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December 4, 2008

Week-At-A-Glance

Friday, December 5, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All School Mass - @ 9:00 AM Gr. 6• Popcorn Day• St. Pat Basketball Tournament - Away TBD
Monday, December 8, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All School Mass - @ 9:00 AM Gr. 8
Tuesday, December 9, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Morning Prayer - Gr. 2• Boys JV Basketball @ 5:00 AWAY Cornerstone
Wednesday, December 10, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Middle School Mass - @ 9:00 AM Gr. 7
Thursday, December 11, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boys JV Basketball @ 5:00 AWAY St. Joe• Boys Varsity Basketball @ 6:00 AWAY St. Joe

[December Calendar.pdf](#)

[December Menu.pdf](#)

Principal Points:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR MEGA RAFFLE
WINNERS!!**

We had 5- \$1,000 winners; Lori Hall, Christine Falinski, Jill Bonifer, Barbara Shipp-Clark and Krista Grossmeyer.

We had a 2nd prize winner of \$2,500 which was Betty Capstick... the grandmother of one of our 3rd graders.

The grand prize of \$5,000 went to the Kukalis family.

Thank you to all of our families for supporting St. Mary Catholic School!!

- **Catalog and Magazine Tower Contest:**

The holiday season has been filling our mailboxes with catalogs, catalogs and more catalogs. St. Mary School will be happy to take your catalogs between December 8th and January 9th.

Which classroom can make the highest tower with the total of all catalogs and magazines collected?

Each class will stack the catalogs and magazines that are brought into their classroom; they can be put into several piles.

Each class will keep a running tally of each room's total inches and deposit the catalogs and magazines in the Paper Retriever bin each week.

The winning classroom will be caretakers of the Earth and receive a pizza party!

- **Christmas Concert News from Ms. Fry! - HELP NEEDED:** Parent volunteers are needed to decorate the stage on Tuesday, December 16. Please contact Ms. Fry or the school office if you can help! Parents, please bring your children to their classrooms by 6:45 p.m. on the night of the performance. The Christmas Concert will take place on Thursday, December 18, @ 7:00 p.m. Children should wear their Christmas best. This will be a great show, and our students are very excited about having you come out to see them perform. See you there!

Traffic Help Needed!

I copied the Car Transportation section from our school handbook as a reminder to all of us that the safety of our students is our first priority. I have received some feedback from both staff and parents about the value of a reminder to everyone about our traffic rules. Specifically, please:

- During morning drop off, do not park in the traffic circle and walk you student into the building as it impedes the smooth drop off process, and it can impair safety.

- Have students exit the vehicle from the passenger side only, onto the walk that leads to the building. Sometimes, drivers do not wait until the cars ahead of them unload passengers, and anyone exiting the driver's side of a vehicle is then in danger. Please be patient, and allow the car ahead of you to unload all passengers and leave the parking circle area before you exit.
- During afternoon pick up, park your vehicle in the main parking lot, walk to the front door area of the school to pick up your student(s), and walk them out to your vehicle.
- Follow the directions of the staff who are assigned to protect our students.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Car Transportation:

To ensure the safe arrival and departure of all students, the following guidelines for parents bringing/picking up students will be in effect during the entire school year from 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM – Monday through Friday.

- ♦ **Morning Drop Off** – come in the south entrance – the one by the church, enter the northern circle driveway by the school – please **FORM ONE LANE ONLY**. Pull up to the end of the circle if you are first in line. Drop off your child(ren) , using the passenger side of the car only. Use the north driveway to exit. If you need to come into the building, please drop off your child(ren) first, then park and come into the school.
- ♦ **Afternoon Pick Up** - enter the south entrance and park your car. Please meet your child(ren) at the front entrance of the school at dismissal. **DO NOT ALLOW YOUR CHILD(REN) TO ENTER THE PARKING LOT WITHOUT BEING ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.**

BINGO!

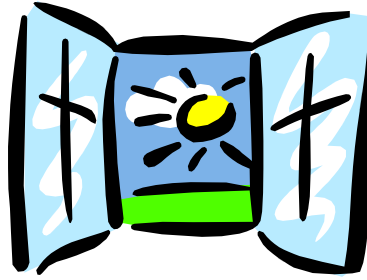
We are in need of Bingo volunteers for all positions, both large and small. Please contact Julie Wolf at juliewolf2005@hotmail.com or by calling her at 734 634-0784 for more information.

