



“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 30, 2009

Parents,

What a great time of the year! The fall colors are in full bloom, the temperatures are near perfect and everyone is gearing up for another holiday season. I hope to see many of you at the Ministry Fair this weekend after Masses and invite you to stop by our school’s booth. Thanks so much for everyone’s efforts with regards to keeping everyone healthy. Your hard work is paying off.

Over Fall Break, I had a chance to spend a few hours alone with Damon, my sophomore son that attends Roncalli. He and I took a road trip to Fountain County where we lived for 14 years. After we had lunch at our favorite hamburger dive (The Moon Glo), we visited the school he attended and where I taught and coached. When his former teachers and his friends saw Damon they commented on how much he had changed physically and how old he looked (it has been a few years since he last saw them). It got me thinking.

When we see our children every day, we don’t always notice the changes that they are going through. The physical, spiritual, academic changes are not always as evident to us as to those that don’t see them as often. As a parent I want to wrap my arms around my children and squeeze them so they don’t get any bigger! While I know that isn’t possible (I don’t think I can get my arms around my oldest son Dexter!), I find myself looking ahead too much and not enjoying the moment at hand. The best memories I have growing up were not always of athletic accomplishments or getting awards at school, they were spending time with my family. They were simple things like canoeing, cutting wood with my dad, or having all eight of us at the dinner table for a family meal. So my free advice would be to slow down sometimes, enjoy your family, and make some memories. As you have been told (probably by your parents) your kids are only young for a short time, enjoy that time together.

Have a great weekend and God Bless,

Rusty Albertson
Principal
St. Mark Catholic School

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

HONOR ROLL: Students in grades 5-8 who were eligible for the 1st quarter Honor Roll will be recognized for their achievement after Mass on Friday, November 6.

SCHOLASTIC ORDER FORMS are attached to the newsletter. Please return to Mr. Clayborn by November 6.

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.

LOST & FOUND: Light weight jacket – small – Teal green, navy lining in After Care. Please call the office if you are missing a Tracfone.

Parents, please come into the office and check the lost and found. We have jackets, sweatshirts, shoes, etc. If these are not claimed soon, they will be given to St Vincent de Paul.

At the end of last school year, St. Vincent de Paul received 3 large trash bags full of clothes from our lost & found!

JUMP INTO MOTION DANCE ACADEMY will be offering Jazz, Ballet & Tap classes at St. Mark's beginning Tuesday, November 3rd. Grades 2-4 will meet on Tuesdays from 3:30-4:00 and Pre-K through 1st grade on Thursdays from 3:30-4:00. The classes will meet in the art room. These classes are **ONLY \$17/month**. Children have the option to participate in the May recital. Please print a registration form off our website (www.jumpintomotion.com) and mail (PO BOX B, Pendleton, IN 46064) or fax (317-536-6293) to us as soon as possible. You may call the office (317-536-5085) or email us (info@jumpintomotion.com) with any questions. Thank you for allowing us to teach your children!

FUNDRAISING

PIZZA SALE: Great Job Students!!! With the magazine sales, Fun Fest, and illnesses you still were able to get out and sell those pizzas. Here are the totals for the Pizza Sales.

of pizzas ordered = 108

Total \$ of sales = \$1,317

The top selling homeroom is 2nd grade with 22 pizzas \$275.50 (Ice Cream party, St. Mark Lion). The top seller is Mackenzie Dunn 14 pizzas \$162 (\$50 scrip card, a spirit wear T-shirt and spirit water bottle), Second place is Emma Belcas 10 pizzas \$132 (\$25 scrip card, a spirit wear T-shirt and spirit water bottle), Third place is Madison Smith 9 pizzas \$103 (\$10 scrip card, a spirit wear T-shirt and spirit water bottle).

MARKET DAY: It's Not too Late to Order Market Day in November! There are 2 ways to support the PTG through Market Day this month.

