

THE MARIAN MESSENGER

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Thursday, May 8, 2008

Week-At-A-Glance

Friday, May 9, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All School Liturgy – Grade 4 @ 9:00 AM
Monday, May 12, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Morning Prayer – Grade 7
Tuesday, May 13, 2008	
Wednesday, May 14, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Middle School Liturgy – Grade 8 @ 9:00 AM4th & 5th Grade Fieldtrip to Michigan TheaterProgress Reports Go Home for Grades 4 – 8
Thursday, May 15, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">2nd Grade Fieldtrip to Howell Nature Center7th Grade Baysail Trip
Friday, May 16, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All School Liturgy – Grade 4 @ 9:00 AMSigned Progress Reports due back to Homeroom TeacherSpaghetti Dinner/Art Show/ Variety Show

Principal Points:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

- Please find a letter and a volunteer form included in today's *Messenger* announcing the new *VIP! Volunteers Invited Program!* A great deal of hard work and thought has gone into the creation of this new involvement program that features an all-volunteer approach to accomplishing St. Mary Catholic School's fundraising and enrichment events.

The School Improvement Team, Fr. Bill, and I are all very excited, enthusiastic about the opportunities made available by this program. Of course, our school is successful in large part because of the dedication and involvement of our parent community. That fact will not change under *VIP!*, but more flexibility will exist to share time, talent, and treasure, as well as, increased opportunities to bring our school and parish communities together.

We already have a number of volunteer commitments toward many of our fundraising and enrichment events, many of which are key leadership roles. Won't you please join our *VIP!* by completing the volunteer form found inside! **Please return the completed volunteer form by Friday, May 23.** If you have questions about *VIP!*, please give me a call in the school office. Thank you for your time and talent...We'll be in touch!!

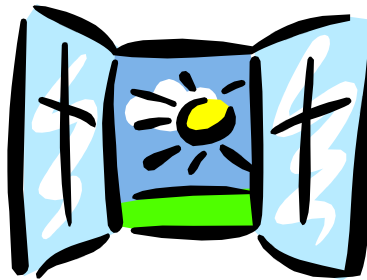
- Important Announcement!**

On Friday morning, May 9, after the all school Mass, St. Mary Parish and School will conduct one of two required lock down drills. This drill is similar to other safety drills (fire, tornado) we practice in order to maintain a safe environment within our building. Please know that our teachers and staff have reviewed lock down procedures with their classes so that the students are comfortable with the practice. Many thanks to Christine Hur and Lt. Scott Domine for helping us with this drill.

- Thanks again to Christine Hur and Ann Moenart for providing us with the “Be a Safe Cyclist” pamphlet found with today’s *Messenger* and for the “Child Safety Seat Kids Identity Sticker” available in the school office. I know two grandchildren who will get stickers for their car seats!
- The Iowa Test of Basic Skills (IOWA) and Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) results for Grades 4 – 8 are going home today in a sealed envelope. Teachers in Grades 4 – 8 attended an IOWA & CogAT workshop recently in order to be able to answer any questions you may have about these assessments. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact them or the school office.
- Upcoming dates to remember:
 - ❖ Friday, 5/9, Lock down drill after all school Mass
 - ❖ Wednesday, 5/14, 4th & 5th Grade Fieldtrip to Michigan Theater and Progress reports go home today
 - ❖ Thursday, 5/15, 7th Grade Bay Sail Trip and 2nd Grade Fieldtrip to Howell Nature Center

Best regards,
John Gilboe

THE WINDOW



Fifth Grade News:

