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SAINT MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

EXCELLENCE IN FAITH + SCHOLARSHIP + SERVICE

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April 23, 2009

Week-At-A-Glance

Friday, April 24, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All School Mass - Grade 6• P4 Field Trip - Domino's Farms• 1/2 Day - NOON DISMISSAL NO BUS SERVICE AT DISMISSAL
Saturday, April 25, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD AUCTION
Monday, April 27, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Morning Prayer - Grade 1
Tuesday, April 28, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2nd Grade - First Eucharist Bread Making
Wednesday, April 29, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Primary Mass - Grade 5• Market Day Pick-Up• First Eucharist Practice (Worship Area) 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Thursday, April 30, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2nd Grade Communicant/Parent Meal - 6:30 PM• Last Day to register to receive the 2008/2009 tuition rates.
Friday, May 1, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NO SCHOOL

REMINDER: APRIL 30TH IS THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR THE 2009/2010 SCHOOL YEAR TO RECEIVE 2008/2009 TUITION RATES

Principal Points:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

[April Calendar.pdf](#)

[April Menu.pdf](#)

- **Thank you to Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Lefebvre, Mrs. Redpath, Mr. Cross, and Mr. Haynes** for helping our school staff plan and carry out the school Auction week activities! Plenty of **Stars** were identified throughout the week, popcorn and the greatest hits of the Rat Pack were enjoyed for lunch on Tuesday, the grounds around St. Mary were picked clean as our part in an Earth Day celebration, the Star Walk was big, big fun, (thanks too, for all of the donations of canned goods and other food items:) and tomorrow, we're rolling out the red carpet for all of our student stars! **See you at the Auction!!!**
- **Got Lunch?** Please remind your student, if he or she is planning to order hot lunch for the day, to do so during the early morning homeroom period. Our entire school order must be submitted before 9:00 a.m.!

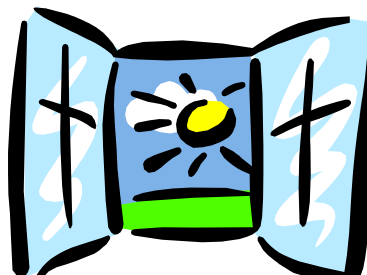
[PTC General Meeting Minutes Jan 09.pdf](#)

Thank you for your continuing support!

Best regards,

John Gilboe

THE WINDOW



FIRST GRADE NEWS

The First Graders are doing a wonderful job learning all kinds of new and interesting things. In Science we made science dioramas of animal homes and habitats, we made shell impressions out of plaster, and currently we have caterpillars that are eating their special food so that they can grow and become chrysalides and then Painted Lady Butterflies. A special Thank You to the Menosky family for donating the caterpillars to our classroom!

In Religion we have been learning about Jesus' entry into the city of Jerusalem on Passion Sunday, the Last Supper on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Jesus rising from the dead on Easter Sunday with a new and glorified body. How exciting! We made palm branches and waved them shouting "Hosanna, Hosanna, Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest!" It was very exciting.

In Math we have been learning how to count coins of pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and half dollars. We discovered that it is like counting by ones, fives, and tens and it is like counting on for others. We got out the play money and practiced counting different amounts or using the money to buy "items". Currently we are learning to tell time to the hour and the half hour using a face clock and a digital clock. It is a lot easier than counting money!

We had a Reading Challenge during the month of March. Each first grader was challenged to read fifteen minutes each day during the month. There were weekly drawings and final prizes that all of the children were able to pick from. We had one lucky winner who was chosen from a list of names to have lunch at Wendy's with Mrs. Kinsey. All of the children were the winners as reading every day really made a big difference in all of their reading abilities. I am very proud of all of them.

For Your Information

Virtus: Protecting God's Children:

Training sessions for Virtus: Protecting God's Children will be held:

May 7, 2009 from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Multi-Use Room

May 9, 2009 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Multi-Use Room

Adults working or volunteering with children and/or young people are required to complete the training. The Diocese will be suspending any adults not in compliance from volunteering this year so it is extremely important that this session is made a priority. It is also a great awareness program for families. Safe environments are a necessity. Pre-registration is necessary please contact Rebecca at 734-878-2217, ext 203 or email rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org

Music Spring Concert:

Spring is here which means spring concert season is under way. The 3rd and 4th grade are getting ready for their Spring Musical "**The Granny Awards**" which they are

performing on **Tuesday May 5th at 7pm!** In the musical story, Granny, who has retired from show business, honors her favorite fairy tales. The fairytale characters compete for best Female and Male vocalist award, best dramatic scene, best rap and best villain award. Come see our performance and find out who the fairy tale winners are! Parents, friends, family and general public are welcome to attend the event. The show will occur in the gym and last approximately 30 minutes. **3rd and 4th graders need to arrive at 6:40 pm with their costumes already on and report to the music room.**

Ms Fry, Music Director

Christian Service Team:

Used socks needed! The Christian Service team is collecting used socks (even unmatched socks!) for the Flint schools. Please leave them in a bag in the church or school office. We have collected 250 pairs so far. They were thrilled with the latest delivery of socks and clothing. We will also collect clothing and coats. This past fall Pinckney schools and St Mary collected over 300 coats for Detroit and Flint homeless ministries. Thank you very much for your help. Questions, please call Julie Flaherty 734-878-9547.

Tricia T. Berger Music Scholarship:

Come one! Come all! On **Friday May 8th** we will be hosting the second annual Tricia T. Berger Music Scholarship fund raising event. Enjoy a wonderful spaghetti dinner as you listen to a recording of Tricia's senior recital. Please join us! It is a great way to help promote aspiring musicians. (It is also a great way to get out of cooking and doing dishes!)

The event will be held **at St Mary School** in the multi-purpose room from **4:30 - 7:00.**

Don't forget! Music scholarship applications are still available for the 2009 - 2010 school year. Pick one up in the school or parish office today!

Fill A Suitcase For The Dominican Republic:

St. Mary School is participating with Aquinas Collage and Building Bridges of Hope, Inc. (Brighton) who are in need of donations for a Catholic community foundation in the Dominican Republic. This foundation provides free medical care to the poor who would otherwise go without. Items needed include: prenatal vitamins, children's chewable vitamins with iron (no gummi versions please), toothpaste, toothbrushes, bandaids, and over-the-counter medications for children and adults such as Tylenol, Advil, Neosporin, cough syrup, cold & flu meds. etc.

Please bring your donations to the school office and fill the suitcase by May 1. All medications **MUST** be brought to the school office by **ADULTS ONLY** due to the nature of the items being donated. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Coffelt through the school office or at 743-878-0622.