



“THE BRIDGE”

POSITIVE ATTITUDES

COURAGE

PATIENCE

WISDOM

PEACEFUL WAYS

St. Mark Catholic School

A BRIDGE BETWEEN SCHOOL AND PARENTS

“Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.” 1Cor. 16: 13-1

January 29, 2010

Parents,

What an exciting time to be a part of St. Mark Catholic School! We look forward to a great week of Catholic Schools Week activities. Even in this week of fun activities we want to continue to stress that Christ is at the center of everything we do. With our different theme days we will show our appreciation for different groups in our school, parish and community. Feel free to come into school during Catholic Schools week and feel the excitement! The theme of “Catholic Schools: Paying Dividends for Life” expresses how valuable our Catholic Schools are in educating our future leaders!

We are collecting crutches and new boxes of children’s Tylenol for the children of Haiti. If you can help with these specific items or would like to donate money to purchase these items, please send them in with your students. These items will be personally delivered to Haiti by members of St. Thomas Aquinas parish. We appreciate your help in advance.

We are already planning for the ISTEP test that begins the week of March 1-10th. We are working on strategies to help raise students individual scores and to also raise our schools overall score. As we get closer to the ISTEP testing dates, we will be sending out info on different things you can do at home to help prepare your child for the ISTEP test. Students in grades 3-8 take the ISTEP test, which includes Math, English, Social Studies, and Science (grades 4-7 only take SS and Science).

Our “Open House” will be Wednesday, February 24th from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. This is for prospective families that are interested in attending St. Mark Catholic School. We will be sending referral cards home to each family that can be given to prospective families and if they enroll at St. Mark Catholic School, you will receive \$100 off of your tuition. We appreciate the good “word of mouth” advertising that you do for us.

I would like to thank all of the students, staff and parents for helping with a successful PTG spaghetti supper last Saturday. A special thanks to Chris Johnson for her terrific job in heading up the spaghetti supper. Have a great weekend!

Thanks and God Bless,

Rusty Albertson
Principal
St. Mark Catholic School

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK January 31 – February 5, 2010

Sunday: Theme: Catholic Schools: Paying Dividends for Life.

- Kick-off Mass at 9:30 various students will lead the liturgy. St. Mark youth choir will lead music. Mr. Albertson will speak at all Liturgies.

Monday: Theme: Nation, how Catholic Schools support our nation.

- Out of uniform: Wear Red, White and Blue. Students may decorate face with red, white or blue tastefully! No hats and no shorts.
- Prayer Service at 9:30. Special speaker, Joe Zelenka.
- *A collection for the earthquake victims will be collected all week!

Tuesday: Theme: Our Community

- Crazy socks. Students can wear crazy socks with their school uniform. They may wear their socks with pants tucked into socks during the school day. During Mass we ask that they wear them normal. No hats and no shorts.
- Prayer partners will have community time and create a quilt piece together.

Wednesday: Theme: Teacher Appreciation Day.

- Out of uniform: Clash Day-Students may wear clothing that does not match. No hats and no shorts
- PTG will provide lunch and cover all recess duty for our teachers.

Thursday: Theme: Student Appreciation Day.

- Out of uniform. Students may wear sweatpants, jeans, or SCHOOL SHORTS. No hats.
- No homework.
- Two free, Mrs. Bruner's famous doughnuts at lunch.
- Movie afternoon. Popcorn and drink boxes provided.

Friday: Theme: ST. MARK SPIRIT DAY. We are proud of our school and accomplishments.

- Out of uniform: Students may wear St. Mark Spirit wear, Colts wear or favorite college or pro team wear. Jeans are allowed. No shorts and no hats.
- All School Liturgy at 9:00.
- Pep-rally at 2:20
- Prize for the best door contest.
- Passing of spirit stick.
- Volleyball game- student team from 6th, 7th, and 8th versus teachers.

