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November 6, 2008

Week-At-A-Glance

Friday, November 7, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All School Mass - Gr. 6 @ 9:00 AM• Popcorn Day - FREE (No donation needed)
Monday, November 10, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Morning Prayer – Grade 6• Report Cards - Home• Boys JV Basketball @ Home 5:00 Cornerstone
Tuesday, November 11, 2008	
Wednesday, November 12, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Primary Mass - Gr. 3 @ 9:00 AM
Thursday, November 13, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Book Fair Begins• Boys JV Basketball Away - St. Joe @ 5:00• Boy Varsity Basketball Away - St. Joe @ 6:00

[November Calendar.pdf](#)

[Nov Menu.pdf](#)

Principal Points:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

- Thank you to **Dustin Wise** for donating a brand new Sharp microwave oven to the lunchroom. Mr. Wise, one of our outstanding parent/lunch supervisors identified the need for an additional oven to reduce long lines at our present machines. In typical St. Mary parent community (and Wise family) fashion, Mr. Wise provided the microwave to improve the enjoyment of our lunch period. Thanks again, Mr. Wise!

- Speaking of lunch - Lunch tickets are priced as follows: A lunch ticket (five lunches) for grades K - 5 is \$11.25; and for grades 6 - 8, a lunch ticket is \$12.50. If your child buys lunch, please make sure that he/she knows which day(s) they will be buying lunch. We have had a number of occasions when children did not have enough paid lunch tickets for the number of lunches they received, and the cost of those lunches come back to the school.
- Conference appointment reminders will be sent home tomorrow, Friday, 11/7. Conferences for 1st Quarter will be held on Monday, November 17 and Tuesday, November 18. There will be a 12:00 p.m. dismissal on both days with no P.M. busses. Conferences will follow the early dismissals according to this schedule: Monday, November 17, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.; Tuesday, November 18, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Thank you!
- Euchre Parties! - November 8 & January 17 - both parties @ 7:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to staff these events, so please contact Julie Kukalis @ 810 231-0623 or by email at julie@landmarktravel.net . Thanks again!
- *Mega-Raffle News!* Families may sell mega-raffle tickets after Masses on the following dates: November 1 & 2 and November 8 & 9.

BINGO!

We are in need of Bingo volunteers for all positions, both large and small. Please contact Julie Wolf at juliewolf2005@hotmail.com or by calling her at 734 634-0784 for more information.

Bingo training! Bingo training! Bingo training! Bingo training! Bingo training!

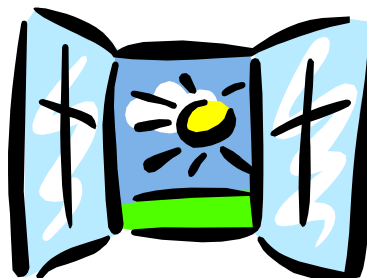
Bingo training will held on Monday, November 10 @ 7:00 p.m.

Thank you for your continuing support!

Best regards,

John Gilboe

THE WINDOW



FIRST GRADE NEWS

The First Grade has been working very hard this past nine weeks. We have been adding and subtracting from ten or less and learning how to count on or count back to get an answer to a problem. We have been learning how fact families work and that you can make four math problems from just three numbers. Currently we are working on how to make and read picture graphs and bar graphs.

We completed our first unit in Reading and took our first reading theme test. We had to show our teacher that we could sound out words with the help from picture clues. We read a story about a boy and girl who went for a walk and answered questions about the story. We worked very hard and did our best work. Mrs. Kinsey was very proud of us.

In Soc. St. we have been learning about our world and all the continents and where they are located. We discovered that we live in North America. With the help of Mrs. Hamer, our Art Teacher, we painted Styrofoam balls blue to show the oceans and then in our classroom we cut out all of the continents and put them on our new globes. We labeled the North and South Poles, Atlantic Ocean, Pacific Ocean and the Indian Ocean, too. They turned out just great and are on display in the cabinet in the gathering space. If you get the chance, stop by and take a look. They are awesome.

