



“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

November 6, 2009

Parents,

As we head into our 13th week of school, we can look back and see some great accomplishments in the growth of our students. The next few weeks are very important from the stand point of keeping the students focused on academics, spiritual growth, self discipline and respect. We appreciate the support that you give to your children with regard to checking homework, communicating with teachers, or helping with school events.

With the holiday season quickly approaching, we know that schedules will become very busy and we ask that you keep checking the website and communicating with teachers to keep up on activities in the school and classroom. Something we do at home is to have a master calendar (one of those big ones that goes on your desk) with all of the CYO, school, church and family dates on it. It is posted on the fridge so we can see where we are supposed to be.

This past week, I have dealt with some discipline issues that involve disrespect, poor language, and immature actions by students. I have been very happy with the support that the staff and I have received from the parents in working together to solve the problems that we have. Working together to help our children make good decisions will enable them to make good decisions on their own. If we do not address poor actions, we are only enabling them to continue along that path. Thanks again for your support.

We want to invite all parents to attend the Veteran’s Day program on Wednesday, November 11th at 10:00 am in the church. The program will be approximately 30 minutes. We hope you can attend this very important program to honor the men and women of our armed forces. WWII veteran Win Pulsifer will be the guest speaker.

As we head into a beautiful weekend, please take time to thank God for all of the gifts and talents he has given us. We are so fortunate to live in a country where we have the freedom to attend church. Please take time to attend Mass with your family. And thanks to the men and women of our country who have given their lives for our freedom.

Thanks and God Bless America,

Rusty Albertson
Principal
St. Mark Catholic School

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DESTINATION BOOK FAIR! Saint Mark School Reads Around the World!

Destination Book Fair will arrive at Saint Mark School on Monday, November 9 and run through Friday, November 13.

Classes will preview the fair on Monday and Tuesday and purchase Tuesday through Friday.

Monday Preview-Kindergarten, 4th Grade, 3rd Grade and 5th Grade

Tuesday-Preview-1st Grade, 2nd Grade Purchase-Kindergarten, 5th Grade

Wednesday Purchase-4th Grade, 3rd Grade, Junior High classes

Thursday Purchase-1st Grade, 2nd Grade, Junior High classes

Friday-Last chance purchasing after Mass-10:30-11:30

FAMILY EVENTS!

Monday-Parent Shopping Night-5:30-6:00 pm and after the PTG Meeting

Tuesday-Family Night-3:00-8:00

All profits benefit our library. Books and supplies are purchased and the library computer software is licensed with the profit from the fair.

Thank you for encouraging your children to enjoy a good book while supporting the library. Please visit the Saint Mark Book Fair homepage at:

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/stmarkschoolindy>

PTG Meeting on Monday, November 9 at 6:00 pm.

REMINDER: Parents if you are walking your students into school, please walk from the Church parking lot and not the back parking lot.

PICTURE RE-TAKES will take place on Wednesday, November 18. Students who were absent on the picture day in October, will be receiving a new form to fill out. Please return your pictures if you are planning on having a retake done.

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: If any of the following items are yours, please come to the office and claim them. : **Jackets:** Blue, navy blue, yellow Prospirit, size S; Blue hooded Pacific Trail, size S; Navy blue hooded Cherokee, size XL; Black hooded French Toast, size 10; Green hooded Aspen Sport, size 4; Black & blue hooded Big Chill, size 7/8; Black hooded Hawk, size S; Black Athletics Dept, size 10/12; Gray, ecko unltd, fleece lined; Green hooded French Toast Sport, size 7; Black hooded American Eagle Outfitters. **Miscellaneous:** Navy Nike Pro nylon shirt, size XXL; Pink, Aeropostale shirt, size XXS; White, Cherokee sweater, size M; 1 Blue uniform shirt – Faded Glory, size XL; 1 White uniform shirt – French Toast, size XL; 1 White uniform shirt – IZOD, size 5/6; 1 Gray – Plain – Jerzees sweatshirt, size 14-16; 1 Gray Lee sweatshirt w/Lion, size L; 2 pair of tennis shoes – 1 black and 1 white.

FUNDRAISING

MARKET DAY PICK-UP REMINDER: Thank you for your Market Day orders in November and for selling dessert items. So far 70 dessert items have been sold. I'll let you know next week if we met our goal of 200 dessert items sold! Pick-up is **WEDNESDAY 11/11** from **5:15 – 6:15** in the Music Room. Please let me know if you can't pick-up so other arrangements can be made. Dawn Collier - 319-3061 or collierfamily8@att.net. .

SCRIP: Congratulations to the Burns Family on winning the October contest. They will receive a \$50 Scrip card of their choice. Thanks to all who have supported this program.

November contest will be as follows: For every order over \$100 your family will be entered in a drawing to receive a \$50 Scrip gift card of your choice. Let's see how much money we can raise this month for tuition assistance!

Don't forget to purchase your Scrip gift cards before you start your Christmas shopping!

SCOUTS

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 9th WEEK

Mon. – Chicken hipp dipp, garden salad, broccoli & cauliflower, mixed fruit, bag of baked chips

Tues. – Sloppy joe on bun, potato smiles, lettuce, tomato, onion, cole slaw, fresh apple

Wed. – Turkey carnitas, soft tortilla, lettuce, salsa, tomato, applesauce

Thurs. – Country fried beef stick, spiral fries, cucumber slices, sliced peaches, clodhopper snack

Fri. – Tacos, seasoned beef, soft & hard shells, rice pilaf, carrot & celery sticks, pears

SPORTS

Sports Notes

<u>Event</u>	<u>Day of Week</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time, Location</u>
November 6-13			
56 Girls BB	Saturday (11/7)	OL Lourdes	11:00, Little Flower

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.

St. Mark CYO Volleyball and Wrestling Registration - Registration for girl's volleyball (Grades 4-8) and boy's wrestling (Grades K-8) is now underway. The registration deadline is December 1. 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 Patrick Collier at 881-0316 or collierfamily8@att.net 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.

MEET N GREET THE COACHES: The St Mark boy's basketball teams will be having a Meet N Greet the Coaches on Saturday, November 7 following the 5:30 pm mass in Schafer Hall. All boys, their parents and family members who are interested in basketball at St Mark are invited to attend. This will give everyone an opportunity to find out more about the St Mark Parish basketball program, meet the coaches of the program and ask any questions that you may have. There will be refreshments available including Hot dogs, chips, cookies and Lemonade. Basketball spirit wear will also be available for order.