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Week-At-A-Glance

Friday, January 16, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All School Mass - Gr. 3
Sunday, January 18, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">First Reconciliation Parent Meeting #2 - Multi Use Room 10:15 - 11:20
Monday, January 19, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, January 20, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Morning Prayer - Gr. 6
Wednesday, January 21, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Middle School Mass - Gr. 7Kindergarten Field Trip - Abrams Planetarium - PM
Thursday, January 22, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">JV Boys Basketball Tournament @ Livingston Christian TBAPTC Meeting - 7:00 PM
Friday, January 23, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1/2 Day - NOON DISMISSAL BUS SERVICE8th Grade RetreatJV Boys Basketball Tournament @ Livingston Christian TBA

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JANUARY CALENDAR UPDATE!!!

Wednesday, January 21st - Kindergarten field trip- Abrams Planetarium - PM

Thursday, January 22nd - PTC meeting 7:00 PM

Friday, January 23rd - NO MASS

- 8th Grade retreat

Saturday, January 24th - NO OPEN HOUSES

Sunday, January 25th - SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Monday, January 26th - 6th Grade field trip - Howell Nature Center

- 7th Grade field trip - Science Museum - Lansing

Wednesday, January 28th - NO MASS

- Invite A Guest to Lunch (NO HOT LUNCH)

Principal Points:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

- **Calling all Coats, Hats, and Gloves!** The weather outside is frightful!! Please make sure that your students are arriving at school with all of their winter clothing. The school office has had a spike in requests by students for these items, and our supply is very limited. Students need to go outside for recess periods, but they cannot brave the cold without the right clothing...**Please HELP!**
- **Catholic Schools Week is Coming!** Please join us at Mass on Sunday, January 25, to begin this week of recognition of Catholic education. Check out the schedule of events:

Sunday, 1/25 - School Open House from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Students participate in the choir and as greeters at both Masses. The school band will perform at Mass too!

Monday, 1/26 - Grade 8 to Lansing for a 10:00 a.m. Liturgy with Bishop Boyea. Grade 8 Souper Bowl Food Drive begins.

Tuesday, 1/27 - Spirit Day - Dress down day- Wear your Wildcat wear!

Wednesday, 1/28 - Invite a Friend to Lunch! **Reservation slips go home today, 1/15 - Please return them by Wednesday, 1/21.**

Thursday, 1/29 - Teacher Swap - Teachers will trade classrooms for a short period to read to their "new" students. Bay Sail dress down day!

Friday, 1/30 - Math Challenge at 2:00 p.m. in the gym!

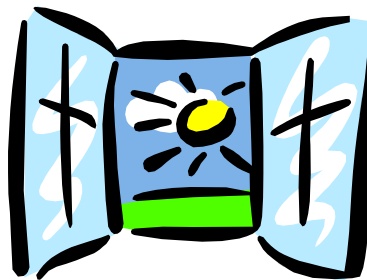
- **Family Life Program** - Participation forms for our Family Life Program will go home today, and we need every family to return them by Thursday, January 29. If have any questions or concerns about the program, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.
- **Visit the Pinckney Public Library!** Congratulations to **Jack Falinski** for having his Earth Day poster displayed in the Pinckney Public Library. As you may recall, Jack was the Grade 2 winner in the State of Michigan for his Earth Day artwork last spring. Recently, a representative from the *Friends of the Detroit River*, an organization that helped sponsor and judge the Earth Day poster contest, visited St. Mary in order to award Jack with a book entitled, *Animal Sketching Book*, that was signed by the author. Jack's artwork will be on display with the work of eleven other winners from across Michigan until the end of January. Check it out!
- **Men's Club Country Style Breakfast for the Risers - Sunday, February 1.** Calling all St. Mary Catholic School families! Come and join the Men's Club for Sunday breakfast, from 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., and support this free will donation benefit for our Risers Fund. Big, big thanks to the Men's Club for hosting this generous event!!
- **Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!**...For all of the generous donations toward the St. Mary Catholic School Wish List. We have been able to purchase a number of items on our Wish List thanks to the generosity of the entire St. Mary Parish and School community.

Thank you for your continuing support!

Best regards,

John Gilboe

THE WINDOW



FOURTH GRADE NEWS

Fourth grade is trying to stay warm with some fun activities! One of the biggest is starting our annual personalized Valentines. Each student writes a positive paragraph to each classmate. The writing is then assembled into heart packets and given out at the St. Valentine's Day party. It's fun to read what others have written about you! And, we have made over a hundred rosaries so far.

