



“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

December 18, 2009

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we are at Christmas Break. To say this year is going fast is an understatement. I hope that you and your family will enjoy this time together. The birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, is a special time for all ages. Putting the word of God to work in our own lives is challenging and rewarding. I hope that we continue to instill spiritual leadership into our students at St. Mark Catholic School.

We will have one staff change for the second semester. Stacey Kern, Middle School Language Arts teacher will be leaving us to attend graduate school full time to pursue her Masters in Library Management. While we are saddened to have Mrs. Kern leave us, we understand that God has a path for all of us. We are blessed to have had Mrs. Kern with us this year and we will pray for her in her new career path. We have hired Miss Brittany Hendrix to replace Mrs. Kern in teaching Language Arts. Miss Hendrix is a recent graduate of Marian University and is licensed to teach grades 5-12 Language Arts. Miss Hendrix is a graduate of Hobart High School. We welcome Miss Hendrix to the St. Mark Catholic School family.

Our school website continues to be improved. We have recently added the capability for parents to receive emails and text messages on weather related delays or closings. Please go to the St. Mark Catholic School website, www.stmarkconnect.org/school, to sign up for the alerts. We are also still using local TV stations to notify parents of delays, closings or early dismissals. We will use WRTV 6, WISH 8, and WTHR 13 to notify of weather alerts.

We are starting a new referral program to encourage new student enrollment at St. Mark Catholic School. This is how it will work:

Any parent of a current student who refers a new family that registers and attends St. Mark Catholic School will be given \$100 off of tuition for the 2010-2011 school year or a free registration (\$100) for the 2010-2011 school year. We will have referral cards that you simply write your name on and give them to parents that are interested in SMCS. When that family enrolls, they will give us the referral card with your name on it and you will get credited with the \$100 towards tuition or registration.

So if you know of someone that is interested in exploring our school, give them a referral card and get \$100 if they enroll. Only one referral card per family that is enrolling will be honored, but you may refer as many different families as you wish! There is also a link on our website to refer a family as well.

Closing in prayer,

“O Come, O Wisdom from on high, Who orders all things mightily: To us the paths of knowledge show, And teach us in her ways to go” We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen

God Bless and have a great Christmas,

Rusty Albertson
Principal
St. Mark Catholic School

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DOING YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING ONLINE THIS YEAR? Start your search from the St. Mark Website and 6-12% of your purchase could benefit St. Mark!! Visit www.stmarkindy.org/school for more information

CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY: The first round of portraits have been taken and it went very smoothly. We are hearing really good things about these pictures! It is still not too late to make an appointment to have your family's picture included in the parish pictorial directory! If you have NOT already scheduled your portrait session, call **1-866-561-9997 (toll free)**. The next portrait sessions will be **Dec. 19, 20, and 21**. We really wish EVERYONE to participate in this parish event!

If you can not make any of these remaining dates, you can schedule your portrait session at the Picture People Store in Greenwood Park Mall. You will need to call 888-9410 to make this appointment and be sure to tell them these pictures are for the St. Mark Catholic Church pictorial directory. December 24th is the last day to have your pictures taken and be included in the parish directory. Remember, you need not purchase ANY of the pictures and you get a free portrait just for having them taken. (It could make a GREAT Christmas present for one of those hard to buy for relatives!)

FUNDRAISING

8TH GRADE FUNDRAISER: Our 8th Grade Students are selling Mike's Car Wash coupons to raise money for their end of year trip. The coupons are great as stocking stuffers or small gifts. Please feel free to contact Theresa Crabtree (chair) 418-1491, Marla Lutgring 753-6109 or see your favorite 8th grader.

PIZZA ANYONE? Last week we started our 2nd pizza sale. This is another great fundraiser for the school. We make 30% profit of the total sales. Pick up is just in time for the Super Bowl!

Money should be collected when orders are taken. Make all checks payable to St. Mark School. The last turn in date for orders is Monday Jan. 25. Order forms went home with last week's newsletter. Pizza pick up will be in the Music Room on Thursday Feb.4.

