

MARION MESSENGER

May 20, 2010

WEEK-AT-GLANCE

Friday, May 21, 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All School Mass – Grade 8• 8th Grade Ribbon and Candle Ceremony @ Mass• 2nd Graders wear First Communion Clothing to Mass• Grades 4 & 5 – Huron River Watershed Speaker
Monday, May 24, 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Morning Prayer – Grade 5• Band Concert – 7:00 PM
Tuesday, May 25, 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9th Grade Confirmation
Wednesday, May 26, 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Primary Mass 9:00 am – Grade 4• Kindergarten Class – Lunch with the Padre• Market Day Pick-Up
Thursday, May 27, 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2nd Grade Field Trip – Mathieu Gardens• Preschool Picnic @ Hudson Mills Park
Friday, May 28, 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NO SCHOOL

REMINDER:

**ELEMENTARY LUNCH TICKETS ARE \$11.75
(5 LUNCHES)**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL LUNCH TICKETS ARE \$13.00
(5 LUNCHES)**

Principal Points:

***We have an opportunity to participate in the Memorial Day Parade in Pinckney on Monday, May 31st @ 1:00. I have just been informed that the deadline to apply is this Sunday. So my question is do we have enough people interested in walking in the parade on this day? It will be a great opportunity to show our school to the community as there is always a great turn out at this parade each year. We can show our Wildcat Spirit by wearing our Walk-a-thon shirts or some other St. Mary wear. Please let me**

know tomorrow, Friday, May 21st if you are interested so that I can fill out the application and get it submitted by the end of the day. Call the office or email me at mrskinsey@stmarypinckney.org. I will be available to walk with the children, but adults are more than welcome to join in the fun, too!

*Thank you to all of the parents in grades 4, 5, and 6 for sponsoring the Staff Luncheon yesterday. It was wonderful as usual. We greatly appreciate and look forward to the luncheons throughout the year.

*Thank you to all who have registered your children for the 2010-2011 school year. It is very helpful for us in our planning and purchasing of new books for the classrooms. If you have not registered, I would greatly appreciate it if you could do so by June 9th so that we can take advantage of current pricing and include it in the budget for this year as the books close as of July 1, 2010.

***It is not too late to apply for scholarship funding. Scholarship applications are due in the school office by Friday, May 21, 2010. Please keep in mind that you must be registered in order to be considered for scholarship money.**

*Mr. L. is looking for donations for field day. He is in need of 10 watermelons. If you are able to help out, please let the office know ASAP for planning purposes. (Yikes! I don't have a team this year! I'm not sure what team I am supposed to root for!)

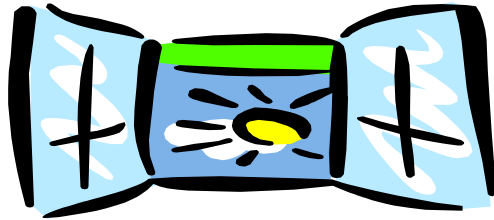
*We are in the process of getting quotes for the new computers for the school. There are many options out there and the team has dedicated itself to getting the best possible equipment and software available. I am so very thankful for all of you who made this purchase possible; whether it is from donating at the Auction or from supporting the Walk-a-thons.

***We need your votes! As you know our 7th graders painted a plane for the Red Bull Air Races. The voting has begun.**

WWW.RedBullAirRace.com or airbrush.redbullna.com

On the web page there is a box at the bottom right hand corner that says, "What is the Red Bull Air Brush Contest? Click on that and the planes will be there to vote on. The online voting is until May 31st. The picture they took does not do the plane justice—but I am bias! Please pass on to all your family and friends! And Students, too! Thank You!! If we win we will get \$6000.00 for our school art program! You don't have to be from St. Mary to vote for us!

God Bless and have a great week,
Veronica Kinsey



THE CLASSROOM WINDOW

FIFTH GRADE NEWS

The fifth graders are winding down a very busy school year! We have recently completed a science unit on matter, and are working on learning more about the Huron River watershed this week. In social studies we are finishing our focus on the events leading up to the American Revolution and will end the year learning some about that war in our country's history. In math we are completing a chapter on dividing fractions and will spend the remainder of the year focusing onIn reading we are fine-tuning some of our reading skills such as indentifying an author's judgment and identifying propaganda. In religion we are working on learning about expressing our love for God by respecting each other and each other's property. We are wrapping up our study of the English language by learning about adverbs and prepositions! While the clock is ticking, we are still hard at work! We will celebrate all of this we have accomplished with a picnic at Independence Lake on Monday, June 7. Looking forward to a fun day!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Field Day Teams:

Mrs. Houk **Yellow**

Rebecca Kukalis
Paul Moenart
Emily Flaherty
Nick Lefebvre
Jeffrey Nickels
Tyler deBeauclair
Jessica Haynes
Gabe Garbarz
Alyssa Domen
Ryan Fackler
Grant Wing
Angie Mable
Anthony Gonzalez
Rebekah Schnieder
Madison Germain

