



“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 20, 2009

Dear Parents,

This week was a learning week at St. Mark Catholic School. We learned service by having over 60 students help at the pancake breakfast for the parish on Sunday. We learned how to continue to build our relationship with God through prayer and attending Mass. We learned that in order to get the most from our Catholic education we must focus, pay attention, and study in the classroom and at home. We learned that respect toward each other, and ourselves, is a requirement for attending St. Mark Catholic School. And finally, we learned that we are very thankful for many blessings we have, especially our parents at St. Mark for providing such a wonderful gift to their children and our community by sacrificing for their children’s education.

I have been in contact with the Office of Catholic Education (OCE) and we are awaiting word from the Marion County Health Department with regards to H1N1 vaccinations. As soon as we get some definitive information, we will pass it on to you.

I had the good fortune to attend the 4th and 5th grade spell bowl competition at St. Barnabas and I was very proud of the effort that our two teams put forth. We are blessed with teachers that spend extra time with our students doing academic teams. They spend long hours practicing and preparing our students for competition and their work is appreciated. I would encourage all parents to talk to their children and encourage them to get involved in extracurricular competitions and teams. It has been proven that students involved in these types of programs do better in school and develop more well-rounded socially.

And finally, I want to wish all Lion students, parents and staff members a safe and relaxing Thanksgiving vacation. We have so much to be thankful for. I hope this time together with your family can help you to build a closer family relationship and a closer relationship with God. Stay safe and Go Lions!

God Bless,

Rusty Albertson
Principal
St. Mark Catholic School

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: We will not have a newsletter next week due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

COMING SOON...SANTA'S SECRET SHOP: The 8th graders have been busy working with Santa's elves to bring St. Mark Catholic School an exciting shopping experience. The children will have an opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts for moms, dads, grandparents, siblings, and even the family pets! Every item will be \$2 (candles, holiday towels, snowglobes, tools, etc). We'll also have a .25 cent Treasure Table (pencils, erasers, etc.). Preview Day is Tuesday, December 8 with shopping done on Wednesday and Thursday, December 9 & 10. We'll also be open on Friday the 11th before school starts for those who missed out or remembered another name on their shopping list. All proceeds benefit the 8th Grade Class Trip to St. Louis. Any questions, call Sharon Van Auken at 787-4165.

FUNDRAISING

MARKET DAY NEWS – December Cookie Dough Bonus Days

Thank you for your Market Day orders in November and for buying and selling desserts to your families and friends. The PTG earned \$435 for November Market Day.

Cookie Dough Bonus Days are here! When you purchase Market Day cookie dough, you can help our organization earn extra profit. The more you buy, the more we'll earn! Simply place your order online at marketday.com- it's that easy!

Order online at marketday.com until 11 PM CST on Friday 12/4. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, please call Dawn Collier at 319-3061. With your support, we're looking forward to reaching our fundraising goals of \$2500 for the PTG.

SCRIP: For every order placed that is over \$100 in the month of November you will receive an entry into the drawing for a \$50 Scrip gift card of your choice! This could make a nice Christmas present or help with your Christmas shopping! Thanks to all who continue to support the tuition assistance program!

Any order placed on Monday, November 23rd will not be delivered until Tuesday, December 1st due to the Thanksgiving holiday!

If you own a company or if the company you work for gives out gift cards to its employees for the holidays, you might suggest that they order them through St. Mark Scrip Program. You can have them contact Nicole Jaeger @ 881-4484 or njaegerindy@aol.com and she can supply them with an order form and more information on what the program is about. Let's work together this holiday season and see how much money we can raise for tuition assistance! What better gift to give to someone than a St. Mark education!

FROM THE CAFETERIA

LUNCH MENU – NOVEMBER 23 WEEK

Mon. – Totally taco snax, Mexican rice, diced tomato, shredded lettuce, salsa, mixed fruit

Tues. – Turkey Manhattan, sliced bread, mashed potatoes, sweet corn, pear slices

Wed. – NO SCHOOL

Thurs. – THANKSGIVING

Fri. – NO SCHOOL

LUNCH MENU – NOVEMBER 30 WEEK

Mon. – Pancakes, warm syrup, hash brown patty, cheddar omelet, fresh banana

Tues. – Chicken fajita, soft tortilla shell, shredded lettuce, diced tomatoes, salsa, sliced pears

Wed. – Pork patty on bun, leaf lettuce, sliced tomato, sweet corn, applesauce

Thurs. – Nachos, seasoned beef, cheese sauce, corn chips, lettuce, tomato, salsa, orange wedge

Fri. – Turkey croissant, leaf lettuce, sliced tomato & onion, sweet potato fries, peach slices

SPECIAL THANKS TO ...

☺ The Market Day volunteers in November. Mrs. Koesters was the sponsoring teacher. Volunteers were Alexa, Cole and Brian Fuss; Tina Valdois Bruner and Joe Bruner; Angie Runholt; Carole and Sam Bramlett; Jeanine, Abbey, and Logan Currans; Stephanie Hornek; Liam Collier; Brooke and Tracey Sullivan; Jody Cleary, Erin Fuhrman; and Jozelyn Kleiber.

SPORTS

Sports Notes

<u>Event</u>	<u>Day of Week</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time, Location</u>
November 20-27			
4 Boys BB	Saturday (11/21)	St. Roch	10:30, St. Mark
4 Boys BB	Monday (11/23)	OL Greenwood	7:30, St. Mark

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.