

THE MARIAN MESSENGER

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Thursday, April 17, 2008

Week-At-A-Glance

Friday, April 18, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All School Liturgy – Grade 8 @ 9:00 AM• Sports Banquet 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Monday, April 21, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Morning Prayer – Grade 2• Vision Screening for Grades 1, 3, 5, 7• Ecology Center Presentation for Grades K - 2
Tuesday, April 22, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hearing Screening for Grades K , 2, 4• Vision Re-Screening• Earth Day Fieldtrip for Grades 4, 5, 6
Wednesday, April 23, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Middle School Liturgy – Grade 6 @ 9:00 AM
Thursday, April 24, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Earth Day Dress Down Day - \$1.00• Open House - 7:00 PM

Principal Points:

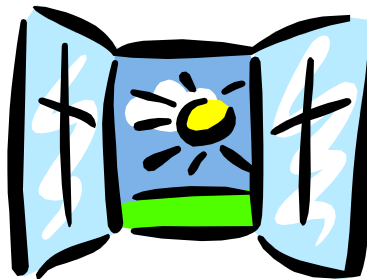
Dear Parents and Guardians,

- A huge THANK YOU to everyone who attended or supported “*That’s Amore! An Evening in Italy,*” the 11th Annual St. Mary Catholic School Auction, on Saturday, April 12. The lights were bright, the food was fabulous, the auction items were outstanding, and the bidders were generous! Extra special thanks go to Shannon Orłowski and her family and the entire Auction team that made this commitment to St. Mary Catholic School possible!
- Congratulations to St. Mary Catholic School for achieving recognition as an Emerald School through the Michigan Green School Program! Our school has participated in at least fifteen different environmentally-friendly activities throughout the school year to qualify us for this great honor. The next time you’re in the school gathering space, check out the “2008” badge we earned for our Green School Flag!
- Registration packets for the 2008 – 2009 school year will be available tomorrow, Friday, 4/18. Excerpts from the introductory registration letter included with the packet appears below:
As registration opens, please note the following:
 - ❖ Scholarship forms for the 2008 – 2009 school year are available in the school office and are due back by Friday, May 16, 2008.
 - ❖ The Tuition Management Systems (TMS) payment form must be returned with payment for the payment program chosen. Please make your check payable to Tuition Management Systems. (VISA may be used *only* for payment of the TMS Enrollment Fee) registration will not be complete until the TMS form and the Enrollment Fee have been submitted.
 - ❖ A \$100.00 registration fee and a \$90.00 supervision fee are due at the time of registration.
 - ❖ TRIP and PIP dollars earned during the 2007 – 2008 school year cannot be used for the 2008 – 2009 school year \$100.00 registration and \$90.00 supervision fees. TRIP and PIP dollars earned during the 2007 – 2008 school year can be recovered through a check issued to your family in September, 2008, or they can be applied to your first 2008 – 2009 school year payment.
 - ❖ **Registration for the 2008 – 2009 school year cannot occur unless tuition accounts for the present 2007 – 2008 school year are up to date. All other outstanding balances must be resolved before registration for the 2008 – 2009 school year can occur.**

- ❖ No forms for the Parent Involvement Program (PIP) will be distributed at the time of registration. The present program is in the final stages of a review, and the details of a revised program will be communicated soon.
 - ❖ Parish Membership & Subsidy Request forms have been arriving from area Catholic high schools. In order to certify that named families are entitled to a tuition subsidy, families must comply with parish guidelines for subsidy eligibility, including the payment of all St. Mary Parish and School outstanding tuition and other financial commitment balances.
- A big “Thank You” to the Fourth Grade parents for providing the teacher luncheon on Wednesday, 4/16 –Yummy as usual!
 - Speaking of food...We’re hoping to get your help with a concern we have during the lunch period. A fair amount of food is going directly from lunch trays and lunch bags into the garbage. Some students are discarding whole pieces of fruit and unopened containers and packages of food. Instead of discarding perfectly good food, we’d like students who bring packed lunches to return home with the food that is not consumed or in the case of a lunch provided by the school, to return whole fruit and packaged food to the server. Thank you for your time and consideration.
 - Upcoming dates to remember:
 - Monday, 4/21, Vision screening for grades 1, 3, 5, and 7
 - Tuesday, 4/22, Hearing screening for Kindergarten and grades 2 and 4
 - Thursday, 4/24, Dress down day for Bay Sail; Open House @ 7:00 p.m.

Best regards,
John Gilboe

THE WINDOW



Second Grade News:

In Religion, the second graders have been very busy preparing for the greatest gift that Jesus gave to us the Holy Eucharist. The children learned about the significance of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday night, when Jesus gave us the Holy Eucharist, the Sacrament of Holy Orders, the Mass, and a new commandment that we should love others as Jesus loves us. Jesus also demonstrated how we should love and serve others by washing the feet of each of the twelve apostles. Please continue to pray for the children as they prepare to receive the Holy Eucharist on Sunday, May 4 at 1:30 P.M.

In Reading, we have studied the following concepts: the topic, the main idea, the supporting details, cause and effect, and the structure of a story.