Mrs. Heatwole **Red/White/Blue**

Jacob Raymond
Andrew Dusseau
Lindsay Jasinski
Taylor Zdanowski
Joseph Salowitz
Garrett Nagy
Olivia Menosky
Valen LeVassuer
Gabriell Liddy
Nick Malcolm
Megan Germain
Nathan Picano
Savannah Wing
Zach Orlovski
Catherine O'Donohue

Mrs. Torongo **Orange**

Joseph Fackler
Mitchell LeVassuer
Brooke Craig
Alana Sullivan
Brody Burke
Markin Braciszewski
Danielle Gonzalez
Markue Brown
Laura Boote
Olivia Oakes
Adam Falinski
Caroline O'Donohue
Darek Delano
Cole Aten
Erin Flaherty

Mrs.Haberl **White**

Makena Gabel
Elijah Hovorka
Patrick Westerberg
Hannah Kiel
Evan Fackler
Joshue Cross
Lea Hall
Brendan Burke
Taylor Clarke
Nick Brown
Nathan Warshal
Hannah Menosky
James Boote
Sophie Oakes
Elaine Garbarz

Mrs. Kunick **Red**

Nolan LeFebvre
Robert Salowitz
Sarah Hur
Koryn Wilenius
Patrick Flaherty
Jack Falinski
Alex Huyck
Michael Gonzalez
Kirsten Hickman
Meghan Schultz
John Grossmeyer
Zabrina LeVasseur
Dillon Haynes
Johnny Fackler
Samantha McGlade

Mrs. Robinson **Black**

Nick Pettengill

Mrs. Dzombak **Purple**

Andrew Dusseau

Mrs. Weber **Light Blue**

JoAnn Stepaniak

Mrs. Barrett **Green**

Steven Tarske

Mrs. Mable **Gray**

Kyle Sanchez

Rachel Kukalis
Michael Schmidt
Selina Ortiz
Trey LeVasseur
Justin Malcolm
Megan Sullivan
Steven Huyck
Lillian Horvorka
Devin Jones
Jack Salowitz
Jasmine Karbon
Jake Janowski
Raleigh Garbarz
Megan Miller

Marie Partarrieu
Spencer Wack
Tabitha Jones
Luis Braciszewski
Conor Clark
Carmen Capstick
Brendan Aten
Zach Westerberg
Maria Albert
Luke deBeauclair
Paige Wise
Kendall Bonifer
Tessa Wilson
Alyssa Chiminski

Ryan Burke
Natalie Pettengill
Jacob Wing
Alex Warshal
Allie Claffey
Sean Miller
Ricky Plait
Samantha Orlowski
Stephen McGlade
George Reynolds
Anna Domen
Megan Haynes
Michael Tarske
Isabell Wroten
Liam Cross

Joshua Birdsong
Racheal Menosky
Jack Kukalis
Trevor Wilson
Ashley Jasinski
Kendall Wack
Connor Slotnick
Ruthie Myher
Lauren Sullivan
Owen Orlowski
Courtney Clark
Jay Wroten
Nick LeVasseur
Anthony Portelli

Haleigh Kiel
Taylor Wilson
Edwin Bredick
Matthew Sherman
Alex Dusseau
Jason Nickels
Alexis Sanchez
Scott McGlade
Molly Miller
Trevor Nagy
Kimberly Flaherty
Brendan Schultz
Kendall Wise
Curtis Albert

Library News:

The last week the library will be open for classes is the week of May 17th thru May 21st. Students will still be able to check out books this week.

All library material **must be returned by Thursday, May 27th** to allow time to do inventory the last full week of school.

Latchkey News:

The June calendars are now available. You can find them in the Latchkey room or in the school office. Please note that Wednesday, June 9 is the last day of school and of Latchkey. There will be a.m. latchkey only... all staff and students are dismissed at noon on that Wednesday.

Also note that June 4 is the last day for Preschool Daycare and the date of our 1st Annual Latchkey Picnic. It will begin after school on that Friday. Please let us know by May 26 if your child(ren) will be at our picnic so we can plan appropriately - Mrs. Swanson is looking forward to grillin' lots of dogs. See the attached flier for more information.

As always, to avoid late fees, please submit your calendar and payment by the Wednesday of the week before you need care.

God bless,
Lisa Abbott



LATCHKEY END-OF-THE-YEAR PICNIC



Register for latchkey from 3:30 – 6:00 pm. on Friday, June 4 and participate in our first annual end-of-the-year picnic!

Menu:

Hotdogs

Chips

Vegetables & Dip

Watermelon

Activities:

Water Cup Race

Water Balloon Toss

Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest

Pinata

This is a fun way to end a fabulous year! Join us!

