



“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 16, 2009

Parents,

What a week at St. Mark Catholic School. Canned food, Pizza Sales, Fall Festival, Pumpkin and Mum sales, getting ready for Camp Tecumseh, student and staff illness, and we still had time to get quality learning in! I want to thank the parents, students and staff for pulling together this week. With many activities going on we were able to keep our focus of modeling Jesus in all our activities.

Many parents and teachers are putting a lot of effort into the fall festival and canned food drive. At the time of this letter, we are very, very close to our goal of 6000 lbs. of canned goods that will go to Hunger Inc. to be distributed to the people in need on the Southside of Indianapolis. Thanks to all that have collected and brought in cans for this great cause. Please come out to the fall festival tomorrow from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm. If you can come out a little early to help set up or stay after to help clean up, that would be appreciated.

Parent/Teacher conferences are set for Wednesday October 21st from 1:00 pm – 8:00 pm. If you do not have a time scheduled to talk with your child’s teacher, please do so as soon as possible. Some suggestions for parent/teacher conferences would be to bring your MAP test and ISTEP test results in with you that were sent home last week if you need an explanation of the scores. Also make sure you talk with your child BEFORE the parent/teacher conference to let them explain how they think they are doing in their class. Because we will be on a tight time schedule, please stay within the scheduled time. If you need additional time to meet with the teacher, you can schedule it with them the following week. Thanks in advance for discussing your child’s progress this year.

We wish our entire academic and CYO teams good luck this weekend and at competitions next week. Please continue to stress hard work, having fun, and good sportsmanship with your children. Extracurricular activities are very important to well roundedness in our children. As a former coach who has coached for many years, my competitive vision was sometimes blurred by my own competitiveness, and I would occasionally lose sight that it was merely a game. I hope that our parents can learn from my mistakes. Enjoy your children; they are only young for a very short time!

As we approach Fall Break next Thursday and Friday, I want to wish everyone a very healthy, restful, safe and enjoyable Fall Break. Fall is a beautiful, crisp, rejuvenating time of year. Take some time with your family and make some good memories with your family. Take your family to Mass this weekend and continue to keep St. Mark Parish and Catholic School in your prayers.

Thanks and God Bless,

Rusty Albertson
Principal
St. Mark Catholic School
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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.**

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: We will not be sending home a newsletter next week due to Fall Break.

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!

ST MARK SKATING PARTY: On Wednesday, November 11, 2009, from 6:30 – 8:30 PM, Pack 92 would like to invite St. Mark School to a Skating Party at Southland Skate Center. The cost is \$4.00 per skater or \$10.00 per family and skate rental is included. In-line skates or speed skates are not included in this price, but can be rented for an extra \$3.00. Please mark your calendars!!!!

RONCALLI PLACEMENT TEST: Roncalli High School invites all eighth grade students to take the High School Placement Test on Saturday, November 14. The test begins at 8:00 AM and will end at approximately 11:15. There is a \$10 fee and students are asked to bring two #2 pencils. Please direct questions to RHS Assistant Guidance Director, Lynn Starkey, at 787-8277, extension 234 or lstarkey@roncallihs.org.

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 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.)

FUNDRAISING

FALL FESTIVAL: You still have an opportunity to drop off cans Saturday October 17 from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm Please tell your friends and neighbors to join us for lots of food, fun and games tomorrow.

GALLAGHER'S PIZZA ANYONE? 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. Order forms were attached to last week's newsletter. Forms are also available in the school office. 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 19th WEEK

- Mon.** – Pancake, warm syrup, hash brown patty, cheddar omelet, banana
Tues. – Deli turkey wrap, baked Lays chips, lettuce, tomato, onion, pears
Wed. – Stuffed crust cheese pizza, warm breadstick, Caesar salad, applesauce
Thurs. – **FALL BREAK**
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LUNCH MENU – OCTOBER 26th WEEK

- Mon.** - Beef & cheese nachos, seasoned beef, warm cheese sauce, corn chips, lettuce, salsa, tomato, fresh orange wedge
Tues. – Chicken tenders, potato smiles/wedges, carrot & celery sticks, mixed fruit
Wed. – Pork BBQ on bun, tator tots, cucumber slices, applesauce
Thurs. – Sliced turkey breast, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, pears
Fri. – Penne pasta w/marinara sauce, warm breadstick, Caesar salad, pineapple tidbits

REMINDERS FROM THE CAFETERIA:

- Student lunch is \$2.25. Milk is \$0.40
- Lunch tickets are sold the first day of the school week outside the library and in each classroom.
- Lunch tickets can be purchased at the cashier station during lunch
- Checks can only be used to purchase lunch tickets. Change will be given only if there is an insufficient amount for another lunch.
- Lunch tickets can only be used to purchase lunch. Snacks can only be purchased with cash.
- Students are reminded when their lunch tickets are all used up. Elementary students are prompted to go home and let their parents know they need a new ticket.
- A borrow occurs when a student gets to the cashier with a lunch and has no means of payment
- Students are reminded almost daily if they have an outstanding borrow balance.

To date, 87 out of 190 students have borrowed. Most borrows are the result of a student forgetting their ticket at home or in the classroom. (Some have washed their tickets, they do not wash well!) Borrowing causes extra paperwork for our cafeteria staff. Beginning November 1st, each student will be given “grace” for two borrows, each borrow after that will be charged a \$0.25 fine.

SPECIAL THANKS TO ...

- © The Market Day volunteers in October. Mrs. Kinney was the sponsoring teacher. Volunteers were Carole Bramlett, Jody Cleary, Delaney Collier, Sophie Daniel, 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>
October 16-23			
34 Football	Saturday (10/17)	Nativity	10:15, Msgr Downey
Cadet Girls BB	Saturday (10/17)	St. Susanna	12:00, St. Susanna
56 Girls BB	Saturday (10/17)	St. Roch	12:30, St. Roch
56 Girls BB	Thursday (10/22)	Holy Cross	6:00, St. Mark
Cadet Girls BB	Thursday (10/22)	St. Lawrence	7:00, St. Mark
56 Football	Sunday (10/18)	Immac. Heart Mary	2:30, Ss. Fran. & Clare
Cadet Football	Sunday (10/18)	St. Louis de Mont.	4:00, Ss. Fran. & Clare

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.