



# “THE BRIDGE”

POSITIVE ATTITUDES

COURAGE

PATIENCE

WISDOM

PEACEFUL WAYS

## St. Mark Catholic School

A BRIDGE BETWEEN SCHOOL AND PARENTS

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

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February 5, 2010

Parents,

What a week we have had at St. Mark Catholic School! We concluded Catholic Schools Week with many activities and helped our students to celebrate why Catholic school is so important. I want to thank all of the parents that helped make this a very successful week. We are blessed to be at a school that our students can grow in their academics, faith, and character.

We will be having our open house on Wednesday, February 24, from 6:00pm – 8:00 pm. We invite all prospective parents that wish to visit our school to attend the open house. We will be having some yard signs to promote the open house. If you live on a busy street and wish to place a yard sign in your yard to advertise the open house, contact me. We will be sending you referral cards to give to prospective parents. The referral cards can be worth \$100 off of your tuition for each new family that enrolls at St. Mark. St. Mark Catholic School is offering a 25% parishioner rate tuition discount to employees of the Archdiocese. Any Archdiocese employee that is a member of St. Mark Parish is eligible for the discount.

As we get closer to the start of ISTEP testing on March 1<sup>st</sup>, we have put several things into place to help prepare our students for maximizing their test scores. Tutoring, school wide writing sessions, and smaller testing groups are just a few of the things that we think will allow the students to perform well on the ISTEP test this spring. The ISTEP test is given to students in grades 3-8 and is only given in the spring.

We hope that your family can enjoy going to Mass together this weekend and enjoy the Super Bowl. Remember the Men’s Club will host a Chili Cook-off this Sunday in Schafer Hall. The Colts organization is a strong supporter of Catholic Education and we wish them all of the success this Sunday. Have a great weekend and stay safe!

Thanks and God Bless,

Rusty Albertson  
Principal  
St. Mark Catholic School

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE PTG MEETING** for February 8 has been cancelled. The next meeting will be on Monday, March 8.

**ATTENTION 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE PARENTS:** The First Communion Preparation session has been moved to Tuesday, February 9 at 7:00 pm.

**EIGHTH GRADE PARENT MEETING:** There will be an Eighth Grade Parent Meeting on Thursday, Feb. 11 at 6:30pm in Miss Seevers' classroom. We will review our fundraising results to date, discuss photos needed from each student for the class video, and get a list of parent chaperones for the May 28 class trip to St. Louis. If you have questions and can't attend the meeting, contact Marla Lutgring 783-7059.

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE RETREAT:** All families who have an 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth, PLEASE mark your calendars for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade retreat April 17 from 8am-4pm at the Beech Grove Benedictine Center!

**BOOK FAIR:** Book Fair Diner-What's on the Menu? New Books! Extra Credit by Andrew Clements, Sent by Margaret Peterson Heddix, Dinner With Olivia, Froggy Goes to Camp, The Lightning Thief and many more! Plan to visit the fair March 8-12!

**H1N1 VACCINE:** Students in PreK through 4<sup>th</sup> grade should have received a letter and consent form for the H1N1 vaccination last week. 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.

**YEARBOOK:** Reserve your copy. The cost of our **full color** yearbook is \$15.00. Please make checks payable to **ST MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL**.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT ST MARK!** Mark your calendars! This fun, informative and inspiring week will be held June 13-17 from 6-8pm for all children 3yrs. old thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Plan on attending or volunteering

**RONCALLI HIGH SCHOOL** invites parents of current 4th-7th graders to an Information Night from 7-8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16 in St. Mark Church. Members of the Roncalli Administration will address the topics of academic programs, college/career counseling, extracurricular options, tuition rates and financial aid. The evening will also include a question and answer session with current RHS parents and students. This Information Night is specifically targeted for parents of kids in grades 4-7 who are interested in taking an early look at issues pertinent to their child's high school education.

## FUNDRAISING

**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 started on Tuesday, January 19 and runs through February 15. 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!

**DINNER DANCE BASKETS:** Please start sending in your donated items/funds to help with the 10th Annual St. Mark Mardi Gras Dinner Dance on Saturday, February 13:

Family Fun - Teachers and St. Mark Staff  
Everything Sports - 6th Grade - headed up by Toni Layer  
Dining Out - 4th & 5th Grades - headed up by Molly Burns  
Gardening - 1st & 3rd Grades - headed up by Tricia Seddon (needs a helper!)  
Pamper Me - Kindergarten & 2nd Grades – headed up by Tamara & Greg Candler  
Weekend Fun - 7th & 8th Grades – Need a leader

The deadline for donated items and funds is Thursday, February 11. If you have any questions or can help head up collecting the items, please contact Marie Finch-Hibner, Dinner Dance Chairperson at [marie\\_hibner@yahoo.com](mailto:marie_hibner@yahoo.com), home 783-2361 or cell 850-4623. Thank you!

