



“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 13, 2009

Parents,

I would like to start this letter by thanking all those that were able to attend the Veterans Day Program on Wednesday. The 8th grade leadership team did a great job putting the program together. Several teachers also helped with special thanks to Miss Karozos, Mr. Clayborn, Miss Seevers and Mrs. Valdois-Bruner. A big thanks to Win Pulsifer, a WWII Veteran, for sharing his story of being a POW. We had several veterans in attendance and our entire school attended as well.

As we get closer to the holiday season, I would ask that you help us to reinforce the Gospel that your children hear at Mass during the week. A great way is to simply find the daily reading (they can be found on the internet) and discuss with your children what the Gospel means to them. When parents and children say that they don't have anything to talk to each other about, the Gospel is something that everyone can and should discuss.

This Sunday after 7:30am and 9:30am Masses, the school will host a free pancake and sausage breakfast for the parishioners. We have several students and parents volunteering to help, and we welcome others to join them in serving, cooking, and cleaning up. The people of our parish do so much to support our school; we want to pay them back with a great breakfast! If you have any questions, contact Ed Balint.

A big thank you to all of you that helped support our Library by purchasing items at the book fair. We are blessed to have several parents come in and help during the day. Hats off to Mrs. Koesters for a great job with the book fair!

A reminder that we will not be in school on November 25th, 26th, 27th for Thanksgiving. We will return on Monday, November 30th. Enjoy your Thanksgiving vacation. We will be having a pep session on Tuesday, November 24th at 2:30 pm in the gym to kick off our Thanksgiving holiday. We also will have an all school Mass on Tuesday November 24th at 9:00 am. Parents are encouraged to attend both of these important events.

Have a great weekend.

God Bless,

Rusty Albertson
Principal
St. Mark Catholic School

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

EIGHTH GRADE PARENTS: There will be an eighth grade parent meeting on Wednesday, November 18, at 6:30 pm in Miss Seevers' classroom. We will be getting a report on money raised so far and information on up-coming fundraisers.

PICTURE RE-TAKES will take place on Wednesday, November 18. Students who were absent on the picture day in October should have received 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.

THE RONCALLI THEATRE PRODUCTIONS class presentation of Rugrats originally scheduled for December 9 has been moved to Tuesday, December 15. Show times will still be 9:30 and 12:30.

SCHOOLBELLES is having a 25%, 35% & 50% annual winter sale effective 11/08/09 through 1/03/10 on regular retail price. Limited quantities are available. Call 888-637-3037 for specific pricing information or visit them on the web at www.schoolbelles.com.

FUNDRAISING

MARKET DAY NEWS – SWEETER THAN LAST YEAR! Thank you for your Market Day orders in November and for buying and selling desserts to your families and friends. We sold 188 desserts this year which is 31 desserts more than last year. The PTG earned \$1.75 for each dessert sold so \$329 was earned on dessert sales alone. An additional amount will be earned on non-dessert items sold and I'll let you know the total earned next week. For more information contact Dawn Collier at 319-3061 or collierfamily8@att.net.

SCRIP: Don't forget for every order over \$100 placed this month, your family will be entered in a drawing for a \$50 Scrip card of your choice!

Christmas is right around the corner, be sure to pick up Scrip gift cards before you start shopping!

FROM THE CAFETERIA

LUNCH MENU - NOVEMBER 16 WEEK

Mon. - Hot dog on bun, cheese sauce, coney sauce, cole slaw, fresh orange wedge

Tues. - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, seedless grapes

Wed. - Penne pasta w/meat sauce, warm garlic roll, Caesar salad, pineapple tidbits

Thurs. - Pork BBQ on bun, lettuce, tomato, onion, cole slaw, applesauce

Fri. - Macaroni & cheese, warm breadstick, garden salad, peach slices

SPORTS

Sports Notes

St. Mark CYO Boys High School Basketball Registration - Registration for high school boys 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 girls volleyball (Grades 4-8) and boys 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.

5TH ANNUAL RONCALLI BOYS BASKETBALL FALL SKILLS CLINIC – Rebels varsity boys basketball coach, Michael Wantz, will present the 5th annual Boys Basketball Fall Skills Clinic on Saturday, November 14 in the Rebels gymnasium. The time schedule for the day will be as follows:

- 3rd-4th grade boys 1:00-2:30 pm
- 5th-6th grade boys 2:30-4:00 pm
- 7th-8th grade boys 4:00 – 5:30 pm

The cost for participation in the clinic is \$20/per player and includes a t-shirt for all who pre-register for the clinic. Boys from these grades are encouraged to come spend a part of their Saturday with Rebel players and coaches. This 90 minute session will work with each camper on his skills and work to get him ready for another exciting basketball season! Please pre-register as only those that pre-register will be guaranteed a t-shirt!

You can pre-register by contacting Coach Wantz at 787-8277, extension 304 or at mwantz@roncallihs.org.

RONCALLI GIRLS BASKETBALL CYO NIGHT will be Thursday, November 19. The JV game is at 6:00 pm and the Varsity game is at 7:30 pm. Any girl playing CYO will be admitted free. There will be games, prizes and refreshments. Come join the fun and cheer the Rebels on to a victory.