If we hit our goal of 300 pizzas sold, the entire school will be out of uniform. Any questions contact Jennifer Skojac jsko9@sbcglobal.net

MARKET DAY NEWS: Thank you for your Market Day orders in December. The PTG earned \$180. So far this school year the PTG has earned over \$830.

Order forms are attached to the newsletter. Please return to school by Tuesday, January 12. Internet orders for January's sale must be placed by 11 p.m. on Friday, January 15. Pick-up will be Wednesday January 20. For more information contact Dawn Collier at 319-3061 or collierfamily8@att.net.

FROM THE CAFETERIA

LUNCH MENU – JANUARY 4, 2010 WEEK

Mon. – Chicken hipp dipp, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli pieces, apple

Tues. – Hot dog on bun, coney sauce, cheese sauce, peach slices

Wed. – Turkey wrap, spiral fries, lettuce, tomato & onion slices, fresh banana

Thurs. – Nachos, seasoned beef, cheese sauce, rice pilaf, lettuce, tomato, salsa, pineapple tidbits

Fri. – Macaroni & cheese, warm dinner roll, garden salad, applesauce

SPECIAL THANKS TO ...

- ☺ The Ling family for the Crab Rangoon for the teachers and staff
- ☺ Bella Dutra e Mello for the doughnuts for the teachers and staff
- ☺ The Market Day volunteers in December. Mrs. Berkopes was the sponsoring teacher. Volunteers were Delaney Collier; Connor McHugh; Richard Nara; and Andrew and Andrea Wichlinski.
- ☺ The PTG for the delicious breakfast and lunch for the teachers and staff.

SPORTS

Sports Notes

<u>Event</u>	<u>Day of Week</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time, Location</u>
Dec. 18 – Jan. 8			
56B Boys BB	Saturday (12/19)	Nativity	9:00, St. Mark
Cadet A Boys BB	Saturday (12/19)	Holy Name	10:00, CYO Center
4 Boys BB	Saturday (12/19)	OL Grace	10:00, St. Mark
56A Boys BB	Saturday (12/19)	Ss. Francis & Clare	11:00, St. Mark
Cadet B Boys BB	Saturday (12/19)	Nativity	12:00, CYO Center
56C Boys BB	Sunday (12/20)	St. Barnabas	3:00, St. Barnabas
56A Boys BB	Saturday (12/26)	Holy Spirit Geist	11:00, Holy Spirit Geist
56B Boys BB	Saturday (12/26)	Nativity	1:00, Nativity
Cadet B Boys BB	Sunday (12/27)	OL Greenwood	2:00, OL Greenwood
Cadet A Boys BB	Sunday (12/27)	Catholic Academies	3:00, Holy Cross
4 Boys BB	Saturday (12/26)	Nativity	3:00, Nativity
56C Boys BB	Saturday (12/26)	St. Charles	4:00, CYO Center
56B Boys BB	Saturday (1/2)	St. Roch	10:30, St. Roch
56A Boys BB	Sunday (1/3)	St. Elizabeth Seton	12:00, St. Eliz. Seton
4 Boys BB	Sunday (1/3)	St. Lawrence	3:00, CYO Center
Cadet A Boys BB	Sunday (1/3)	Holy Spirit Geist	3:00, Holy Spirit Geist
Cadet B Boys BB	Sunday (1/3)	Holy Spirit Geist	4:00, Holy Spirit Geist

St. Mark Lion Pride Wrestling – Registration for boys wrestling (Grades K-8) is now underway. Please consider wrestling for one of the top youth programs in the city. We have openings for all boys in grades K-8, no experience necessary! Practice will begin in early January. Boys in grades K-8 are required to complete the St. Mark registration and CYO physical forms. These forms are available in the church narthex, parish office, school office, and “CYO Athletics” page on the parish web site. Boys in grades 5-8 are also required to complete a registration with the CYO Office. CYO 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.