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January 22, 2009

Week-At-A-Glance

PTC MEETING TONIGHT 7:00 PM

Friday, January 23, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NO School Mass• 1/2 Day - NOON DISMISSAL BUS SERVICE• 8th Grade Retreat• JV Boys Basketball Tournament @ Livingston Christian TBA
Saturday, January 24, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• JV Boys Basketball Tournament @ Livingston Christian TBA
Monday, January 26, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Morning Prayer - Gr. 5• 8th Grade - Catholic Schools Week Mass in Lansing• 7th Grade - - Science Museum - Lansing• 6th Grade - Howell Nature Center
Tuesday, January 27, 2009	
Wednesday, January 28, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NO School Mass• Invite - A - Guest Lunch (NO HOT LUNCH)• Market Day Pick-Up
Thursday, January 29, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dress Down Day - 7th Grade - Baysail \$1.00• JV Girls Basketball @ St. Paul Lutheran 4:30 PM

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Varsity Girls Basketball @ St. Francis Gr. 7 - 5:00 Gr. 8 - 6:00 |
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JANUARY CALENDAR UPDATE!!!

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 still 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!

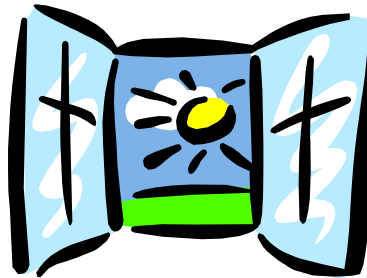
- **Men's Club Country Style Breakfast for the Risers - Sunday, February 1.** Calling all St. Mary Catholic School families! Come and join the Men's Club for Sunday breakfast, from 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., and support this free will donation benefit for our Risers Fund. Big, big thanks to the Men's Club for hosting this generous event!!
- **Congratulations!** The following students received awards for artwork they submitted to the *GM Powertrain Safety Drawing Contest*: **Brendan Aten, Lauren Sullivan, Carmen Capstick, Danielle Gonzalez, Sean Miller, Alyssa Domen, Olivia Menosky, Lea Hall, Evan Fackler, and Rachel Menosky. Adam Falinski, Meghan Schultz, and Jack Falinski** were first place winners in their respective grades, and you can view their artwork in the Multi-Use Room. Check it out!

Thank you for your continuing support!

Best regards,

John Gilboe

THE WINDOW



FIFTH GRADE NEWS

The fifth grade has spent the first part of 2009 working very hard! We have concluded our study of the healing sacraments and are spending this week reflecting on what is special about our Catholic education, in preparation for Catholic Schools week next week. We are working hard to develop our division skills and are practicing our mental math for the competition next week. In Social Studies we enjoyed watching the inauguration of President Obama and spent some time assessing whether Dr. Martin Luther King's dream has been realized. We are winding up our study of the first American colonies and will take a test on that material next week. In Science we are

learning more about ecosystems, biomes and how they are connected. We are also exploring how to take better care of our environment. We are beginning a reading campaign to rev up for March, which is reading month of course, and just finished up our study of verbs, with adjectives on the horizon. We are also incorporating good writing traits into our writing. Whew! Lots of work to be done in 5th grade! But we still manage to find some time for fun. We enjoyed sledding with our preschool buddies last week and always like when we get to read to them!

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!

Help Needed:

**We still have several spots open the night of the auction and clean-up the next day. Please contact the auction team if you can help out.

**People to make follow-calls on all the donation letters that went out. We have created lists by regions and each list has approx. 15 donors.

Check out the auction website!! If you are ready you can purchase your tickets on-line now or sneak a peek at *Live Items* that we have so far.

Thanks to the Stepaniak family for their donations. Special thanks this week to Julie Kukalis for handling all incoming reservations and table seating.

"Mama always said, 'Life was like a box of chocolates; you never know what you're gonna get.'" – Forrest Gump

Homeless Nights:

Community Connect: 2nd annual national event to serve individuals and families in the county living in poverty, or who are homeless. The date is Sat. January 31, from 9-3 at the Parish Life Center of St. Patrick Catholic Church of Brighton. Clothing, diapers, food, and personal need items are given away, along with free hair cuts, and we are even lining up a few attorneys for consult.

Volunteers are needed to serve as greeters, event guides and guest support. (Over 300 guest participated in the event last year)

We are also collecting Bar Soap, Shampoo, Shaving Cream, Disposable Razors, Toothpaste, and Hand Lotion. Please contact Julie Flaherty 878-9547 or Lisa Wack 810-231-6116 if you have any questions.

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

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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 _____

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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