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2nd Grade Parent Meeting @ 10:20 AM in the Multi-use Room
Monday, April 14, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Morning Prayer – Grade 3
Tuesday, April 15, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2nd Grade Bread Making• 4th Grade Fieldtrip to the Capitol & Historical Museum
Wednesday, April 16, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Primary School Liturgy – Grade 3 @ 9:00 AM• Signed Report Card Envelopes Due Back to Homeroom Teacher
Thursday, April 17, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jump Rope for Heart

Principal Points:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

- *"That's Amore!"* is here! Please invite your relatives, friends, and neighbors to join us for the 11th Annual St. Mary Catholic School Auction, *"An Evening in Italy,"* on Saturday, April 12; doors open at 6:00 p.m.!!!
- Congratulations to the following students who will have their Earth Day posters displayed in Constitution Hall in Lansing on Earth Day, April 22: Grade 5: Elisabeth Redpath, Ryan Burke; Grade 4: Laura Galloway, Selina Ortiz; Grade 3: Joey Salowitz; Grade 2: Jack Falinski, Jessica Haynes; Grade 1: Olivia Oakes; Kindergarten: Hannah Menosky, Nathan Warshal, Grant Wing. Special recognition goes to Jack Falinski for earning FIRST PLACE in his grade for the entire state!
- **Reminder!**
Applications for the *Tricia T. Berger Music Scholarship* are available in both the school and parish offices.
- Please join us on Monday, 4/14, at 6:30 p.m. for an informational meeting with Brian Suponcic from Tuition Management Systems. St. Mary Catholic School has partnered with TMS to provide tuition invoicing, collection, and reporting services beginning with the 2008/2009 school year. Brian will describe the numerous advantages for St. Mary to use a tuition management company, and he will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have about our partnership and his company's services. See you there!
- A School Improvement Team meeting was held on Thursday, 4/3, to continue the PIP review process. Team members provided additional reports on information collected from those who play leadership roles for our major fundraising events, and each SIT member described his or her recommendations for a new and improved involvement program. The review process will move forward as follows:

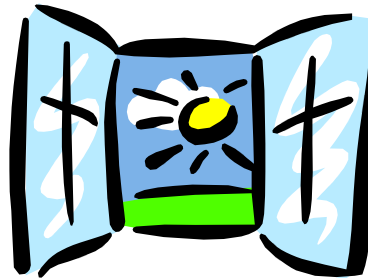
1) Next steps: Initial framework presented to Fr. Bill for review; framework returned to SIT for input; final framework presented to Fr. Bill for review; program implementation plan roll-out 2) Initial framework features: A volunteer program that highlights collaboration; edited task list from the present PIP book; retirement of points system and some reporting structures; interest, expertise, and availability database to fill fundraising and enrichment needs; the identification of small teams that work with the principal and the PTC to accomplish major fundraising and enrichment tasks; and increasing and improving communication and relationship-building throughout St. Mary Parish and School toward the common goal of advancing Catholic education.

• Upcoming dates to remember:

- Friday, 4/11, Early dismissal for AUCTION setup – 12:00 p.m. **NO P.M. BUSES!**
- Friday, 4/11, Report cards sent home. MEAP scores for grades 7 & 8 sent home. Visit www.michigan.gov to view MEAP scores from across the state.
- Saturday, 4/12, AUCTION! *“That’s Amore!”*

Best regards,
John Gilboe

THE WINDOW



Seventh Grade News:

The seventh graders continue to be busy. In Religion, we have completed our Family Life curriculum, and we have studied the miracles of Jesus. All of His miracles show us that He has power over all – nature, sickness, death, and sin. In Math, we are working with percentages and the many ways that we can use them in everyday life. In Life Science, we are continuing to work our way through the six Kingdoms of Life. So far, we have studied Archaeobacteria, Eubacteria, Protists, and Fungi. Next up is the Plant Kingdom. Now that spring is finally here, we are getting more excited about our BaySail Adventure on May 15. Pray for good weather!

Earth Day Fieldtrip for Grades 4, 5 & 6:

The 4th, 5th and 6th grade classes will attend the Earth Day Science Symposium in Lansing on Tuesday, April 22nd. We are in need of plastic grocery bags to recycle there. Our goal is to collect as many as we can between now and Monday, April 21st. Thank you in advance for your help.

Earth Day Week Dress Down Day:

To support our school’s Green School initiative, the seventh grade will be sponsoring a dress-down day on Thursday, April 24. Funds generated will be used for two of our Green School projects: to adopt an endangered snow leopard and to make a donation to the “Friends of Hartwick Pines” organization.

To participate in the dress-down day, students need to bring in \$1. The money should be placed in an envelope labeled “Dress-Down Day” and **clearly marked with the student’s name and grade**. Please send your money in by Wednesday, April 23.

Thank you for your support and participation!

For Your Information:

1. Bingo Schedule for Sunday, April 13, 2008:

Position	Family/Person Responsible
Senior Chairperson	Westerberg Family
Chairperson	Norton Family
Caller	Sherman Family
Kitchen Worker	
Floor Worker	Zakalata Family
Floor Worker	Dubanik Family
Charity Game/Floor Worker	Hovorka Family
Charity Game/Floor Worker	

Please Note if a schedule change has been submitted and does not show above please contact Melinda Gannon 810-231-3156.