The fifth graders are hard at work, making the most of the remaining weeks of school. They visited Lansing on Earth Day and enjoyed learning many new things about taking care of our environment. They wrote letters to the Village of Pinckney, Putnam Township and Hamburg Township to encourage those groups to help make recycling easier and more prevalent in our community. We will be visited by Rebecca Foster, the president of the Village of Pinckney, next week to continue the discussion. We are learning about colonization in social studies through an interesting and fun simulation activity. We will travel to the Michigan Theater next week to see the play “Ellis Island” to extend our learning about our country’s early immigrants. We have concluded our focus in religion on the sacraments, and will spend the rest of our time defining our roles as Christians. In science we have completed our study of biomes and how ecosystems are impacted by humans. We are reading the book “The Sign of the Beaver” in reading and will be extending our learning with that through a variety of activities in the next few weeks. We are also concluding our study of the parts of speech in English. It is hard to believe the year is winding down! We have worked hard and will be ready for a nice break! Have a great summer

Thank you from the Second Grade:

We would like to thank Father Bill, Mr. Gilboe, Angela Garcia, Mr. Giamanco, all the parents, and everyone who helped out with the First Holy Eucharist Liturgy. In addition to this, we would like to thank all the First Grade parents for the wonderful First Eucharist Dinner and for Mrs. Mable and the Eight Graders who helped serve and clean up afterwards.

Sincerely, Mrs. Weber and the Second Graders

For Your Information:

1. Bingo Schedule for Sunday, May 11, 2008:

Mother's Day – No Bingo

2. May Crowning:

Please join us as we honor Mary, Our Mother, this Mother's Day (Sunday, May 11th) at 10:15 a.m. All school age children are encouraged to put their name in a drawing to crown Mary. A girl and a boy will be chosen to do the honors. There will be a box for the drawing in the church gathering space and the school office. We would like to encourage all First Communion Children to join the procession and dress in their First Communion clothes.

We will honor Mary with a brief service of songs and devotions. Please bring fresh flowers to present to Our Blessed Mother as we show her our love and devotion!

3. 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

4. American Cancer Society – Relay for Life:

St. Mary students, Marisa and Sarah Hur, are co-captaining a Relay For Life team on May 16 and 17. At 1:00 pm on Saturday, May 17 there will be a Ms. Relay contest. During this portion of the event, some good-hearted (and very secure) men dress as gorgeous women to raise additional funds. This year our very own voluptuous parishioner, Dennis Wysocki, has agreed to be the Ms. Relay contestant for Team MagnaFilter. Please join us at the Brighton High School track to fill Dennis's pretty purse. He, excuse me, I mean, "she" who raises the most money in 45 minutes will be awarded the title of Ms. Relay 2008.

Dennis has asked me to please warn all the ladies that their beauty will pale in comparison to his. You could get him (her?) back by allowing your contribution to reflect your enormous envy of his beauty and grace. Last year's winner raised \$1,200.

If you are unable to attend, please give your contribution for his efforts to either Chris Wysocki (810-231-9695) or Marisa and Sarah Hur (734-878-0851).

The effects of cancer have touched so many of our parishioners, families, and friends. You can find information about cancer and treatments as well as support at www.cancer.org or at St. Joseph Mercy Woodland Cancer Center in Brighton. 810-844-7250.

Thank You, The Hur Family, The Wysocki Family, & Team MagnaFilter (www.bossproducts.us)

5. Spaghetti Dinner/Art Show/Variety Show:

**Please join us on Friday, May 16th for a Spaghetti Dinner – Art Show - & Family Variety Show!
Everyone's invited to attend this School & Parish event!**

The dinner will be served from 5pm until 7pm in the multi-use room. Children's artwork will be on display to view during the evening. The dinner will be held in memory of Tricia Berger. Donations will be accepted for the Berger Memorial Scholarship Fund.

At 7pm join us in the gym for a "star-studded" evening of music, dance, comedy, magic and more at our Family Variety Show. There's something for everyone, and it's free, so bring the whole family! Donations will be accepted for this event, and all proceeds will go towards our music ministry.

Spaghetti Dinner RSVP

Friday, May 16, 2008

Number Attending: _____

Dinner: 5-7pm

Children's Artwork on Display

Family Variety Show: 7-8:30pm