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## Week-At-A-Glance

Friday, March 20, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All School Mass - Gr. 8</li><li>• Used Book Sale - Sponsored by the 3rd Grade</li><li>• Stations of the Cross - 2:45 PM</li></ul>
Monday, March 23, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Morning Prayer - Gr. 5</li><li>• Vision Screening - Livingston County Health Dept. Grades P4 &amp; Y5 Grades 1-3-5-7</li><li>• 8th Grade Parent Night @ Pinckney High School 7:00 PM</li></ul>
Tuesday, March 24, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vision Screening - Livingston County Health Dept. Grades P4 &amp; Y5 Grades 1-3-5-7</li></ul>
Wednesday, March 25 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Primary Mass - Gr. 4</li><li>• Vision Rescreening - Livingston County Health Dept.</li><li>• 8th Grade Student Visit to Pinckney High School - 8:30 am</li><li>• Market Day Pick - Up</li><li>• Riverside Pizza Fundraiser Night 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM</li></ul>
Thursday, March 26, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4th Grade Field Trip - State Capital Tour- Lansing</li></ul>

[March Calendar.pdf](#)

[March Menu.pdf](#)

March Calendar Updates:

March 25th - Market Day Pick-up

**REMINDER : NO AM BUS SERVICE ON MARCH 27th**

**NO P4 PRESCHOOL FRIDAY, MARCH 27th**

Principal Points:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

- **Teacher Luncheon!** Thank you to **Holly Oakes, Imelda Liddy, Debbie Miller, Kim Plait, Roxanne Kania**, and the parents of the second grade for the fantastic teacher luncheon given on Wednesday, 3/18, a special treat that is greatly appreciated!
- **Professional Window Treatments!** A big, big thank you to **Mrs. Valerie Swanson** for sharing her sewing skills by creating some beautiful curtains for our classrooms and to **Mrs. Linda Mable** for donating the material. Our school is blessed to have so many generous and talented staff members. Thank you, thank you, thank you!
- **Stations of the Cross** Please join us tomorrow for our Friday observance of the Stations at 2:45 p.m. The students and staff would love to have you join us!
- **It's enrollment time!** We want to remind everyone that every family who refers another family to enroll at St. Mary's for next year will receive a \$500 bonus if that family stays for the entire year! The enrolling family must indicate who it was that encouraged them in this decision. What are you waiting for? Let's share the good news about St. Mary Catholic School!
- **Reconciliation** Next week our students in grades three through eight will participate in the sacrament of Reconciliation during the course of the school day on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.
- **The March PTC General Meeting** held on March 5 replaced the previously scheduled March 26 meeting, so the next PTC General Meeting will be held in May.
- **Fast Forward to May!** St. Mary Catholic School will be closed on **Friday, May 1**. Pinckney Community Schools will also be closed on this day, and our original St. Mary calendar did not reflect the fact that we would be closed too. Please mark your calendars! **(Please note - This item was updated on Friday, March 20!)**

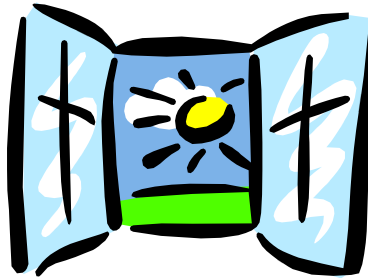
[PTC General Meeting Minutes Jan 09.pdf](#)

Thank you for your continuing support!

Best regards,

John Gilboe

# THE WINDOW



## KINDERGARTEN NEWS

March is an exciting month in Kindergarten! We are busy learning about all kinds of pets. This includes learning about different kinds of animals, such as, mammals, reptiles, fish and birds. Everyone has chosen a “pretend pet” to write about. They are also using their new knowledge of money to have a pet shop, where you can purchase a pet for the right price.

During this season of Lent they are learning more about following the example of Jesus, especially when it comes to forgiveness.

March is Nutrition month, and next week we will study the food pyramid and learn about making healthy choices about what we eat. This unit will culminate in a field trip to Busch’s where we will receive a behind the scenes look at the grocery store.

Every day this month we are also excitedly waiting to hear from our mystery reader. The mystery reader is a friend or family member of the captain of the day, who comes to our class at the end of the day to read a story.