*We will be collecting the following items for Haiti: Crutches – in good condition, and children's Tylenol, chewable or meltaway.

BOOK FAIR DINER-ALL YOU CAN READ!: The spring book fair is just around the corner. Mark your calendars! Come see what is on the menu at Book Fair Diner, March 8-12.

YEARBOOK: Reserve your copy. The cost of our **full color** yearbook is \$15.00. Please make checks payable to **ST MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL** and return to school before Friday, February 5.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS: Attached to the newsletter is a parent/guardian letter from the Indiana State Department of Health. We also received the following immunization requirements for the 2010-2011 school year:

- All preschool and kindergarten students will be required to have 2 doses of varicella vaccine, given on or after the first birthday and separated by 3 months, or a history of chicken pox disease.
- All kindergarten students will be required to have one of the required doses of polio vaccine given on or after the fourth birthday, and at least 6 months after the previous dose.
- All 6th - 12th grade students will be required to have 2 doses of varicella vaccine, given on or after the first birthday and separated by age-appropriate intervals as defined by the CDC, or a history of chickenpox disease.
- All 6th - 12th grade students will be required to have 1 dose of tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis vaccine (Tdap) given on or after the 10th birthday.
- All 6th - 12th grade students will be required to have 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4).

Please Note: If changes to school requirements are enacted during the current legislative session, we may not know about them until later in the spring.

H1N1 VACCINE: Students in PreK through 4th grade will be receiving a letter and consent form for the H1N1 vaccination. The Marion County Health Department will be here on Thursday, February 18 to give the vaccinations. Please return the consent forms to the school office.

PARENTING WORKSHOP on Tuesday, February 2, from 6-7:30 pm at St Roch Catholic School Library, 3603 S. Meridian Street. Session I Topics: Controlling Obnoxious Behaviors and Chores and Developing Responsibility.

Special guest will be Janet Braun, LMFTA, from Elliott's Corner, who is a licensed marriage and family therapist with special interest in working with children.

Come one, come all for a fun night of parenting tips and discussion. There will be a video about parenting, questions and concerns will be discussed and we will also brainstorm ways to deal with various parenting issues.

For more information, please call Maureen Schemmel at 317-328-0249 or mschemmel@sbcglobal.net. All are encouraged to attend.

FUNDRAISING

PIZZA PICK UP will be in the Music Room on Thursday, February 4.

SCRIP: Are you a first time buyer? If so, simply place your order and next to family name write "First Time Buyer". You will then be entered into a drawing for a FREE \$25 Scrip gift card of your choice. The contest will start on Tuesday, January 19th and run through February 15th. This is your chance to see how simple this program is. Place your order on Monday and your cards will be sent home with your child on that same Friday.

Planning a Super Bowl party? Don't forget to use scrip gift cards to purchase your party supplies!

MARKET DAY NEWS – February Cookie Dough Bonus Days: Thank you for your Market Day orders in January. The PTG earned \$139 for January Market Day. So far this school year the PTG has earned \$1146 through Market Day sales.

Cookie Dough Bonus Days are here! A new flavor, Lemon Cooler Cookie Dough, was sampled at January pick-up. They are delicious! All the cookies are pre-portioned for easy baking. Bake as many or as few as you want. Check out the nine different varieties on the attached Market Day order form.

Order online at marketday.com until 11 PM CST on Friday 2/12. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, please call Dawn Collier at 319-3061. With your support, we're looking forward to reaching our fundraising goals of \$2500 for the PTG.

FROM THE CAFETERIA

LUNCH MENU – FEBRUARY 1st WEEK

Mon. – Chicken tenders, tator tots, cucumber slices, mandarin oranges

Tues. – Deli turkey wrap(cold), Baked Lays chips, lettuce, tomato, pears

Wed. – Penne pasta, meat sauce, garlic roll, Caesar salad, pineapple tidbits

Thurs. – Turkey pot pie, buttermilk biscuit, sweet peas, apple crisp

Fri. – Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, carrot sticks, mixed fruit

SPECIAL THANKS TO ...

