



“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

September 18, 2009

Dear Parents,

I want to say a big “Thank You” to all of the parents that participated in our PTG Magazine sales. We appreciate your time and effort in this fundraising campaign. Special thanks to those parents who helped organize the magazine sales for this year, which was headed up by Jennifer Skojac.

Progress reports will be sent home today. I looked through each progress report and I am pleased with the overall start for our students with regard to their academic achievement. I would like to stress that the first progress report is not always the best indicator of your child’s accomplishments, because the start of the school year does not have as many grades recorded as the remainder of the year. One area to look closely at is the Conduct and the Effort scores. If your child has 4’s or 5’s in effort and/or conduct, I would recommend that you have a conversation with your child to better understand why they are getting these scores. If you have questions for the teachers, please call, email or set up an appointment with the teacher to get a clearer understanding of their progress report. We ask all conversations with your child’s teacher to be held after an appointment is made with them.

This Monday, September 21st, those students that qualified for an out of uniform pass, as a result of the magazine sales, will be able to use their out of uniform pass. Students should have their passes today. If you have a question about the out of uniform pass, please call the office. Out of uniform can be any clothes that follow the handbook policy (found on the school website). All other students will be in regular school uniform attire.

Next Wednesday we will be having our 2nd “Lions Spirit Day” All students and staff may wear Lion Spirit wear, team jerseys or school related T-shirts with school uniform pants or shorts. Please make sure that your child is wearing the proper attire. We hope that your child enjoys the Spirit Days and that our school spirit continues to increase!

We are now having students take the MAP test. Each grade level will complete the MAP test in the fall and in the spring. This test gives us a great tool to help see where the strengths and areas of improvement are for each student. Parents will be given MAP test results for their child after the tests are concluded. The Map Tests are given in the computer lab.

This Sunday, at the 9:30 am Mass, will be Catechetical Sunday, which will honor all of the people of our parish that are Catechetical ministers, including our teachers. We hope you can bring your children to this special Mass. Please keep our school, our parish and Father George in your prayers. Have a great weekend!

Thanks and God Bless,

Rusty Albertson
Principal
St. Mark Catholic School

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

EMERGENCY FORMS: There are still a few families we do not have emergency information from. If you need another form, please call the school office at 786-4013.

BACKGROUND CHECKS: All volunteers need to have a background check. Background checks need to be done every 5 years. If you need to have a background check, please call the office or send in a note and paperwork will be sent home to you.

FUNDRAISING

MAGAZINE SALE: We just wanted to thank everyone who participated in this year's magazine sale fundraiser. All of you worked very hard to sell those magazines. Our total to date is \$14,978.

Our out of uniform date is Sept. 21st; this is for the students that turned in 2 magazine orders on Sept. 11th. The Blue Cash Cube date is Oct 12th during lunch. I will have information sent home next week for the students that qualify for the Caribbean Cove event. A special thanks to Deitra Dunne, Erin Fuhrman and Toni Layer for all your help. Thank you, Jennifer Skojac

MARKET DAY NEWS: Thank you for your Market Day orders in September. We had 30 customers and earned about \$227 for the PTG. In October, you can qualify for a FREE 1-lb package of Ground Beef AND a FREE 1-lb package of Large Shrimp. Look for your October order guide to arrive home soon or visit marketday.com for more details and to place your order. For more information contact Dawn Collier at 319-3061 or collierfamily8@att.net.

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 \$1,055 is Miss Traylor's class, followed closely by Mrs. Smith's class with \$864, Mrs. Kinney's class with \$740, Mrs. Berkopes' class with \$529, 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 for your class to win the Pizza Party on Scrip! There will be 2 weeks left in this contest.

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!

FALL FESTIVAL: If you would like to help with the Fall Festival please come to the meeting on Sept 22nd at 5:30. We can make this happen with the great volunteers like yourself. Please contact Mary Ann Schoettle 787-2844 or www.schoettlefamily@sbcglobal.net

FROM THE CAFETERIA

LUNCH MENU – SEPTEMBER 21st WEEK

Mon. – French toast sticks, warm syrup, hash brown patties, peach slices

Tues. – Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, sweet corn, watermelon slice

Wed. – Ham & Swiss wrap, baked chips, lettuce, tomato, pickle, applesauce

Thurs. – Chicken patty on bun, crinkle fries, lettuce, tomato, pickle, sliced pears

Fri. – Macaroni & cheese, warm breadstick, romaine salad w/plum tomatoes, mixed fruit

SPECIAL THANKS TO ...

- ☺ The Frederick family for all the donations to the office
- ☺ The Market Day volunteers in September. Mrs. Valdois-Bruner was the sponsoring teacher. Volunteers were Carole Bramlett, Jody Cleary, and Angie Runholt. Also thanks to Erin Fuhrman for making pick-up reminder calls.

SPORTS

Sports Notes

<u>Event</u>	<u>Day of Week</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time, Location</u>
September 18-25			
Cross -Country	Saturday (9/19)	St. Barnabas Inv.	9:00, TBA
56 Football	Sunday (9/20)	St. Jude	1:30, Ss. Fran. & Clare
Cadet Football	Sunday (9/20)	Lutheran	3:00, Ss. Fran. & Clare
34 Football	Sunday (9/20)	Lutheran	4:30, Ss. Fran. & Clare
34 Football	Tuesday (9/22)	St. Lawrence	5:30, St. Lawrence

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 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.

56 GIRLS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS will be held this Saturday, September 19th from 10:00 am until noon in Schafer Hall. All girls should wear comfortable clothes and tennis shoes. If you have any questions, please contact Megan Davis at maynani@comcast.net

We will be fielding two 56 teams this year. Unfortunately, we are not going to have a 4th grade team.

RONCALLI VOLLEYBALL CYO NIGHT: Come out and join the Lady Rebel Volleyball Team for CYO Night on September 21 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. Free beverages, food and prizes!