



“THE BRIDGE”

POSITIVE ATTITUDES

COURAGE

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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

October 2, 2009

Dear Parents,

Our canned food drive is off to a great start this week. I want to thank all of the students and parents that have gone out and collected canned goods for those in need in our community. The canned food drive will end on October 17th, the day of the PTG Fall Festival. What a great way for our students to learn stewardship and service!

I appreciate the response from many parents with my request for finding professional business people for our 8th graders to shadow with on October 20th. We are in the process of securing shadow experiences for our 8th graders so they can see what certain careers are like. This is a great chance for our St. Mark students to broaden their horizon with regards to their future.

As a reminder, the Archdiocese requires any volunteer at St. Mark to go through Virtus training. Virtus training sites and dates can be found at www.virtus.org Click on the HELP icon, then click on View list of upcoming.... Then follow the pull down menu to find training in our area. You must register online. If you help with anything at school where you come in contact with children, you are required to complete the Virtus training.

School pictures will be on Tuesday October 6th. Students will be permitted to wear nice clothes for school pictures. Students must follow the school dress code when wearing nice clothes. Students may also wear school uniform. Students are not allowed to wear T-shirts or sweatshirts on picture day. Thanks for your help with this in advance.

As we head into another great weekend, I want to thank you for your support at home by checking homework, communicating with teachers, taking your children to Mass on the weekend and helping to continue your children's education at home. Our St. Mark family is strengthened by your efforts!

Thanks and God Bless,

Rusty Albertson
Principal
St. Mark Catholic School

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCHOOL PICTURES Picture flyers were sent home with each child last Friday. Each child will be photographed for school records. Please make checks payable to **Inter-State Studio of Indiana, Inc.**

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.

RONCALLI HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: Roncalli's Annual Open House will be held Thursday, November 5, 2009 from 7-9 p.m. Interested parents and prospective 5th-8th grade students are invited from the south deanery schools - St. Barnabas, St. Jude, St. Mark, Holy Name, Nativity, Our Lady of the Greenwood, St. Roch, Central Catholic, Ss. Francis and Clare and St. Rose of Lima - as well as from other surrounding schools.

Roncalli's campus is open to the public for this evening. All academic departments and over 40 RHS clubs, organizations, athletic groups and service groups will advertise Roncalli's many opportunities to visitors in the RHS exhibit hall, arranged in the gymnasium. Roncalli students serve as guides to tour students and their families throughout the school.

This is an excellent opportunity for prospective students to experience everything that is available at Roncalli and to interact with current RHS students and teachers.

Registration will take place on this evening right inside the Auditorium entrance. For information, contact Roncalli High School at 787.8277.

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.

If you are on the Archdiocese health care insurance plan there are free flu and pneumonia shots for family members.

FUNDRAISING

SCRIP: Drum roll please.....The winner of the September Pizza Party is Miss Traylor's class with \$1,920. Thanks for all of your hard work. I want to thank the following classes for their support: Mrs. Kinney's class with \$1,035, Mrs. Smith's class with \$951, Mrs. Berkopes' class with \$816, Mrs. Kern's class with \$675, Mrs. Murray's class with \$560, Mrs. Koesters' class with \$340, Mrs. Eliasson's class with \$120 and Miss Seevers' class with \$20. Thanks again to all who support the Scrip Program.

The October Contest will begin on Monday, October 5th. The contest will be based on student sales. The student who sells the highest dollar amount of Scrip cards for the month of October will receive a \$50 Scrip gift card of their choice. The contest will run through Friday, October 30th. Don't forget to ask friends and family if they would be interested in purchasing Scrip gift cards to do their Christmas shopping !

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 October! There's still time to place your Market Day order and participate in two great promotions! Qualify for a FREE 1-lb package of Ground Beef AND a FREE 1-lb package of Large Shrimp - check your October Order Guide or shop online at marketday.com for details

Paper orders are due in the school office by Tuesday 10/6 and internet orders are due Friday 10/9 before 11 p.m. For more information or to volunteer contact Dawn Collier, Market Day Chairperson at 319-3061 or Collierfamily8@att.net. The PTG appreciates your support and we're looking forward to seeing you at our Market Day Sale!

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 started September 28th and runs 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 is attached to the newsletter. Thanks for helping us make this a great festival!

GALLAGHER'S PIZZA ANYONE? This week we will start our pizza sale. This is another great fundraiser for the school. We make 30% profit of the total sales. Pick up is just in time for Halloween.

Money should be collected when orders are taken. Make all checks payable to St. Mark School. See attached order form for pricing. Pizza pick up date is Thursday Oct. 29th. We will have the pick up details at a later date.

- Top selling homeroom will get a visit from the St. Mark Lion and an Ice cream party.
- Top seller will receive a \$50 scrip card, a spirit wear T-shirt and spirit water bottle.
- 2nd top seller will receive a \$25 scrip card, a spirit wear T-shirt and spirit water bottle.
- 3rd top seller will receive a \$10 scrip card, a spirit wear T-shirt and spirit water bottle.

Everyone who participates will receive an out of uniform pass. Any questions contact Jennifer Skojac @ jsko9@sbcglobal.net

FROM THE CAFETERIA

LUNCH MENU – OCTOBER 5th WEEK

Mon. – Chicken tenders, sweet peas, garden salad, pineapple tidbits

Tues. – Burrito, Mexican rice, romaine salad, fresh banana

Wed. – Hamburger on bun, corn on the cob, crinkle fries, apple

Thurs. – Turkey breast BBQ, mashed potatoes, green beans, pears

Fri. – Sausage/egg biscuit, potato smiles, carrot & celery sticks, raisins

SPECIAL THANKS TO ...

☺ The Bailey Family for the delicious cookies for the teacher's lounge.

SCOUTS

CUB SCOUT PACK 92 UPDATE: Who loves popcorn? Everyone does. Where can you buy delicious popcorn? Pack 92 is selling popcorn to raise funds for our Pack's activities as well as our summer camp program. We have microwave, unpopped and delicious flavored popcorn available for purchase. The holidays are coming and the popcorn tins make great gifts for clients, neighbors and family. If you would like to purchase some popcorn please contact Molly Burns at mburns@gdhcm.com or 317-440-6071. Thank you for your support.

SPORTS

Sports Notes

<u>Event</u>	<u>Day of Week</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time, Location</u>
October 2-9			
Cross -Country	Saturday (10/3)	Guerin Catholic Inv.	9:00, Guerin HS
56 Football	Sunday (10/4)	Nativity	1:00, Nativity
Cadet Football	Sunday (10/4)	St. Malachy	1:30, Ss. Fran. & Clare
Cadet Girls BB	Sunday (10/4)	St. Thomas Aquinas	2:00, CYO Center
34 Football	Sunday (10/4)	St. Roch	4:00, Central Catholic
56 Girls BB	Wed'sday (10/7)	Little Flower	5:30, Little Flower

St. Mark CYO Grade School and 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 5. 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 CYO Boys Basketball Tryouts – Tryouts for boy's basketball will be held on October 26 (Grades 7 & 8) and October 27 (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.