



“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

October 9, 2009

Parents,

What a great week at St. Mark Catholic School! It was great to see students and parents carrying in canned food for our food drive this week. We are truly blessed to be able to help our students understand the gift of helping others. We are half way to our goal of 6000 lbs of canned goods, and we will have a special competition for this weekend only. The class that brings in the most canned goods on Monday will receive an extra recess, provided by myself and Mrs. Daniel. So if your child's class is a little behind in the overall total, this is a chance to get a fresh start and bring in as many cans on Monday as they can. We appreciate all of your help!

Our PTG Fall Festival will take place on Saturday, October 17th from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm. We need many more volunteers to help with the various aspects of the fall festival. You can volunteer to help by contacting Mary Ann Schoettle at: schoettlefamily@sbcglobal.net, or by going to the St. Mark website at: www.stmarkconnect.org and clicking on school web page and the Volunteer button. We appreciate your time and efforts in the great family fun event. We also invite all St. Mark families to bring your kids and come out to the fall festival. There will be games, pony rides, food, inflatables, and many other fun activities for kids and adults of all ages. Bring along a friend or neighbor. We hope to see you there!

With the onset of cold and flu season we all need to be proactive to help control the spread of germs in our school and homes. We encourage hand washing, keeping hands away from mouth, nose and eyes, coughing into the sleeve, use of hand sanitizers and keeping children that are sick home. Getting flu shots is a personal choice that is available from several sources. We appreciate your help with this important issue.

A reminder that on Wednesday, October 21st we will be dismissing at Noon. Parent/teacher conferences will begin at 1:00 pm and conclude at 8:00 pm. We will be on fall break on Thursday and Friday October 22nd & 23rd. Our first nine weeks grading period ends Friday, October 16th. Please encourage your son or daughter to finish strong academically the next few days.

As I watched many activities in the classroom this week, some highlights were: seeing lady bugs set free in Mrs. Smith's 1st grade, 8th grade presentations in Ms. Boyle's social studies class, the band students, under the direction of Mr. Knott, perfecting their musical arrangement, Mrs. Valdois-Bruner 's 2nd grade music class working on their high notes, the 5th grade students working on their class newspaper in Mrs. Murray's room and seeing all of our students worshipping together in Mass and listening to Father George share the Gospel with our students. What a great week to be a Lion! Enjoy your weekend, spend time with your family and bring your family to Mass this weekend.

Thanks and God Bless,

Rusty Albertson
Principal
St. Mark Catholic School

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE SHEETS are coming home with each student. Every effort was made to give you the time you requested. If you find that you cannot make the time you were scheduled, you can make arrangements with your child's teacher for another day and time.

SEASONAL FLU SHOTS will be available in the school, Room 11, on Wednesday, October 14 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.

A PUMPKIN, MUM AND BAKE SALE, sponsored by the St. Mark Eighth Grade class, will take place on Friday, October 16 from 3-6 pm and Saturday, October 17 from 9-11 am in the St. Mark north parking lot. All proceeds will go toward the Class of 2010 Eighth Grade trip. The Class of 2010 hopes to see you there and appreciates your support!

CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY: St. Mark is updating the St. Mark Parish Church Pictorial Directory and is now scheduling dates for portrait sessions. You can schedule your portrait session by signing up after masses this weekend, **October 10/11,** and on the following weekends: October 17/18, and 24/25. You can also email, mail, or fax your form into the parish center. Portrait sessions will be November 25, 28, 29 and December 19, 20, & 21. You should have received letters explaining the process. We are working with a new company, The Picture People, are expecting an exciting new look to our directory. If you have questions or would like to schedule your session, please call Ann Berkemeier at 787-2058 (Monday thru Friday only.)

CARIBBEAN COVE: We still have a few students who have not turned in their permission slips to go to the Caribbean Cove in November. Students who sold 10 or more magazines were eligible. These waivers were to be returned by Friday, October 2.

FUNDRAISING

MARKET DAY PICK UP is Wednesday, October 14 in the Music Room from 5:15 – 6:15 pm.

SCRIP: The October Contest began on Monday, October 5th. The contest is 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 ! Here are the standings so far: In the lead with \$150 is Andrew Jaeger, followed closely by Jacob Hon, Riley Seddon, Alyssa Seddon with \$100, Ryan Burns with \$95, Sam Bramlett, Liam Collier and Alyssa Candler with \$50. Keep selling, we have 3 weeks left in this contest!

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: It's not too early to start thinking about the Fall Festival. The 3rd annual festival will be on October 17 from 11am-3 pm. The canned food drive started September 28 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 was attached to last week's newsletter. Thanks for helping us make this a great festival!

GALLAGHER'S PIZZA ANYONE? Last week we started our pizza sale. This is another great fundraiser for the school. We make 30% profit of the total sales. Order forms must be turned in on or before October 19. 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 October 29. 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 12th WEEK

Mon. – Corn dog, glazed carrots, broccoli & cauliflower, seedless grapes

Tues. – Pork patty on bun, spiral fries, lettuce, tomato, onion, applesauce

Wed. – Chicken fajita, soft tortilla, lettuce, salsa, tomato, kiwi half

Thurs. – Penne pasta w/meat sauce, warm breadstick, romaine salad, mandarin oranges

Fri. – Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, cucumber slices, sliced peaches

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 9-16			
Cross -Country	Saturday (10/10)	CYO City Meet	9:00, Southeastway Park
Cadet Football	Sunday (10/11)	St. Luke	1:00, St. Luke
56 Girls BB	Sunday (10/11)	Nativity	3:00, St. Mark
Cadet Girls BB	Sunday (10/11)	Nativity	4:00, St. Mark
56 Football	Sunday (10/11)	Our Lady Mt. Car.	4:00, OLMC

St. Mark CYO Boys Basketball Tryouts – Tryouts for boy's basketball will be held on October 26 from 6:00-8:00 (Grades 7 & 8) and October 31 from 9:00-11:00 (Grades 5 & 6) 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.