For Your Information

November 13th - November 18th is the Safari Book Fair:

All proceeds from this book fair go to support our St. Mary School Library.

Book Fair will be open from 8am to 4pm on Thursday, Friday, Monday & Tuesday. Additional hours are before and after masses on the weekend and during all conferences.

One for Books fundraiser is also going on during the book fair. This program is sponsored by Scholastic. For every dollar or change that is donated, Scholastic matches that donation in books to needy organizations such as Toys for Tots. The classes are competing for an ice cream party for the class that earns the most donations per child. Hope you can donate.

Needed: parents who can help at the book fair cashier table. It's really fun and easy to help sell the books and it's for our library.

Times cashier needed: Thursday 11/13 from Noon-4pm

Sunday 11/16 before and after both Masses

Monday 11/17 from 4-8pm (during conferences)

Tuesday 11/18 from Noon-4pm

Set-up and take down volunteers are always needed (11/12, Wed. afternoon for set up and 11/18, Tues. after 4pm for take down) e-mail or call Heather Burton if you can help or library@stmarypinckney.org

Check out the Book Fair website I created:
<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/stmarycatholicschoolpinckney>

Hooray for Hollywood Update!

Amen! Roxanne Kania-Slotnick has volunteered her expertise to help procure items! Please thank her the next time you see her. Also, a big thanks to all of you who are willing to make follow-up phone calls on the hundreds of donation letters. We will be contacting you after the holidays.

HELP NEEDED – Local sports teams always donate. However, most of them require us to use *their* donation form. We need someone willing to handle these donations for us. It is an at home job that would require you to research each teams website, print, fill-out and mail the required form. That's it!

Thanks to the Flaherty family for their second item donation and thanks to the Jessop family for their item donations.

Special thanks this week to Rebecca Keiser who will be recruiting help from our youth group!

"Do, or do not. There is no 'try'." - Yoda ('The Empire Strikes Back')

Dress-Down Day:

The seventh grade will sponsor a dress-down day on Tuesday, November 25, to benefit their BaySail class trip in May. To participate, students should bring \$1 in an envelope, marked with "Dress-Down Day" and the student's name and grade. Thank you for your support!

November Food Drive:

Our November Food Drive will be held on Friday, November 7th. This month, we are asking for donations to help with the Men's Club Christmas Baskets. St. Mary's Men's Club provides food baskets each year to those families in need during the holidays. Once again, we have broken the items down per class to spread out the items needed. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Lisa Wack @ 810- 231- 6116.

Preschool

Canned Fruit

Kindergarten

Cranberry Sauce

Juice/Juice boxes

4th Grade

Canned Chicken

5th Grade

Boxes of Jell-O or Pudding

1st Grade

Canned sweet potatoes/yams

Canned fruit

2nd Grade

Stuffing Mix

Canned Stew

3rd Grade

Canned White Potatoes

6th Grade

Canned Tuna

7th Grade

Spaghetti Sauce

8th Grade

Cereal

(We do not need corn or beans please)

**Please check the expiration date on ALL food items that you send in. We are not allowed to give out any expired food. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Staff Sponsored Benefit Spaghetti Dinner:

On Friday, November 14, from 4:30-7:30 the St. Mary School staff will be holding a benefit dinner for Jordan Keen. For the past 3 ½ years Jordan has suffered from RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) also know as CRPS (Complex Regional Pain Syndrome). RSD is a rare disease in which the body's sympathetic nervous system grossly over reacts to injury. The severe pain is relentless and can lead to permanent disability. There is no know cure for the disease. Jordan's mother Sue taught at St. Mary for several years. She loved it here, but had to leave in order to care for and teach Jordan. The benefit will help the Keen family pay for an expensive new therapy. This therapy is the best chance Jordan has for relief from the pain. Please join us on the 14th! God bless you.

We are looking for school families who would be willing to donate desserts for the dinner. Also, if anyone would like to make a monetary donation to help defray the cost of the food it would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Wick by sending a note to school or Mrs. Kinsey via e-mail at mrskinsey@stmarypinckney.org. Thank you!