- ☺ The Market Day volunteers in January. Miss Traylor was the sponsoring teacher. Volunteers were Erin Fuhrman; Carole and Sam Bramlett; Marilou and Matthew Zehnle; and Wendy, Natalie, and Eric Bednarz.
- ☺ A VERY BIG THANK YOU to *everyone* who helped with this year's Spaghetti Dinner. Thanks to all who donated and to those who helped during the event. It couldn't have happened without all of you. I would like to especially thank Ed Balint, Dawn Collier, Angie Runholt, and Gail Bailey. It was a lot of work, but we all had a great time. We netted \$1,135.00. Not bad for three hours..... Thanks and God bless, Chris Johnson

SPORTS

Sports Notes

<u>Event</u>	<u>Day of Week</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time, Location</u>
Jan. 29 – Feb. 5			
Cadet Volleyball	Saturday (1/30)	St. Joan of Arc	10:30, St. Joan of Arc
4 Volleyball	Saturday (1/30)	St. Susanna	12:00, St. Susanna
Wrestling (3-6)	Sunday (1/31)	St. Maria Goretti	12:00, St. Maria Goretti
56A Volleyball	Sunday (1/31)	St. Charles	1:00, St. Charles
56B Volleyball	Sunday (1/31)	St. Barnabas	4:00, St. Barnabas
Wrestling (K-8)	Monday (2/1)	St. Michael Indy	6:30, St. Mark
Cadet Volleyball	Monday (2/1)	Little Flower	7:45, Little Flower
4 Volleyball	Tuesday (2/2)	OL Greenwood	5:00, St. Mark
56B Volleyball	Tuesday (2/2)	Little Flower	5:45, St. Mark
56A Volleyball	Tuesday (2/2)	St. Christopher	6:30, St. Mark
Wrestling (K-4)	Wed'day (2/3)	BG Club Open	5:30, Beech Grove HS

St. Mark CYO Spring Sports Registration - Registration for girl's kickball (Grades 3-8), Co-ed soccer (Grades 5-8) and co-ed track (Grades 4-8) is now underway. The registration deadline is February 22. St. Mark registration and CYO physical exam forms are available in the church narthex, parish office, school office, and "CYO Athletics" page on the parish web site. Registration for CYO sports now is a two-step process. You must register for each sport using a St. Mark registration form (same as in the past) PLUS complete a CYO registration once per school year. CYO is also requiring each child and coach to register annually with the CYO Office. Registration is performed online at www.cyoarchindy.org. Follow the "Register Child" and "Coach Registration" links and complete the information requested. CYO registration is only required once per school year. Please contact Patrick Collier at 881-0316 or collierfamily8@att.net for more information.

Roncalli Rebel Club Basketball - The Roncalli boys' basketball team would like to announce that tryouts for 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade Rebel Club Basketball Teams will take place on Saturday, February 6th in the bubble gymnasium. Tryouts for 5th and 6th grade will be from Noon-1:30 p.m., and tryouts for 7th and 8th grade will be from 1:30-3 p.m. If you have any questions, please e-mail Coach Michael Wantz at mwantz@roncallihs.org.

Super Chili Cook-off and Dessert Challenge to Benefit St. Vincent de Paul Society - All adults are welcome to the 5th annual Super Chili Cook-off and Dessert Challenge on Sunday, February 7 in Schafer Hall. Come show off your best chili and dessert recipes with a chance to win great prizes! A \$10 donation includes unlimited chili, desserts, beverages, beer, wine and sides. Doors open at 4:00 and proceeds benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Must be 21 years of age or older. Babysitting provided by Scouts Venture Crew for \$5 per child or \$15 per family (must be potty trained). For more information, please contact Don Toll at 788-1529 or dontoll@comcast.net.