2. Auction News: CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congratulations to the Malcolm Family and their guests. They are the winners of our on-line bidding to become this year's AUCTION VIP's. They will be escorted to the auction this weekend in style in a Chrysler 300!! They will receive an early auction pre-view of all items and meet the Auctioneer in our San Marino Club where they'll enjoy cocktails and hors d'uvres. They will be the Celebrities of the Evening!! Thank you Dave and Rina Malcolm for your generous support of the auction. Have a Bella Sera!!

Here's another sneak peak at a few of our LIVE auction offerings....

Pizza with the Padre

A pizza lunch with our very own Padre- Fr. Bill! Your child will be a star when Father Bill comes to lunch with their whole class! The auction team party planners will be treating them to a grand event! Pizza, Pop, Snacks, Ice Cream, Balloons and more.....! After the kids (and that includes Father Bill) are all sugared up they will blast off to the playground for extra recess! Swings! Slides! Twirly Things! Don't spin Father Bill too hard! What a Day!! Good before the end of the 2008 school year.

Value.....Priceless Memories

Donated by: Father Bill Wegher, The Auction Team, and Riverside Pizza

Principal's Backpack

Keep your kids afloat with this school survival backpack from our Principal, John Gilboe. One child will get to switch places with our principal for the day. Your child will run the school while the principal takes your child's place in class. Hope he can handle all the homework!!!

All your children will wear what they want (break out the striped socks) and chow down on snacks. The principal will run out and pick up lunch from your favorite fast food joint. Stay up late and watch your favorite movie because you have no homework. Take the stress off your parents for the Christmas program, leave at the last minute and sit in the front row!!

PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY – for one child

Front Row seating and a parking spot for the Christmas Program

5 dress down passes (per child)

5 popcorn passes for 1st Friday Popcorn (per child)

5 get out of homework passes (per child, per teacher discretion)

Fast food lunch delivered by our principal to lunchroom (1 per child)

One video rental

Donated by: Principal John Gilboe

How much is that Puppy In The Window?

You can take home little "Bella" home tonight! This 8 week old AKC Yellow Labrador is so sweet and very calm. She loves to snuggle and is very playful. Bella means "beautiful" in Italian and she is definitely beautiful! She is from a private breeder up north and has been raised indoors with 4 children. Labradors are a perfect family dog. Loving, lovable and very patient. Highly intelligent, eager to please, and high spirited. Lively and good-natured. They love to play, especially in water. Labs are not aggressive with people or other animals. "Bella" comes with a small crate and puppy essentials. How can you resist???

Donated by St. Mary School Families

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are still in need of extra volunteers to help out on Auction Night -especially youth. If your child is 13-18 and can give us a hand, please contact Mrs. Barrett at the school. Pizza and Pop will be available throughout the night and they will be supervised by adults during the event.

We also need Item Organizers to work from 9pm-11pm and ONE extra Bartender to work from 9p-11p. Please contact Lori Nickels @ 810-231-0095 to sign up.

Tickets will be available for purchase at the door, so plan to join us!! You don't want to miss THE social event of year here in Pinckney!! Or should we say ITALY!! See you all on Saturday!!

3. Market Day News:

The March sale earned \$220.00. Thank you to the following who worked the sale: Lois Black, Carol Fackler, Paige Gabel, Doug Garbarz, Peggy Linville, and Sally Barclay for phone calls.

April workers are Doug Garbarz, Karen Tarske and Sally Barclay (phone calls). Extra workers are still needed, if you can help please call Cindy 734-878-2927.

There are only two sales left for this school year: April 30th pick up and May 28th pick up. There will not be a sale in June. Orders for the April sale are due to the school office on Monday, April 21st or order on the internet by noon on Thursday, April 24th.

4. Basketball (Boys & Girls) and Cheer Banquet :

The banquet for Boys & Girls Basketball and Cheerleading is next Friday, April 18th. The dinner will be spaghetti. The rest will be potluck. Each family on the teams are asked to bring the following:

Boys 5 th	Appetizers (fruit tray, cheese & crackers, vegetables, etc)
Boys 6 th	Bread items (Italian, French, rolls, etc)
Boys Varsity	Pop/Juice/Drinks (3 2L bottles each)
Cheerleaders	Choice of any (for those girls not on the basketball team)
Girls JV	Salads
Girls Varsity	Desserts

If you have kids on 2 teams or played 2 sports (cheerleaders), you may just pick one thing to bring from 1 category (although more is welcome).

The program will be as follows:

6:00	Start
6:00 – 6:30	Girls Varsity Awards
6:00 – 6:45	Boys vs. Dads game I
6:30 – 7:00	Girls JV Awards
6:45 – 7:30	Boys vs. Dads game II
7:00 – 7:30	Cheerleader Awards
7:30 – 8:00	Boys JV Awards
8:00 – 8:30	Boys Varsity Awards

We look forward to seeing everyone. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.
Jeff Gabel (734) 355-6455