## FROM THE CAFETERIA

### LUNCH MENU – FEBRUARY 8<sup>th</sup> WEEK

**Mon. – NO SCHOOL**

**Tues.** – Burrito, Spanish rice, romaine, tomato, salsa, fresh orange wedge

**Wed.** – Chicken tenders, potato wedges, green beans, pears

**Thurs.** – Pork BBQ on bun, cheesy potatoes, sweet corn, applesauce

**Fri.** – Cheese pizza, warm breadstick, cucumber slices, tomato wedges, fresh apple

## SCOUTING

**CONGRATULATIONS** to those Scouts who earned the following awards:

### Parvulie Dei

Devon Frigon	Joseph Burns
Andrew Jaeger	Quentin LaFollette
Michael Bailey	Bain LaFollette
Mark Zehnle	Zachary Gaither
Isaac Garcia	Alex Kalscheur
Connor Cleary	Tyler Swiezy

### Ad Altare Dei

Harrison Smith
Joshua Herkert
Ian Bowling

**BOY SCOUTS:** Did you know that The Boy Scouts of America are celebrating 100 years of scouting? February is the month we celebrate and recognize The Boy Scouts of America for outstanding achievement. Pack 92 has a long and rich history at St. Mark Catholic Church. During this celebration in February, Pack 92 is running a Mike's Express Carwash Fundraiser. See a Pack 92 Scout to purchase an \$8 coupon for a Mike's Express Wash. For every coupon sold, \$4 remains at the Pack level. Don't you want to wash the salt and grime away anyhow? Visit us at [www.pack92.com](http://www.pack92.com) or call Gail Bailey at 332-7068 with questions. Thank you for your support!

**ST MARK SKATING PARTY:** On Wednesday, March 10, 2010, from 6:30 – 8:30 PM, Pack 92 would like to invite St. Mark School to a Skating Party at Southland Skate Center. The cost is

\$4.00 per skater or \$10.00 per family and skate rental is included. In-line skates or speed skates are not included in this price, but can be rented for an extra \$3.00. Please mark your calendars!!!!

**SPECIAL THANKS TO ...**

- ☺ Mr. Fryar for the yellow paper for the office
- ☺ Sean Smith and family for the delicious cookies for the teachers and staff. Also to the School Commission for the fruit trays and candy, and to the PTG for providing lunch on Wednesday.
- ☺ Rose Maloney for the Starbucks coffee for the teachers and staff.
- ☺ All the parents who helped with the cafeteria and recess duties for the teachers .

**SPORTS**

**Sports Notes**

<u>Event</u>	<u>Day of Week</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time, Location</u>
<b>February 5-12</b>			
Cadet Volleyball	Saturday (2/6)	St. Rose of Lima	9:00, St. Mark
4 Volleyball	Saturday (2/6)	OL Lourdes	9:45, St. Mark
56B Volleyball	Saturday (2/6)	Holy Name	10:30, St. Mark
56A Volleyball	Monday (2/8)	St. Roch	5:00, St. Roch
56B Volleyball	Tuesday (2/9)	St. Mich – G’field	5:00, St. Mich – G’field
4 Volleyball	Tuesday (2/9)	Holy Spirit	5:30, Holy Spirit
Cadet Volleyball	Tuesday (2/9)	St. Susanna	7:15, St. Susanna
56A Volleyball	Wed’day (2/10)	OL Greenwood	5:00, CYO Center
Wrestling (K-4)	Wed’day (2/10)	BG Club Open	5:30, Beech Grove HS
Wrestling (K-8)	Thursday (2/11)	St. Mich – G’field	6:30, St. Mich – G’field

**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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 the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class 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.

**MSGR. SHERIDAN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #6138** is having a **Free Throw Contest** on Sunday, February 14 at 1:30 pm and is open to all area boys and girls ages 10-14(as of January 1, 2010). Winners in each category at the council level will advance to the district level, then regional level and then the state finals. Dates and time of each level of competition are as follows:

Council Level, Sunday Feb. 14 at Our Lady of Greenwood gym at 1:30 pm  
District Level, Sunday, Feb. 21 at Our Lady of Greenwood gym at 1:30 pm  
Regional Level, Sunday Feb. 28 at Our Lady of Greenwood gym at 1:30 pm  
State Level, Sunday, March 21 at Greenwood Middle School gym at 1:30 pm.

The competition will start at the designated times. The doors will open for practice and registration 1 hour before each event. All participants must begin at the council level.

A copy (not the original) of your birth certificate is also required at registration in order to compete at the council level. You do not have to be a member of the K of C to participate.

All denominations are welcome. No pre-registration needed, just show up with your birth certificate. Please contact John Schalk at 627-6461 if you have any questions or need any additional information.