In English, the children have been learning about verbs and writing letters to their pen pals, reading buddies, and to the residents of the Saint Louis Center, the Sacred Heart Adult Care Center, and to other individuals that are in need of care and support. We are looking forward to another visit from their Holy Redeemer pen pals on May 16.

In Math, we worked on two-digit addition and subtraction and now the children are learning about money. In Social Studies, the children learned how the United States is made up of people that come from many different countries and how they have very diverse cultures. In Science, they have been learning about dinosaurs and with the help of the Knights of Columbus the children made bluebird houses, which have been mounted, by the retention pond near the school's native flower gardens.

Earth Day Activities:

St. Mary School will be observing Earth Day next week, all week long. On Monday the Ecology Center of Ann Arbor will do a presentation for the Kindergartens, First and Second Grades. It will teach children about nature's recycling and compostability. On Tuesday, the 4th, 5th, and 6th, grades will go to Lansing to attend the Earth Day events at the capital. On Wednesday, we will sponsor another Litterless Lunch Day. On Thursday, we will clean up the grounds around the church and school. A dress down day pass may be purchased for \$1.00 for that day. The money will support two points on our Green School Application, adopting an endangered species and raising money to purchase land that will be donated to a Michigan State Park or forest.

For Your Information:

1. Bingo Schedule for Sunday, April 20, 2008:

Position	Family/Person Responsible
Senior Chairperson	Picano Family
Chairperson	Norton Family
Caller	Neigebauer Family
Kitchen Worker	B. Miller Family
Floor Worker	B. Miller Family
Floor Worker	Stephens Family
Charity Game/Floor Worker	Stephens Family
Charity Game/Floor Worker	Bethke Family Bethke Family Grossmeyer Family

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

2. Auction Update:

Bonna Sera! It was certainly a "Beautiful Evening" for the 11th annual auction here at the parish last weekend. Over 350 guests visited Italy, dined on delicious cuisine, shopped in the Piazza, and enjoyed a very entertaining event. The Ultimate Raffle winner was Steve and Kristen Parent- who chose the Park City Utah trip, the Lucky Card Raffle winner was the Repovz Family who went home with a new Plasma TV, and the 50/50 winner was the Tarske Family. Final totals will be announced soon at the next PTC meeting. Many thanks to all our parents, teachers, guests, sponsors, donors, and numerous volunteers who help make this auction a great success.

In case you're wondering...

Ultimate Sleepover went to- Elezi Family

The Dusseau Family is going to *Disney World*

The Stanny Family won the most LIVE Auction items including the Five Alarm Grill, Bruce Springsteen Guitar, and the "*popular*" Godfather Poster.

Thanks to the Malcolm Family, Ms Trierweiler's class will have *Pizza with the Padre*

Look for John Grossmeyer and Ricky Plait each to be the NEW Principal soon!

The Miller Family will have *Guitar/Music lessons* from Mr. Gilboe
The Graves Family took home the *Webkinz Basket* and Greta and Jarrett Burton's grandparents took home the PUPPY!!
Mrs. Haberl [Grade 3] will have the Day Off of Work and all the money collected will go to the Riser Fund. The Auction raised over \$4000 that night to help purchase the risers for next year's Christmas Concert. Thank you for your pledges!!

We hope everyone will join us again next year!!
Mille Grazie~

3. PTC News:

On behalf of PTC leadership and our school families we wish to thank the entire auction team for a job well done. The months of planning and preparation that went into this event were evident in the beautiful outcome. Thank you for your dedication and stewardship.

Next PTC Meeting–Thursday, May 22, 2008 at 7:00 pm

School Website – <http://www.stmarypinckney.org/scjpp>;
Yahoo Parent Group – http://groups.yahoo.com/group/st_mary_school/

4. Earth Day Dress Down:

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!

5. Deadline Extended for the Tricia Berger Music Scholarship:

The applications for the Tricia T. Berger Music Scholarship are now available in the school and parish offices. To be eligible for the scholarship a student must be currently in grades K-11 and must have attended St. Mary School for at least one year. It is a music scholarship only. The purpose is to help pay for private music lessons, or music camp experiences. Applications are **due May 10th**, recipients will be notified by May 30, and funds will be distributed by August 30. If you know of any families who used to belong to our school family who could benefit from this scholarship please, pass the information along to them.

Sincerely, Ms. Lynn M. Trierweiler, scholarship committee member

6. St. Mary Rosary Altar Society – Vendor Day:

The St. Mary Rosary Altar Society is having a "Vendor Day". We are looking for vendors/distributors or if you own your own business and would like to show your product. Join us on Saturday, June 14th here at St. Mary. For more information please contact Mary Press at 734-878-6563. We will only allow one distributor per company.

7. Christian Service Team News:

Blanket and Bedding ministry:

St. Agnes Church in Fowlerville is in need of blankets and bedding in good condition. St. Agnes is a partner church with LOVE Inc. Please drop them off in the church office. If you have any questions, please call Julie Flaherty 878-9547.

Volunteers needed:

I am looking for volunteers to make and serve lunch to the needy of the community. St Mary Church is scheduled to serve lunch on the 4th Saturday of every month. The lunch is held at Shalom Lutheran Church in Pinckney. It is very simple and rewarding. Call Julie Flaherty for details 878-9547.