## For Your Information

### WILDCAT Athletics - WEEKEND HELP NEEDED:

The athletic department is desperate for help!! This weekend we are a hosting venue for the March Madness tournament throughout Pinckney. This is an incredible opportunity for the athletic department to raise some much needed money. Everything generated from concession sales is pure PROFIT.... Families involved in athletics are encouraged to cover an hour of concession sales but you do not need to have a child in the program to help. There is a sign-up sheet on the concession door and we have divided the time into one hour increments.

\*\*Please think about this.....Although only a select number of families are involved in athletics it takes ALL of us to help make our program successful and strong. When you sign-up you are revealing the load from someone else. This is a great stewardship opportunity where we are only asking for one hour. Please volunteer.

### TRIP Update:

Just wanted to share some updates on the TRIP program...

1. We just received a letter informing us that Kroger will be changing their program for contributing to non-profit organizations. The changes will go into effect May 1st. Unfortunately, under the new structure we will not be able to utilize Kroger donations to go towards individual tuition accounts via the TRIP program. The great news is that with the new structure we will still receive a monetary donation to our school and it will be much more user friendly.

To capture these benefits shoppers will just need to register their Kroger Savings card under a user ID that will be assigned to us. Anyone (friends, family, parishioners) can register their card to benefit our school. I'll send out another update within a month to advise how to register your card. Kroger will cut us a check 3 times a year based on the \$ spent by our members vs. members of other non-profit organizations. There is not a set % contribution, so it will be interesting to see the \$ amount this is able to generate. Obviously, the more people we get to register their cards and shop at Kroger the more it benefits our school. I think participation should be high, as this is much easier than buying gift cards and recharging them.

For those of you that still re-charge your Kroger card for TRIP credit, you will continue to receive the earnings until May 1st.

2. Due to very low participation, there will be no TRIP orders placed during the summer break. If someone feels strongly about continuing the program over the summer, I'd be happy to train them to run the program during that time frame.

3. I'm also still looking for some volunteers to learn the process and help out next year with placing and filling orders. This will really help secure the future and continuity of the TRIP program.

Feel free to call with any questions.  
Christine Falinski  
(517) 552-7804

### **March Is Reading Month:**

The library is sponsoring a contest for "March is Reading Month". The students can write a **book review** (forms available in the library & yes, parents can help the younger students) for each book they read from St. Mary library and earn a chance for prizes (posters, books, etc.). These book reviews will then be saved for students to reference for finding books they might enjoy reading as suggested by their peers. Please encourage your student to participate. The more book reviews a student fills out, the more chances they have to win prizes. Thanks, Heather Burton

### **Tricia T. Berger Music Scholarship:**

The applications for the Tricia T. Berger Music Scholarship will be available in the school and parish offices starting Monday, March 30, 2009. 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. The purpose of the scholarship is to help pay for private music lessons. Applications are due May 15 and recipients will be notified by phone by May 30. Keep reading the bulletin and Marion Messenger for more details regarding the scholarship and it's fund raising event. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Ms. Lynn M. Trierweiler, scholarship committee member

## **“Hooray for Hollywood Updates!”**

***The Canyons in Park City Utah*** – What everyone wanted last year is back again. 8 Total Mountain Peaks! 3700 Acres of 355 Inches of Light Fluffy Powder! 255 World Class Instructors. This is the largest resort in Utah, the 4th largest in North America and only a 30 minute ride from the Airport. Enjoy this luxury 2 bedroom condo in the heart of The Canyons. After a long day of skiing, take a dip in the outdoor heated pool or check out the stars from the rooftop hot tub at the Grand Summit. So cool. Of course, a LIVE item.

***Mickey and Minnie – here we come!*** – Enjoy a 5 night stay in a studio suite that sleeps 4. Your choice of 7 vacation club resorts on Disney Property- Animal Kingdom, The Beach Club, The Boardwalk, Old Key West, Saratoga Springs Resort & Spa, Wilderness Lodge or Bay Lake Towers. Amenities are endless.....includes a Disney bag full of FUN! Your kids want this!

***Some Silent items*** – One Year Membership to Anytime Fitness, One Year Day Membership to Walden Woods, St. Mary Men's Club Event Pass, 95.5 Mojo in the Morning Studio Sit-in, Signed script and photo from the Bob Newhart Show, 14 Autographed copies of Michigan Chillers and Martini baskets galore.

\*\*\*\*Remember to sign up for the *Pampered Chef* party on the 24<sup>th</sup>. If you cannot make the party you can still order items online or pick-up a catalog from the gathering space. Contact Kim Plait for more details – 734-878-7062.

