



“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 25, 2009

Parents,

We have completed over half of the first grading period and progress reports have been sent home. I appreciate all of the parents that have made contact with the teachers with questions or comments about their child’s progress report. Continue to monitor grades, effort and conduct throughout the year and work with your child’s teacher to reinforce our efforts at school.

I had a chance to talk with some students at our principal’s council meeting this week and we discussed that we need to continue to increase our servant leadership for our community. This weekend we will kick-off our “Hunger Inc. Canned Food Drive”. Students are encouraged to collect canned goods and to bring them into their class starting Monday, September 28th. The canned food drive will conclude at our Fall Festival on October 17th. This is a great chance to instill stewardship into our children and allow them to experience helping other people in need. We want 100% participation from our staff and students, so get out there and collect canned goods!

Our procedure for ordering spirit wear is; we place the orders with the printing company, they fill the orders and we distribute the completed orders to your child to bring home to you. When we get additional orders, after the main order is placed, it will take a little longer to get your spirit wear, because the printing company will not print 1 or 2 items as they come in, they need to have several orders to print. We appreciate your patience and we will work to improve our spirit order procedure and continue to give our parents and students a wide variety of spirit wear to help increase our school spirit! Look for Adult spirit items (wind shirts & polo shirts) in the near future!

We will be having a pep session on Friday, October 2nd at 2:40 pm in the gym. All parents are invited to attend. The pep session will be short, but spirited, and has been planned out by the staff. After the pep session, students will be taken back to class, and released for the weekend!

I would like to end this week’s letter for the Bridge by thanking you for bringing your children to Mass on the weekend. My family attended this past week’s 9:30 am Mass at St. Mark, and it was great to see many of our students and their families at Mass celebrating the Gospel. We are blessed at St. Mark to have strong, Catholic families that worship together. Have a great weekend and Go Rebels, Beat Irish!

God Bless,

Rusty Albertson
Principal
St. Mark Catholic School

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCHOOL PICTURES will take place on Tuesday, October 6th. Picture flyers are being sent home with each child and should be returned on picture day. Please make checks payable to **Inter-State Studio of Indiana, Inc.**

SEASONAL FLU SHOTS will be available in the school, Room 11, on Wednesday, October 14th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. The cost of the Flu Shot is \$25 and \$45 for the Pneumonia Shot. Please make checks payable to Coming of Age-Flu Central.

Free Flu and Pneumonia shots for family members if you are on the Archdiocese health care insurance plan.

REMINDER to all families of 2nd graders that will be preparing for the sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist: There will be an orientation session for parents and students on Tuesday, September 29th @ 7pm in the Church.

Students and parents will receive materials to begin preparation. Please call Mary Lynn at 787-8246 if you have questions.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE SHEETS are coming home today with each child in Kindergarten through Eighth. Conferences will take place on Wednesday, October 21st from 1:00 – 8:00 pm.

CAR POOL: We have a parent that lives near Meridian and Southern Plaza drive and is looking for a carpool partner to share rides to St. Mark Catholic School. If you are interested please call Amber Aguilar at 517-4568 or email her at: Amber_Aguilar@tomwood.com .

EARLY RELEASE DATE: Please note the time change. Students will be dismissed at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, October 21st. There is no After Care on early release dates.

FUNDRAISING

FALL FESTIVAL: It's not too early to start thinking about the Fall Festival. The 3rd annual festival will be on October 17th from 11am-3pm. The canned food drive will start September 28th and run through the day of the festival. An out-of-uniform pass will be given to students that bring in 25 items. Let's try for 5,000 pounds this year! Please consider volunteering for a 2 hour block of time. See the SMCS website, www.stmarkconnect.org, to sign up. There is also a need for goods for the bake sale, please think about making some goodies. A list of donations for each class will be forthcoming. Thanks for helping us make this a great festival!

MARKET DAY NEWS: Two great offers - one big thank you! Purchase \$40 or more before tax in October and receive a FREE 1-lb package of Ground Beef. You can also qualify to receive a FREE 1-lb package of Large Shrimp when you order \$90 at marketday.com and enter the promo code listed in the October Order Guide during online checkout.

Order online at marketday.com until 11 PM CST on Friday October 9th. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, please call Dawn Collier at 319-3061. With your support, we're looking forward to reaching our fundraising goals of \$2500 for the PTG.

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 \$1,585 is Miss Traylor's class followed by Mrs. Smith's class with \$864, Mrs. Kinney's class with \$740, Mrs. Berkopes' class with \$629, Mrs. Kern's class with \$675, Mrs. Koesters' class with \$340, Mrs. Murray's class with \$295, Mrs. Eliasson's class with \$120 and Miss SeEVERS' class with \$20. Keep the orders coming if you would for your class to win the Pizza Party on Scrip! There is only one week left in the contest.

Do you do your grocery shopping at Kroger? Purchase a \$10 Kroger reloadable gift card from Scrip and then load as much as you need in addition to the \$10 already on the card at the customer service desk before you shop. Use your gift card to pay for your purchase at the register. The serial number on the back of your card is tied to St. Mark and we will receive 2.5% of the money you reload onto your card. No need to purchase a new card each time you go!

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!

SCOUTING NEWS

PACK 92: Last Saturday evening St. Mark Pack 92 held its annual Corner Campout on the fields of St. Mark's playground. More than 60 scouts, parents and tag-a-longs participated in an evening that included a cook out, bonfire, s'mores and camping. The evening also included the annual Rain Gutter Regatta. Scouts made boats that were blown with a straw down a rain gutter. Winners by den were Tiger Cubs - Hayden Fuhrman, Wolf - Brett Trammell, Bear - Nicholas Van Auken, Webelos 1 - Mark Zehnle and Webelos 2 - Aaron Adrian. The overall winner was third grader Nicholas Van Auken.

Congratulations to all the Scouts who participated!

FROM THE CAFETERIA

LUNCH MENU – SEPTEMBER 28th WEEK

Mon. – Hot dog on bun, coney sauce, tator tots, mixed fruit

Tues. – Penne pasta w/meat sauce, garlic roll, Caesar salad, pear slices

Wed. – Pork BBQ on bun, sweet potato fries, broccoli & cauliflower, kiwi half

Thurs. – Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, peaches

Fri. – Cheese pizza, warm breadstick, garden salad, apple

SPECIAL THANKS TO ...

☺ The Sturdivant family for the cookies for the teacher's lounge

SPORTS

Sports Notes

<u>Event</u>	<u>Day of Week</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time, Location</u>
Sept. 25 – Oct. 2			
Cross -Country	Saturday (9/26)	IHM Inv.	9:00, Butler University
Cadet Football	Sunday (9/27)	St. Lawrence	12:00, Roncalli HS
34 Football	Sunday (9/27)	Holy Name	1:00, BG Middle School
56 Football	Sunday (9/27)	Christ the King	1:30, Cathedral HS

ST MARK CYO GRADE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL REGISTRATION:

Registration for boy's (Grades 4-12) and high school girl's basketball is now underway. The basketball registration deadline is October 5th. 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 Bob Jones at 889-6155 or bobjennyjones@yahoo.com for more information.

ST MARK BOYS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS: Tryouts for boy's basketball will be held on October 26th (Grades 7 & 8) and October 27th (Grades 5 & 6) from 6:00-8:00 in Schafer Hall. There will be no tryouts for the 4th grade team. Please contact Bob Jones at 889-6155 or bobjennyjones@yahoo.com for more information.