

THE MARIAN MESSENGER

SAINT MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

EXCELLENCE IN FAITH + SCHOLARSHIP + SERVICE

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Thursday, April 24, 2008

Week-At-A-Glance

Friday, April 25, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All School Liturgy – Grade 7 @ 9:00 AM
Monday, April 28, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Morning Prayer – Grade 1• Mini-Band Concert at Morning Prayer• Kindergarten Fieldtrip to Henry Ford Museum
Tuesday, April 29, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Twin Masks Theater Presentation @ 1:30 PM• Market Day Pick-up• First Eucharist Practice @ 7:00 PM
Wednesday, April 30, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communion Service – Primary Grades @ 9:00 AM• First Eucharist Practice @ 7:00 PM
Thursday, May 1, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NO BAND CLASSES• Open House – 10:00 AM• Market Day Pick-up• First Eucharist Dinner @ 6:30 PM
Friday, May 2, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NO BUS SERVICE• NO BAND CLASSES• NO HOT LUNCH SERVICE – MUST BROWN BAG• Communion Service – All School @ 9:00 AM• Preschool Fieldtrip to Domino Farms (P3 & P4)

Principal Points:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

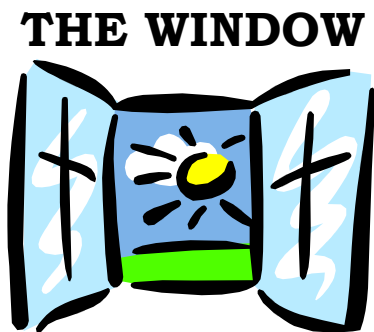
- Many thanks to Randy and Colleen deBeauclair for sponsoring Renee Nix and the Jumpin All Stars jump rope team! This outstanding show was a real treat and emphasized how kids can get the exercise they need while having fun. Maybe your student(s) might like to join a rope team?
- Registration packets for the 2008 – 2009 school year are available in the school office. Your family can receive a 5% discount on tuition if the entire tuition amount, including the supervision fee, is paid in full by August 1, 2008. Regardless of the payment plan your family selects, one check for \$100.00 for each student enrolled and \$90.00 per family needs to be written to St. Mary School. A separate check needs to be written to Tuition Management Systems for the Enrollment Fee in the amount that corresponds with the plan you select. The annual Enrollment Fee is determined as follows: a tuition payment in full by August 1, 2008 results in no enrollment fee; two installments: \$20.00; four installments: \$30.00, ten installments: \$42.00.

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 for each student enrolled and a \$90.00 supervision fee per family 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.
- Check this out! www.michigan.gov/deg Go to “Environmental Education” and click on “Earth Day.” St. Mary School poster winners and other entries are pictured!
 - Parents of 7th and 8th grade students! We are planning a brief “Candle and Ribbon” ceremony to be held following the all school Mass on Friday, May 23. This brief ceremony will recognize the present 8th grade as they advance to their high school years and welcome the 7th grade to a leadership role in St. Mary Catholic School. Details will follow, but we hope you can join us for Mass that day!
 - Upcoming dates to remember:
 - Thursday, 4/24, Open House @ 7:00 p.m.
 - Monday, 4/28, Band mini-concert following Morning Prayer
 - Tuesday, 4/29, SIT meeting for PIP review @ 10:00 a.m.
 - Thursday, 5/1, First Communion dinner @ 6:30 p.m.
 - Friday, 5/2, **NO A.M. or P.M. BUSES!**

Best regards,
John Gilboe



Sixth Grade News:

The sixth graders are studying in Religion “God’s people and learn God’s way.” In English, we are working on the four principal parts of verbs, verb tenses and troublesome verbs. In Literature, the students are working on a two page research paper, and exploring themes in stories and poems. In Science, we are finishing up our weather and climate Science books, and are working on an elephant earth day project.

We are still working with our second grade buddies on reading, and enjoyed helping them with some math too!

The sixth grade just went on an “Earth Day” field trip and enjoyed many exhibits and presentations. We took home a pine tree to plant, to help the Earth become greener.

Band & Orchestra News:

There will be no classes on Thursday, May 1st or Friday, May 2nd. Thank you for your cooperation.

For Your Information:

1. Bingo Schedule for Sunday, April 27, 2008:

Position	Family/Person Responsible
Senior Chairperson	Killingbeck Family
Chairperson	Craig Family
Caller	Liddy Family
Kitchen Worker	Wilson Family
Floor Worker	Wilson Family
Floor Worker	Garbarz Family
Charity Game/Floor Worker	Garbarz Family
Charity Game/Floor Worker	Bethke Family Bethke 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 along with "St. Mary Angel" in the box on the table outside of the school office, and they will be recognized as a **St. Mary Angel** on the banner in the gathering space.

The PTC is accepting nominations for the annual **Above and Beyond** awards. These awards are meant to acknowledge individuals who have gone the extra mile for the benefit of our school. Nominations can be placed in the box outside the school office. Please put the nominees name and "Above and Beyond" on the paper and leave it in the box. Awards will be distributed at the May PTC General Meeting.

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/

3. Thank You Auction Team:

We would like to give a HUGE THANKS to the Auction Team for all the time and effort that went into our VIP night at the St. Mary School Auction. We were totally impressed with one wonderful surprise after another throughout the course of the evening. A special thanks to Dan & Lori Hall for donating such a great driver for the night. All had a fantastic time!

Rina & Dave Malcolm

4. Looking for a Christian Based Preschool?

St. Mary Preschool is now accepting registrations for the 2008-2009 school year for 3-year old, 4-year old, and Young 5 classes. We provide a quality education program that inspires children to create, discover, and achieve in a Christ centered atmosphere. We celebrate with your child his or her special talents, help instill self-confidence, and nurture a love of learning in the classroom.

Our 3-year-old Preschool meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 8:45 – 11:15. Children must be toilet trained, independent in the bathroom and 3 years old by September 1. The theme of our program is “God Made Me.” This program is designed to give the child a sense of identity and to know and love the God who made them.

The 4-year-old Preschool meets on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 8:45 – 11:15. Each child must be 4 years old by September 1. This program develops religious awareness in the children by capitalizing on their natural sensitivity and wonder for the world around them.

Our Young 5 Pre Kindergarten program meets Mondays through Thursdays, from 12:45 – 3:20. This is not a half-day Kindergarten program. Rather, it provides a needed growth year for those children who are age appropriate but otherwise not quite ready to assume the responsibilities of Kindergarten.

We are licensed with the state of Michigan for 20 children with a teacher-to-child ratio of 1-to-10. Our teachers are state certified, trained professionals that welcome and encourage parental participation.

For additional information contact the school office at 734-878-5616.

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.