



# “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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*September 11, 2009*

Parents,

We have had many positive experiences this week at SMCS. Through a Federal stimulus grant, we now have a laptop and video projector in every classroom. We also were able to purchase a smart board (white board,) a new HD video camera, and some other new technology. Teachers are using the new technology to teach students in new and innovative ways. Examples include: classroom video commercial projects, Power point lessons, and educational clips and information from the internet on a big screen! Our special needs program has had new items added to enhance learning.

Our Spirit Day on Wednesday was a huge success, with many students wearing their St. Mark spirit wear. We will have more spirit days in the future for all to participate in. We appreciate your support of St. Mark and helping us to raise our school spirit! We hope to have some adult spirit wear on sale soon for parents and grandparents to purchase.

We had a special ceremony to honor the victims of 9/11 today at Mass. We encourage you to talk with your children about 9/11 and to help them understand the significance of that tragic event in American history. Please keep the family members and the 9/11 survivors in your prayers this weekend at Mass.

In closing, I appreciate the positive responses that I received this week to my letter in last week’s Bridge regarding discipline. We had a great week at school this week, but we must still strive for improvement. We are starting an 8<sup>th</sup> grade Leadership Club to help build our student leadership traits. The principal’s council met again this week and we are getting good ideas on how to improve our school from the student perspective.

Good luck to all of our CYO teams that are in action this week! Thanks for your continued support of our school. We ask that you keep St. Mark Parish, St. Mark Catholic School, and Father Plaster in your prayers.

Thanks and God Bless,

Rusty Albertson  
Principal  
St. Mark Catholic Schools

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HOMEWORK WATCHER:** Sometimes we send information home via Homework Watcher. If you are not signed up, you will not receive the important information coming home via email. If you are not receiving information, please send in your email address to the school office and we will see that you are put on Homework Watcher.

If you have signed up, but have not been receiving information, please call the office at 786-4013. If you are signed up and have to make address changes, corrections or additions, please contact Homework Watcher at [homeworkwatcher@gmail.com](mailto:homeworkwatcher@gmail.com).

Homework Watcher is, by design, one-way communication from the teacher to the parent.

**ATTENTION 6<sup>TH</sup>, 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS:** There will be a call out meeting for Service Club next Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> immediately after school until 3:30 pm in Mrs. Koesters room. Anyone who is interested is encouraged to attend. We hope to see you there!!

**JOIN ST. MARK BAND:** Any 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade student interested in joining band - please come to the Band Instrument Meeting at Roncalli High School on September 16 & 17 (pick either day) from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. Bring your parents and friends.

### ST MARK CHILDREN'S CHOIR MOVES TO MONDAY.

St. Mark Children's Choir has started and we still need more children. All children from the parish, grades 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> are invited to join the choir. Children from St. Mark School, other area schools and home school children are encouraged to join us. This is a great way for all of our parish children to participate in a church ministry.

**In order to make the choir available to more children, the Children's Choir rehearsals have moved to Mondays at 4:00 to 5:00 pm in the Church.** If your child is in aftercare, please complete a Children's Choir release form so your child can be moved from aftercare to rehearsals. The forms are available in church and the school office. Forms are being sent home with the newsletter for students in 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Please turn the completed form to the parish center or school office prior to rehearsal.

If you have any questions, please contact Andy Eagan at 317-787-8246, ext. 105, or email [aeagan@stmarkindy.org](mailto:aeagan@stmarkindy.org).

## FUNDRAISING

**MAGAZINE SALE UPDATE:** Our first turn in total was \$3,522, which was over \$750 more than last years first turn in. KEEP SELLING!!!

If we hit our goal of \$22,000 the entire school will get an Ice Cream Party!!! Remember this is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Today was our 2<sup>nd</sup> turn in; the last turn in date is Tuesday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>.

**The top selling homerooms:**

5<sup>th</sup> grade Mrs. Murray \$1,001

3<sup>rd</sup> grade Mrs. Berkopes \$733

6<sup>th</sup> grade Mrs. Koesters \$445

Thank you for all your support,  
Jennifer Skojac [jsko9@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jsko9@sbcglobal.net)

**MARKET DAY:** Just a reminder that Market Day pick-up is next Wednesday, September 16 from 5:15-6:15 pm in the Music Room.

**SCRIP:** Scrip has a challenge for all St. Mark parents and staff. We challenge you to at least purchase one gift card from the Scrip program by Monday. If you plan on going to the grocery, gas station or dining at your favorite restaurant, don't forget to purchase your gift card from Scrip. If every St. Mark parent and staff member could purchase at least one card just imagine how much money we could raise for tuition assistance

Here are the results for the September Pizza Party Contest: In the lead with \$745 is Miss Traylor's class, followed closely by Mrs. Smith's class with \$614, Mrs. Berkopes' class with \$504, Mrs. Kinney's class with \$390, Mrs. Koesters' class with \$330, Mrs. Murray's class with \$295 and Mrs. Eliasson's class with \$120. Keep the orders coming if you would like 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!

**THE PTG PIZZA SALE** is starting the first week of October with pizza coming in the week of Halloween.

## FROM THE CAFETERIA

### LUNCH MENU – SEPTEMBER 14<sup>th</sup> WEEK

- Mon.** – Beef & cheese nachos, seasoned beef, cheese sauce, corn chips, lettuce, tomato, salsa, orange wedges  
**Tues.** – Chicken fajita, soft tortilla shell, rice pilaf, lettuce, tomato, salsa, sliced peaches  
**Wed.** – Totally taco snax, sweet corn, black beans, lettuce, tomato, salsa, applesauce  
**Thurs.** – Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, mixed fruit  
**Fri.** – Baked Idaho potato, cooked broccoli pieces, warm cheese sauce, sour cream & butter, yogurt w/fruit, pear slices

## SPECIAL THANKS TO ...

- ☺ The Burns family for the bagels and the Balint family for the delicious dessert for the teacher's lounge
- ☺ Jamie Fryar for the staples for the office

# SPORTS

## Sports Notes

<u>Event</u>	<u>Day of Week</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time, Location</u>
<b>September 11-18</b>			
Cross -Country	Saturday (9/12)	Christ the King Inv.	9:00, Broad Ripple Park
34 Football	Saturday (9/12)	Holy Spirit Geist	10:15, Ss. Fran. & Clare
Cadet Football	Sunday (9/13)	Holy Name	2:30, BG Middle School
56 Football	Sunday (9/13)	St. Barnabas	3:00, Roncalli HS
56 Kickball	Tuesday (9/15)	St. Michael - Indy	6:00, St. Mark
56 Kickball	Wed'day (9/16)	St. Malachy	6:00, St. Malachy
Cross -Country	Thursday (9/17)	South Deanery Meet	5:00, South Grove Park

**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](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.

**IMPORTANT GIRLS BASKETBALL UPDATE:** Girls Basketball tryouts have been postponed. More info will come home with the students next week. If you have any questions or need any info please contact Megan Davis at [maynani@comcast.net](mailto:maynani@comcast.net).

**RONCALLI VOLLEYBALL CYO NIGHT:** Come out and join The Lady Rebel Volleyball Team for CYO Night on September 21st when the Rebels take on Perry Meridian. Freshman and JV games are at 4:30 and 5:30 with the varsity game at 6:30 p.m. Beverages, food and prizes!