



“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

January 15, 2010

Parents,

We have some important dates coming up that I want to remind you of:

Monday, January 18th we will not be in school as an observance of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This day is a great opportunity to talk with your children about the civil rights movements in the 50's and 60's and the important role that Dr. King, and others, played to bring people of all races closer together. While we have made great strides with regards to removing prejudice from our world, we still have a long way to go to end it entirely.

Next Saturday, January 23rd the PTG will have a spaghetti supper from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm in Schafer Hall. We invite all of our St. Mark School and family members to attend. Items are still needed to be donated and you can contact Chris Johnson if you have any questions about the spaghetti supper.

We will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week from Sunday January 31st to Friday February 5th. Our students will be an active part of the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday January 31st to kick off Catholic Schools Week. We will send more information out next week to let you know the specific schedule. This will be a fun week for all of our students and staff and we hope that you can be a part of the celebration!

ISTEP testing will be given at two different times this spring. The first session will begin on Monday March 1st thru March 10th. We ask that parents not schedule appointments for their children during these days and that all students are in attendance to take the ISTEP test. ISTEP tests are given to grades 3-8 in the elementary level. We will have information for you on specific times and suggestions for helping your son or daughter do well in the state wide test.

Financial Aid packets for 2010 -2011 will be sent home the first of February. Packets will be sent home to the oldest sibling that you have at St. Mark Catholic School. Information for registration for the 2010-2011 school year will given out soon.

I want to thank all of the parents that continue to spread the good news about St. Mark Catholic School and parish. I have had numerous inquiries from parents wanting to look at SMCS for their children. It is an exciting time to be the principal at SMCS and we look forward to future growth and success of our school and parish. God has put us here for a reason, to grow the spirit of Christ in our students and to develop spiritual leaders for the future.

In closing, please keep the people of Haiti in your prayers. There are many opportunities to help the Haitians in this time of need and I hope that you can take advantage of them.

Thanks and God Bless,

Rusty Albertson
Principal
St. Mark Catholic School
GO LIONS!

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

YEARBOOK: An order form for the school yearbook was sent home with each child last week. Reserve your copy. The cost of our **full color** yearbook is \$15.00. Please make checks payable to **ST MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL** and return to school before Friday, February 5.

FUNDRAISING

MARKET DAY PICK-UP is Wednesday, January 20, from 5:15 to 6:15 pm in the Music Room.

SCRIP: Are you a first time buyer? If so, simply place your order and next to family name write "First Time Buyer". You will then be entered into a drawing for a FREE \$25 Scrip gift card of your choice. The contest will start on Tuesday, January 19th and run through February 15th. This is your chance to see how simple this program is. Place your order on Monday and your cards will be sent home with your child on that same Friday.

Planning a Super Bowl party? Don't forget to use scrip gift cards to purchase your party supplies!

SPAGHETTI DINNER: Saturday, January 23, from 5 to 8:00 pm in Schafer Hall. We are still needing some volunteers as well as donations, especially 16 oz. cups, spaghetti noodles(regular not thick or thin, please) lemonade mix, 10" size **CHINET** dinner plates and 6" dessert plates. You can go online to the school website www.stmarkconnect.org/school to volunteer as well as RSVP. For more information, please contact Chris Johnson at 882-9986 or caj7475@yahoo.com.

Attention: Calling all Bakers: You can show your culinary baking talents by donating baked goods for the PTG Annual Spaghetti Dinner. Please drop your desserts (both homemade and store bought treats are welcomed) curbside Friday morning 1/22. Gail Bailey will be collecting donations behind school by the paper recycling containers. If you have questions regarding desserts donations, please call Gail Bailey at 332-7068.

PIZZA ANYONE? In December 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. An order form was attached to 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

FROM THE CAFETERIA

LUNCH MENU – JANUARY 18th WEEK

Mon. – NO SCHOOL

Tues. – Beef Taco, seasoned beef, soft/hard shells, salsa, diced tomatoes, orange wedge

Wed. – Turkey pot pie, buttermilk biscuit, sweet peas, apple crisp

Thurs. – Chicken sticks, mashed potatoes, gravy, cooked broccoli, mixed fruit

Fri. – Pepperoni pizza, Caesar salad, grape tomatoes, fresh kiwi

SPORTS

Sports Notes

<u>Event</u>	<u>Day of Week</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time, Location</u>
January 15-22			
Cadet A Boys BB	Saturday (1/16)	St. Thomas Aquinas	9:00, St. Thomas Aquinas
56B Boys BB	Saturday (1/16)	St. Jude	9:00, St. Mark
56A Boys BB	Saturday (1/16)	St. Charles	10:00, St. Mark
56C Boys BB	Saturday (1/16)	St. Lawrence	11:00, St. Mark
Cadet B Boys BB	Sunday (1/17)	St. Simon	2:00, Roncalli HS
4 Boys BB	Sunday (1/17)	St. Joan of Arc	2:00, St. Joan of Arc
56A Boys BB	Tuesday (1/19)	OL Lourdes	7:00, Holy Cross
4 Boys BB	Wed' day (1/20)	Christ the King	6:30, Nativity
56B Boys BB	Wed' day (1/20)	St. Thomas Aquinas	8:00, St. Roch
Cadet B Boys BB	Thursday (1/21)	Holy Name	6:00, OL Lourdes

St. Mark CYO Spring Sports Registration - Registration for girl's kickball (Grades 3-8), Co-ed soccer (Grades 5-8) and co-ed track (Grades 4-8) is now underway. The registration deadline is February 22. 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.