Thank you for your continuing support!

Best regards,

John Gilboe

THE WINDOW



KINDERGARTEN NEWS

In Kindergarten we are starting off the month of December with our “Family Time” reading theme. We are also busy practicing for the Christmas program and for the Kindergarten Advent play. Both of these events will take place during the last week of school before Christmas. In math we will be learning about geometry and fractions.

Most importantly we are preparing for the birth of Jesus during this season of Advent.

We will be practicing random acts of kindness in the upcoming weeks.

For Your Information

Trip News:

Please note that the last TRIP order before the Christmas Break will be placed on **MONDAY, DECEMBER 8TH**. Orders must be into the school office by **9am SHARP**.

If you send in your orders with your children in the morning please remind them to turn them in first thing in the morning. No late orders will be accommodated. Orders will be available for pick up in the school office by the afternoon of Friday, December 12th.

Book Fair News:

Sales: \$4,700.00 [books sold]

Profits: \$2,700.00 [books for the library and classrooms]

One for Books: \$152.06 collected and spent on books for the library

(Scholastic matches this amount in books to worthy organizations.)

1st - Mrs. Kinsey's 1st grade collected \$1.68/student & win ice cream party!

2nd - Ms. Trierweiler's 2nd grade collected \$1.08/student

3rd - Mrs. Houk's 4th grade collected \$.94/student

Thanks to all who made the Book Fair a success. Special thanks to: Vicki Smith, Mr. Gilboe, Susan LeVasseur, Wendy Warshal, Rina Malcolm, Emmy Liddy, Jeane Jones, Sandy Sullivan, Amy Salowitz, Kim Liepold, Lori Hall, April Frost, Mary Birdsong, Fabiola Albert, Sherry Jasinski, Jan Wlodyga, Kerri Cross, Kristen Myher, Mr. McGlade (who swooped in to help us take down the tables), the teachers & students of St. Mary and all those who purchased books or donated to "One for Books". The Book Fair was a success due to your hard work and participation.

Bingo Workers For Sunday, December 7th:

WORKERS NEEDED!!!!

Caller = Sherman

Chair /Co-Chair - **NEED WORKERS**

Kitchen - 2 - Grossmeyer

Floor Worker - Stepaniak, Wallace(parish), Wallace (parish), C. Brown, Gonzalez

Set Up & Take Down - Domen - **NEED WORKERS**

Bingo Workers For Sunday, December 14th:

Caller - Haynes

Chair - Craig

Co-Chair - Barkley

Kitchen - **NEED TWO WORKERS**

Floor Worker - G. Sanchez, R. Cross, Haynes - **NEED WORKERS @ LEAST 2 MORE!!!!**

Set Up & Take Down - Domen - **NEED WORKERS**

Hooray for Hollywood Update!

Food Sponsor – LaMena in Brighton will hopefully cater our VIP “Green Room” Reception. Keep up the great work Linda!

If you are interested in donating an item, check out the wish list in the school gathering space. These items are things that we could currently use to finish off baskets.

A whole lot of thanks – Rita Gonze for picking up the 12 Oaks goodie bag, Heather Burton and the Library Staff for donating LOTS of *book fair* books to auction baskets, and the Liddy, Dzombak, Wise and Burton families for their item donations.

Special thanks this week to Margaret Vroman who will coordinate the parent/student ads for the auction program.

"Rhythm is something you either have or don't have, but when you have it you have it all over" – Elvis Presley

Reminder

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Coming

Sunday December 7, 2008

Join in Fun and Fellowship At St Mary's
Community Holiday Breakfast

PROCEEDS USED TO PROVIDE

FOOD BASKETS

*FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE OF OUR
COMMUNITY AS WELL AS GLEANERS AND LOVE
INC.*

FREE WILL DONATIONS

All donations welcome

Tax receipts available upon request

Face Painting by
**ODDZINENDS Family
Entertainment**

9:00am to Noon

Treats for the Kids



Country Style Breakfast

served from

8:30am to 11:30am

Sponsored by St Mary's Men's Club

