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Week-At-A-Glance

Friday, May 1, 2009	• NO SCHOOL
Sunday, May 3, 2009	• First Eucharist Celebration - 1:30 PM
Monday, May 4, 2009	• Morning Prayer - Kindergarten
Tuesday, May 5, 2009	• Music Concert - Grades 3 & 4 7:00 PM Gym
Wednesday, May 6, 2009	• Middle School Mass - Grade 8
Thursday, May 7, 2009	• Virtus Training Class - Multi-Use Room 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Friday, May 8, 2009	• Tricia Berger Music Scholarship Fund Fundraising Spaghetti Dinner 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Announcing: The St. Mary School Latchkey and Pre-School Day Care Program- see information below

Principal Points:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

[May Calendar.pdf](#)

[May Menu.pdf](#)

- **Teacher Luncheon thanks to Mrs. Stepaniak, Mrs. Gable, Mrs. Lefebvre, Mrs. Fackler,** and the seventh grade parents for the outstanding lunch on Wednesday. The teachers really appreciate all of your efforts, and the lunch was tres`delicieux!
- **Principal Plait!** A big thank you to **Ricky Plait** for taking the reins of St. Mary Catholic School as principal on Wednesday. Mr. Plait, in exquisitely professional attire, provided excellent leadership throughout the day, beginning with *Math in the Morning* questions, the weather forecast and other announcements during Morning Prayer, some musical entertainment for the lunch hour, and a fine set of *Quiz Question of the Day* puzzlers! Great job Mr. Plait!!
- **First Holy Eucharist Celebration!** Please join the second grade class this Sunday, 4/3, at 1:30 p.m. as they celebrate this most holy and exciting day. See you there!
- **Progress Reports** for the 4th Quarter are coming out soon! See them on Friday, 4/8.

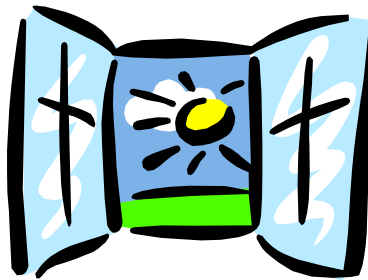
[PTC General Meeting Minutes Jan 09.pdf](#)

Thank you for your continuing support!

Best regards,

John Gilboe

THE WINDOW



SEVENTH GRADE NEWS

The seventh graders continue to study and work as we move closer to the end off the school year. There is still so much to learn! In Religion, we are studying and discussing ways to grow in our spiritual lives, through God's gifts of faith, grace, and

virtues. In Math, we are working with geometric figures. In Science, we will be learning about home energy use and conservation, as a part of our Green Schools initiative. After that, we'll focus on animals and their behaviors. In Social Studies, we are finishing our study of Europe and moving on to the Middle East. In English, we are writing sentences with modifiers and revising to eliminate usage errors. In Literature, we are reading "Tom Sawyer" and writing the rough drafts for our research reports. As we move into the month of May, we are getting excited about our BaySail adventure. Please pray with us for good weather on May 20!

For Your Information

Announcing: The St. Mary School Latchkey and Pre-School Day Care Program:

Great news that will make the lives of parents easier!

Beginning next school year St. Mary School will offer a Pre-School Day Care and School Age Latchkey Program.

Many parents have expressed interest in having these options in our school to help meet the demands of their busy schedule and to provide a faith-based care program for their children. Each of these programs will be taught by current St. Mary teaching staff.

The K-8 Latchkey program will be available before and after school for up to 18 students. (Session I from 6:30am – 8:10am Session II from 3:30pm – 6:00pm) Parents can bring their children in early before school and pick them up later after school in a supervised setting. Price is determined by the session for each child.

The Pre-School Day Care Program will provide pre-school parents several care options for their child. Morning pre-schoolers will be able to stay into the afternoon in a different Day Care classroom supervised by a qualified staff member. Afternoon pre-school children can attend the morning Day Care session and transfer to the pre-school classroom at the appropriate time.

The Day Care program will focus on exploring children's interests and developing empathy for others. Fees will be assessed by the day or session to give parents the flexibility to fit their busy schedule.

Parents can learn more details about these two great programs by calling the school office at 734-878-5616.

Volleyball Open Gym:

Open gym for all St. Mary girls grades 4-8, interested in Volleyball for the Fall, or having fun with us. May 7th, May 12th, & May 19th 3:30 PM -5:30 PM. Any questions, call Paige Gabel @ 734-355-8181

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!