We are studying the Fourth Commandment in Religion. The Southern Region is what is being studied in Social Studies. In Science, we are discussing Ecosystems. Expressions, Equations, and Variables are what we're about to begin in Math. Also, our fourth Book Report projects are underway.

We are also looking forward to Catholic Schools Week coming up in a couple of weeks. After that, we will begin the IOWA tests. There's always something to do in Fourth Grade!

For Your Information

Dress Down Day:

The seventh grade will sponsor a dress-down day on Thursday, January 29th, 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!

Hooray for Hollywood Update!

JUST IN: Desserts by Randy is on board as our dessert sponsor. A huge thanks to the deBeauclair family for accepting our invitation. Yummy!

Here are the rest of the food sponsors thus far: Bleachers, Brighton House, Lakelands Country Club, Riverside Pizza, La Meena, Pinckney Grille, Bear Claw and Lighthouse Café. **Do your best to try and support these establishments.**

**TEAM auction is looking for an old (80's style) VHS video cassette recorder. Remember the kind that sat on your shoulder? If you have one collecting dust in the attic or basement, the auction team would love to borrow it.

We still have a few holes to fill the night of the auction (and morning after). Can you help sell drink tickets, item organize, check-in, be a silent worker or help clean-up on Sunday? Contact Gina or Pam and let us know. Thanks so much!

HELP NEEDED:

****Please** prayerfully consider taking the lead on Set-Up and Décor. We have a plan in place and now we need someone to help bring the plan to life. This would be a HUGE relief.

**A family or company to sponsor the TV raffle

**Someone to pick up a ticket donation from the Luginut Stadium in Lansing.

Thanks to: Paige Gabel for all her help in acquiring items, the Weiland family for their monetary/item donation, the Cross family for their Disney donation and special thanks

this week to Amy Salowitz and Maria Hendricks who will be helping to enter items and keep our auction software up-to-date.

“This isn't flying. This is falling, with style!” – Buzz Lightyear

Homeless Nights:

The Christian Service team is looking for volunteers to help with the following dates for the homeless: Feb 10, 14, 18 and 22. We need help with dinner and breakfast as well as chaperones for the evening and overnight hours. The schedule is divided into 2 hour shifts. The homeless are screened through the Salvation Army. Community Congregational Church in Pinckney provides the space. All we need is your help. Please contact Julie Flaherty 734-878-9547.

Thank you very much. Peace, Julie

St. Mary Catholic School

Family Life Program

FAMILY NAME: _____

I **want** my child(ren) to participate in the Family Life Program in 2009.

Name

Gr.

Signature

Date

I **do not** want my child(ren) to participate in the Family Life Program in 2009.

Name

Gr.

Signature

Date

Please return by January 29, 2009

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

INVITE-A-GUEST-TO-LUNCH

Dear Parents,

Again this year we will have our Annual Catholic Schools Week Invite-a-Guest-to-Lunch on Wednesday, January 28th. Our students are encouraged to invite parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, or special friends to a pizza lunch.

We will serve pizza and salad from Hungry Howie's along with a drink and dessert. The cost of each lunch is \$2.00. **Please send your reservation and money to school no later than Wednesday, January 21, 2009.**

The lunch period has been divided into three time slots. Please select the time which is most convenient for you and your family.

We also need parent volunteers to assist in serving lunch as well as supervising students not at lunch. If you are able to help with serving or to supervise activities, please call the school office.

Reservation for Invite-A-Guest-To-Lunch

Wednesday, January 28, 2009

Family Name: _____

Preferred Lunch Period: _____ 11:00 a.m. _____ 11:45 a.m. _____ 12:30 p.m.

Total Number of Lunches (include students and adults) _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$2.00 x Number of Lunches _____



Country Style Breakfast

Sponsored by

St. Mary's Men's Club

Sunday February 1, 2009

From 8:30am to 11:00am

FREE WILL DONATIONS

Proceeds to be used to purchase new Risers

for the Church and School

Bring your appetite
Eggs - Scrambled or
Fried
Hash brown potatoes
Biscuits and sausage
gravy
Pancakes
Toast - Regular and
Raisin
French toast and
Raisin French toast
Ham
Pork sausage links
Coffee, tea, milk, and
orange juice

Music provided by the
Choir



NEW! Waffle Station