1. Place a personal order.
2. Sell desserts to family and friends.

Complete order forms were attached to the Bridge dated Friday, October 16th. Dessert only sales forms were sent home Tuesday October 27th. **Our school-wide goal is to sell 200 items. If each student sells one item we will meet our goal** and the students will get a spirit-wear day.

Paper orders are due in the school office Friday, 11/06 by 3 p.m. and internet orders are due Friday, 11/06 by 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.

SCRIP: Have you started your holiday shopping? Don't forget to purchase Scrip Gift Cards to do your holiday shopping! The Scrip box is available Tuesday - Friday mornings in the school office for purchases. You can also purchase gift cards after every weekend mass, just look for the red box.

Scrip challenge of the week: I would like to see if every St. Mark family and staff could purchase at least one gift card this week and see how easy and convenient this program is! Let's see how much money we can raise for tuition assistance.

SCOUTS

CUB SCOUT PACK 92: At the recent St. Mark Cub Scout Pack 92 meeting several scouts were recognized. Listed below are the achievements awarded to Pack 92 Scouts:

Isaac Hogsett, Hayden Fuhrman, Ben Bailey, Isaac Johnson, Joey Graves, James Murphy, Matthew Watson, Devon Frigon, Bain La Follette and Quentin La Follette achieved the rank of Bobcat.

Ethan Knox, Tyler Swiezy, Michael Bailey, Joe Burns, Aaron Adrian, Zach Gaither, Connor Cleary, Isaac Garcia and Andrew Jaeger received their Traveler's pin. Congratulations!

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!!!!

FROM THE CAFETERIA

LUNCH MENU NOVEMBER 2nd WEEK

Mon. - French toast sticks, warm syrup, sausage patties, banana

Tues. - Pork patty on bun, crinkle fries, lettuce, tomato, onion, applesauce

Wed. - Chicken & Noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, kiwi half

Thurs. - Ham Steak, cheddar omelet, hash brown potato, pineapple tidbits

Fri. - Cheese pizza, romaine salad, plum tomato, peach slices

SPORTS

Sports Notes

<u>Event</u>	<u>Day of Week</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time, Location</u>
Oct. 30 – Nov. 6			
56 Girls BB	Saturday (10/31)	St. Christopher	9:00, St. Christopher
Cadet Girls BB	Sunday (11/1)	St. Michael Indy	1:00, Roncalli HS
Cadet Girls BB	Wed'day (11/4)	Holy Name	5:00, St. Matthew

ST MARK CYO BOYS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS – Tryouts for boy's basketball was held on October 26 from 6:00-8:00 for Grades 7 & 8 and will be held for Grades 5 & 6 on October 31 from 9:00-11:00 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.

ST MARK CYO BOYS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL REGISTRATION - Registration for high school boy's basketball is now underway. The CYO deadline has passed and St. Mark has registered a freshman/sophomore team and a junior/senior team. We need to fill these teams as soon as possible. If you know of any high school boys who would be interested in playing basketball at St. Mark, please have them contact Bob Jones at 889-6155 or bobjennyjones@yahoo.com for more information.

CYO SPORTS PROGRAM EVALUATION FORM – Parents are encouraged to return the sports program evaluation form to the parish or school office as soon as possible. Your feedback, which helps St. Mark build a stronger sports program, is greatly appreciated.

THE RONCALLI BOYS' BASKETBALL PROGRAM will hold its 5th Annual Basketball Skills Clinic on Saturday, November 14th in the RHS gym. Boys currently in grades 3rd and 4th will go from 1-2:30 p.m., 5th and 6th from 2:30-4 p.m., and 7th and 8th from 4-5:30 p.m. Cost for the clinic is \$20, and all those pre-registered will receive a t-shirt. Contact Coach Michael Wantz at mwantz@roncallihs.org or 787-8277 x 304 with questions.

THE RONCALLI CHEERLEADERS will hold their annual Cheer Clinic on Saturday, November 7th at Roncalli High School. All girls in grades 1-8 are welcome to attend. Registration forms are being sent home with the girls today.