Thanks to the Gonze, Myher, Burke, Malcolm and Salowitz families for their item donations, and the Gonze, Crowell and Janowski families for their monetary donations. Special thanks this week to our raffle and drink tickets sellers, Burke, Nickels, Mrs. Houk, Coffelt, Oakes and Sado.

\*\*\*\*Attention Follow-Up callers – please finish up your calls this week or early next, we are still desperate for items so anything you can procure last minute would be greatly appreciated.

Items still needed – Webkinz (pig, cow, chicken), landscaping tools (rake, shovels, hose, wheelbarrow), workbench, gas cards, car washing bucket & items, iPod, Nintendo DS and games. Its crunch time – can you help with items??

Get your tickets now, to what promises to be a star-studded night!

“Too much of a good thing can be wonderful” – *Mae West*

**FAMILY ADS** – Be sure to get your thoughts in print.....do you have a milestone this year? 1<sup>st</sup> communion, Graduation, want to thank a great coach or an 8<sup>th</sup> grade buddy that was just the best. Maybe you want to tell your teachers what an impact that had on your child. Whatever the occasion the auction team is selling ads to be put throughout the catalog. ¼ page for \$5, ½ page for \$10 and full page for \$15. You can email Margaret Vroman at [mvroman@charter.net](mailto:mvroman@charter.net) if you are interested.

[Auction Family Ads .pdf](#)

### **Third Grade Used Book Sale:**

This year the third grade will once again be heading up the Children's Used Book Sale. The sale will be held in the School Gathering Space on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>. We need everyone's help and support by donating used books to our sale. Books should be appropriate for all ages pre-school through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. This year we would also like to include a board game and puzzle table. All games and puzzles should be in good condition and have all the pieces included. If you would like to donate to our sale please drop off your used books and games in the front office or to the Third Grade classroom. During the sale books will be sold for 25 cents each or 5 for \$1.00. All games and puzzles will also be sold for \$1.00. All proceeds will be used to purchase new books for our school library. Thank you in advance for your help and support!

### **Howell Nature Center:**

#### **Parents Night Out!**

**Saturday, March 28 - Friday, April 3 - Friday, May 8**

Parents here is your chance to enjoy an evening out while your children are making special memories of their own. Our adventure will include a pizza party, crafts, games and exciting themed activities. Your adventure is up to you! Ages 5yrs.-12 yrs.

**Fee: \$30 per child. Additional Siblings \$25. Each session is 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm  
Advanced Registration Required!**

#### **Spring Break Day Camp**

**April 6 -10**

**8:30 am - 4:00 pm \$32 per day**

The next best thing to heading south...heading to the Nature Center for days filled with friends, crafts, seasonal activities, and crazy themed fun.

Please bring a sack lunch, snacks are provided. **Ages 5 yrs. - 12yrs. Advance  
Registration Required!**



# Pampered Chef Party

*Hooray For Hollywood hosts*

*A Pre Oscar Bash!!*

- **When:** March 24th @ 7PM
- **Where:** St Mary Multi-use
- **What:** Pampered Chef Demonstration/ Cooking Class with  
Celebrity Chef Renee Chodkowski – The Pie Lady!
  
- **Admission:** Please bring a food pantry item

Food Pantry Items Needed: Cereal, Oatmeal, Jelly, Juice, Laundry Soap, Toilet Paper, Soup, Pancake Mix/ Baking Mix, Dish Soap and Canned Veggies (corn, green beans, potatoes and mixed veggies)

**All profit from sales will be donated back to your school's auction.**

**All are Welcome!!**

**Please bring a Friend!!**

**Reservations Required**

**\*Signup Sheet will be in the School Gathering  
space\***

**Or email us at [auction@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:auction@stmarypinckney.org)**

**St. Mary Men's Club Presents**

**Breakfast &  
Baseball**

**Country Style Breakfast**

**Sunday April 5, 2009**

**From 8:30am to 11:00am**

***FREE WILL  
DONATIONS***

***For St. Mary's Building Fund***

## Menu

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

**NEW! Quiche**

Coffee, tea, milk, and orange juice

***Back by Popular Demand!***

***Waffle Station***



## 50/50 Raffle

**2 Big  
Drawings!**

**1st:**

**Half the Pot**

**2nd:**

**Justin  
Verlander**

**Or**

**Detroit Tigers  
Autographed  
Baseball**



**Come Join the  
Fun!**

