



"The Bridge"

POSITIVE ATTITUDES COURAGE PATIENCE WISDOM PEACEFUL WAYS

St. Mark Catholic School

A BRIDGE BETWEEN SCHOOL AND PARENTS

August 28, 2009

From Mr. Albertson's Desk,

Parents,

Wow! We have just completed our first full week and many things are happening at St. Mark Catholic School. I enjoy getting into the classrooms and seeing the many learning activities that are going on in your children's classroom. Our teachers are following our mission to "Teach as Jesus taught..." and our students are building relations with their teachers and each other.

As we settle into the first full week of school I would like to thank you for your cooperation with regard to dropping off and picking up students at school. Please help us to keep our students' safe throughout the year. As parents, we sometimes feel that there are not enough hours in the day, but the few minutes we try to save by cutting corners are not worth it. Thanks again!

The flu season is upon us and the concern of H1N1 is prevalent throughout the state and country. At St. Mark Catholic School we follow the CDC guidelines which state:

1. **Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.** Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it. If you don't have a tissue, cough into your elbow.
2. **Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze.** Alcohol-based hand sanitizers are also effective.
3. **Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.** Germs can spread that way.
4. **Stay home if you get sick.** The CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school, and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.
5. **Use disinfectants on surfaces, as directed, to help prevent the spread of the influenza virus.** Germs can spread when a person touches an infected surface and then touches their own eyes, mouth or nose

We have installed 8 hand sanitizer dispensers throughout the school and teachers also have hand sanitizer bottles in their classroom. We ask that if your child is showing flu symptoms that you keep them home from school for at least 24 hours. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

The magazine sales campaign kicks off today. Students will be bringing packets home with them today. If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Skojac at jsko9@sbcglobal.net. The magazine sale is one of our biggest fundraisers and we appreciate your support.

Back to School Night will be Tuesday, September 1st at 6:30 pm starting in the church. We will have spirit wear available for purchase in the Narthex before the meeting. Back to School is for parents, but babysitting will be provided in the cafeteria if needed.

I hope that you have a great weekend and bring your children to Mass this weekend. What better way to spend time with your children in celebrating the Gospel together as a family!

Thanks and God Bless,

Rusty Albertson, Principal

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST MARK CHURCH is planning on updating the current Pictorial Directory in November and December. More information will be in upcoming bulletins. If you are interested in helping, please call Ann Berkemeier at 787-2058.

FUNDRAISING

MAGZINE SALE: Today we kicked off the annual magazine sale. Each child will bring home an envelope with all the magazine information in it.

Our goal this year is to sell \$22,000. We make 40% on every dollar and all the profits go to the PTG for tuition assistance. This is a great way to help keep our tuition down which benefits everyone at St. Mark School. Thank you for your support.

If you have any questions please e-mail Jennifer Skojac at jsko9@sbcglobal.net

MARKET DAY ORDER FORMS are attached to the newsletter. Please return to school by Tuesday, September 8. Pick-up is on Wednesday, September 16 from 5:15-6:15pm in the Music Room. Internet orders are due by 11pm CST Friday, September 11.

SCRIP: We will be starting our first Scrip contest for the month of September. It will run from Monday, August 31st through Friday, October 2nd. The homeroom that sells the highest dollar amount of Scrip gift cards will receive a Pizza Party for their homeroom. Please be sure to write your child's homeroom teacher's name on the order forms to receive proper credit. This would be a great time to check with family, friends and neighbors to see if they would like to purchase gift cards to help support St. Mark School. Orders placed on Monday will be sent home with your child on Friday of the same week. Scrip will be available for purchase at Back to School Night so please stop by and see us!

FROM THE CAFETERIA

LUNCH MENU – AUGUST 31st WEEK

Mon. – Pepperoni stuffed crust pizza, warm breadstick, Caesar salad, applesauce

Tues. – Chicken tenders, curly fries, sweet peas, pears

Wed. – Chicken patty on bun, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, fresh apple

Thurs. – Beef & cheese burrito, Spanish rice, shredded lettuce, salsa, diced tomatoes, peach slices

Fri. – Pancakes, warm syrup, sausage patties, cheddar omelet, orange wedges

SPORTS

Sports Notes

<u>Event</u>	<u>Day of Week</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time, Location</u>
Aug 28-Sept 4			
56 Kickball	Friday (8/28)	St. Christopher	6:00, St. Mark
56 Kickball	Tuesday (9/1)	St. Barnabas	6:00, St. Barnabas
56 Kickball	Thursday (9/3)	St. Roch	5:00, St. Roch

St. Mark CYO Girl's Basketball Registration - Registration for girl's basketball (Grades 4-8) is now underway. The girl's basketball registration deadline is September 3. 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.

Southside Flag Football League - St. Mark Athletic Committee is accepting boy's flag football registration for 2009. Boy's entering grades K-2 are eligible to play and the registration fee is \$50.00. Registration forms can be downloaded from the St. Mark web site "CYO Athletics" page located at www.stmarkindy.org and returned to the St. Mark Parish Office. Practices will begin on September 8 with the first games scheduled for September 19. All games are held on Saturdays at St. Mark. For further information, please contact Joe Kraeszig at jkraeszig@comcast.net.

Indy Dolphins Swim Team – The Indy Dolphins Swim Team offers a youth program (ages 5-18) that develops cardiovascular endurance, kinesthetic awareness, nutrition, and lifelong skills. Try swimming! The Indy Dolphins Swim Team is accepting new members at all skill levels for the 2009-2010 season. Team try outs are scheduled for September 9 & 10 at the IU Natatorium on the campus of IUPUI. Try outs are 30 minutes in length and are held between 5:30 – 7:00. For further information, check out their web site at www.dolphins.iupui.edu or contact Ed Merkling at 274-6783 or emerklin@iupui.edu.