St. Mary Catholic School

Minutes from PTC General Assembly Meeting, May 12, 2010

Welcome/Opening Prayer: Mrs. Kinsey opened the meeting with prayer at 7:04 p.m.

Fundraising Updates:

- **Auction:**
 - Holly Oakes thanked everyone for all of the hard work that went into this year's Beach Bash.
 - Holly also noted that 10 families procured \$35,000 worth of items and explained how successful our procurement efforts could be if each family could make an effort to procure some items.
 - Pam McGlade will Chair next year's school auction. A theme and date will be announced shortly.
 - Kristin Myher reported that the auction is expected to raise about \$80,000 after expenses (there are still some school related postage and copy expenses that have not been received). After Dible scholarship (\$15,000) and Raise the Paddle, which went to technology (\$10,790), that leaves approximately \$54,000 that will go toward school operating expenses.
- **Shark Club/Millionaire Parties:**
 - We have completed 2 of our Shark Club dates and netted \$3,128.00.
 - We have 2 more dates scheduled and expect to make at least the same as for the first two dates.
- **YTD Financial Summary**

- A written report was submitted by Kristin Myher and will be attached to the end of these minutes.
- We have raised nearly \$125,000 this school year. Kristin Myher thanked everyone for their efforts to make this possible.
- Paul Menosky spoke about the shift in focus in PTC fundraising. The goals that were set over the last couple of years have not been met and were not attainable given the realities of a shrinking school population and the economy. As such, fundraising will be adjusted to a more achievable level, which will allow us to spend more time on promoting and marketing the school. The “plug” to keep finances in check will be parish contributions. Until we can increase our revenue, the parish will raise its contribution to 30% of collections. This is at the high end of the average of parishes’ contributions to their schools. Our goal would be 25%.

Opportunities to Serve

- **PTC** – we need a full PTC, including President and Secretary. Also needed will be a revived Advancement Team. One of the major goals of the PTC will be to promote the school and get our name out there to a greater extent.
- **Shark Club** - Due to a scheduling conflict, we are scheduled to work Memorial Day weekend instead of the first weekend in June. We also have dates available the weekend of 05/21. Amy Salowitz is scheduling workers and should be contacted if a family is able to work.
- **Enrichment** – Field day will be held on June 3rd. Parents can help can assist with snack preparation, event supervision/facilitation or scoring. Mr. L will assign duties.
- Parents are encouraged to return their Event Sign-Up Sheets as they enroll for school. These were included in the enrollment packets that were sent home prior to Easter break.

Principal’s Update

- **Enrollment**
 - Enrollment is moving slowly. Everyone is encouraged to enroll their students as soon as possible so we can get a solid head count and take advantage of purchasing items at June’s pricing; pricing goes up in July. Also, we can use money allocated for this year’s budget.
 - Mrs. Kinsey gave 4 tours of the school recently and two of them signed-up for 2nd grade.
- **End-of-Year Calendar**
 - The ribbon ceremony will take place on Friday, May 21st, at 9:00 Mass. This will also be the day the 2nd grade students will wear their First Communion attire to Mass.
 - The band concert is scheduled for Monday, May 24th, at 7:00 p.m. The students have been working very hard and are sounding very good.

- There is no school on Friday, May 28th, or Monday, May 31st, due to the Memorial Day holiday.
- The last day of school is Wednesday, June 9th and is a half day.
- There are several dates that are associated with 8th grade graduation. Eight grade students and families should make sure they have a schedule.

Parent Surveys

- A survey has been written and all families are asked to fill it out and return it by no later than May 25th.
- The surveys can be returned anonymously or the families name may be added if additional follow-up is required.
- Mrs. Kinsey will be the person to review the survey.
- Results will be used to highlight and promote our strengths as a school and to expose our weaknesses so we can make improvements.

Our school Stewardship Prayer was recited to close the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Tuition Management Systems Changes For the 2010-2011 Academic Year:

Eliminated:

Making an ACH Payment via Self-Service Channels – Online or IVR (Phone)

We will no longer assess the \$5.00 payment fee. These options will be FREE to families.
Effective Date: April 15, 2010

Decreasing:

TuitionCharge® Convenience Fees

We will no longer assess convenience fees using the tiered percentage range of 3% to 4%. To simplify the process for families, all credit card transactions processed through our convenience fee program will be assessed a flat 2.99% of the payment amount.
Effective Date: July 15, 2010

Note – implementation of this change was originally scheduled for April 2010. Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have made a difficult decision to reprioritize certain development initiatives, including the delay of this change. We apologize for the delay, and are committed to implementing the change by the effective date listed.

Increasing:

Reinstatement Fee (Goes into effect for 2010/2011 pay plan enrollees)

Will increase from \$25 to \$30
Effective Date: April 29, 2010

Returned Payment Fee (goes into effect for 2010/2011 pay plan enrollees)

Will increase from \$25 to \$30

Effective Date: April 29, 2010