



“THE BRIDGE”

POSITIVE ATTITUDES

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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

September 4, 2009

Dear Parents,

I hope this issue of The Bridge finds you ready for a restful, long weekend. As we enjoy our families, please remember those that have lost family members this past year and keep them in your prayers. We are very blessed to have such supportive parents at SMCS.

The Back to School Night was a big success and we appreciate all of the parents that were able to come and meet their children’s teachers. A big thanks to the PTG and president, Mary Ann Schoettle, for assisting with Back to School Night and all of their many activities that help our school. If you are looking for a way to be active at St. Mark Catholic School, the PTG is a great way to do so.

I would like to communicate my expectations of our students with regard to discipline, respect and kindness. When students show poor behavior at school we are forced to react. We will not tolerate disrespect, acting out in class, or other issues that cause teachers not to be able to teach and not allow your son or daughter a chance to get a good education. So everyone is clear on my position, if any student consistently acts out or misbehaves in the classroom which causes the teacher not to be able to teach or other students not to learn, the student’s parents will be called and the student will be sent home until they can agree to act appropriately in school. We know that you have made a huge sacrifice to send your child to St. Mark Catholic School, and we want to make sure that all children have the best environment available to learn. If you have any questions on this topic, feel free to contact me.

Our magazine sales are in full swing. We appreciate all of you that have helped to sell magazine subscriptions for the school. If you have any questions on magazine sales, please contact Jennifer Skojac at: jko9@sbcglobal.net.

The 8th grade parents will have a meeting on Tuesday September 8th at 6:00 pm in Miss Seevers room. We ask that all 8th grade parents be in attendance. Marla Lutgring is the 8th grade parent contact person.

We will be having our first St. Mark Lions Spirit Day on Wednesday Sept 9th. Students may wear any St. Mark spirit wear shirt, St. Mark sweatshirt or St. Mark athletic jersey. Students must still wear school dress shorts, pants or skirts. We have some spirit wear available for purchase in the spirit shop (book store) and we also have order forms available. You can contact Nora Vandagriff for information on Spirit Wear at: Nora@assuredhc.com.

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend!

God Bless,

Rusty Albertson
Principal
St. Mark Catholic School

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAND INFORMATION: Mr. Knott, our band director, and a representative from Paige's Music, will be here on Wednesday morning around 9:00 am. Any 6th, 7th, or 8th grader interested in band may try out at this time.

ST MARK CHILDREN'S CHOIR: This fall will be the start of the St. Mark's Children's Choir. All children from the parish, grades 5th through 8th are invited to join the choir. Children from St. Mark School, other area schools, and home schooled are encouraged to join us. This is a great way for all of our parish children to participate in a church ministry.

The goals of the Children's choir are music education, understanding the role of music in Catholic liturgy, and to grow spiritually through music. We will also have a lot of fun along the way.

Parents and Grandparents, please help us establish this choir. Encourage your children to participate. We will rehearse once per week. 1st rehearsal is at 4:00-5:00pm Wednesday, September 9th in the church. The Children's Choir will sing one Sunday per month at the 9:30am Mass. For questions, please contact Andy Eagan at 317-787-8246, ext 105. There will be more information in next week's bulletin.

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

SCRIP: How does the Scrip program work? Order forms are sent home every Friday with the Bridge Newsletter. All orders returned to school by Monday will be filled and sent home via your child on Friday of that same week. This program benefits our school tuition assistance program.

Here are the results for the September Pizza Party Contest: In the lead with \$330 is Miss Traylor's class followed closely by Mrs. Kinney's class with \$290, Mrs. Smith's class with \$250, Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Berkopes with \$125. Keep the orders coming, if you would, for your class to win the Pizza Party on Scrip!

Please do not forget that the Scrip box is available Tuesday mornings through Friday mornings in the school office for you to make purchases too!

Thanks for your support!

MARKET DAY: It's Not too Late to Order Market Day in September!

Check out the Market Day Order Guide to see how a cool car organizer can be yours free with your September order. The September Order Guide was attached to last week's Bridge. Or you can order on-line at www.marketday.com.

Paper orders are due in the school office by Tuesday 9/7 and internet orders are due Friday 9/11 before 11 p.m. Pick up is Wednesday 9/16 from 5:15 to 6:15 in the East Elementary Hall. For more information contact Dawn Collier, Market Day Chairperson at 319-3061 or Collierfamily8@att.net.

FROM THE CAFETERIA

LUNCH MENU – SEPTEMBER 7th WEEK

Mon. – Labor Day – No School ☺

Tues. – Chicken hipp dipp, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, sliced peaches

Wed. – Corn dog, crinkle fries, garden salad, applesauce

Thurs. – Turkey, ham, bacon club on wheat bread, baked chips, leaf lettuce, tomato slices, mixed fruit

Fri. – Cheese stuffed crust pizza, warm breadstick, Caesar salad, carrot sticks, fresh watermelon

SPORTS NOTES

<u>Event</u>	<u>Day of Week</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time, Location</u>
September 4-11			
56 Kickball	Wednesday (9/9)	St. Susanna	6:00, St. Mark
56 Kickball	Thursday (9/10)	OL Greenwood	5:00, OL Greenwood

St. Mark CYO Grade School and High School Basketball Registration - Registration for boy's and girl's basketball (Grades 4-12) is now underway. The basketball registration deadline is September 3 for girls in grades 4-8 and October 5 for boys in grades 4-12 and girls in grades 9-12. 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.