



“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

February 12, 2010

Parents,

With the weather issues this week, I appreciate all of the cooperation from the parents and teachers to make this a productive week in the classroom. As we prepare for ISTEP tests in a few weeks (March 1-10) we will have various writing sessions to prepare our students for the first wave of ISTEP tests. Grades 3-8 students are required by the state to take the ISTEP test. We will continue to provide opportunities to help all of our students to increase their ISTEP scores. We need all students in attendance for the dates that we are testing. All of the testing will be done in the morning of the testing dates.

We are very happy to announce that we will be offering full day Pre-Kindergarten class next year! A research team did many hours of fact finding to help us to come to the conclusion that the full day Pre-Kindergarten is wanted by parents. I have attached a press release on the front of the Bridge that explains the program. If you know of anyone that is interested in this exciting class for their 4 year olds, please have them contact me.

I thought Fr. George’s homily was very good today at Mass when he spoke of using our senses to glorify God. We often talk to our students on using their talents to show glory to God, and also to remind them of not saying harmful or hateful things to others. This includes emails, text messages, facebook and other new communication mechanisms. In today’s society, we must work together to be good examples for our children. I appreciate your help with this.

We ask that you return you letter of Intent to Return forms as soon as possible. We have received several inquiries from new parents about our school and we thank you for your positive word of mouth advertising. A reminder that our Open House is set for Wednesday February 24th from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. We will have some yard signs to promote the Open House. If you live on a busy street and would like to place a yard sign in your yard, let me know.

A reminder, we will not be in school on Monday February 15th for Presidents Day! Enjoy a day with your children. Have a great weekend and a Happy Valentine’s Day!

God Bless,

Rusty Albertson
Principal
St. Mark Catholic School

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDER: NO SCHOOL, Monday, February 15 for President's Day.

8th GRADE RETREAT: All families who have an 8th grade youth, PLEASE mark your calendars for the 8th grade retreat April 17 from 8am-4pm at the Beech Grove Benedictine Center!

BOOK FAIR DINER...Tasty Books At Excellent Prices...All You Can Read March 8-12...Parent Only Night-March 8 before and after the PTG meeting and Family Night-Tuesday, March 9 from 3:15-8:00. Come and get it!

H1N1 VACCINE: Students in PreK through 4th grade should have received a letter and consent form for the H1N1 vaccination. The Marion County Health Department will be here on Thursday, February 18 to give the vaccinations. Please return the consent forms to the school office.

YEARBOOKS: This is your last chance to order the **full color** yearbook for \$15.00. We have to get the total number of yearbooks ordered to Inter-State by next Friday, February 19. Please make checks payable to **ST MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL.**

CAMP INVENTION FLYERS are attached to the newsletter. Camp Invention is a terrific science and creativity camp open to all students in grades 1-7. It is developed and sponsored by the Inventor's Hall of Fame in Akron, Ohio. Campers will participate in three unique modules in which they experiment and develop their own simple machines, engage in problem solving activities, and create their own inventions. They will also take apart old appliances to see how they work. Older campers will develop Rube Goldberg machines. This is a fun and fast-paced camp taught here on the St. Mark campus by our teachers. Camp will run the week of June 7-11 from 9:00 – 3:30 pm. For more information or to volunteer to be a helper, please contact Tina Valdois-Bruner at tvaldois-bruner@stmarkindy.org.

FUNDRAISING

MARKET DAY Pick-up is next Wednesday, February 17, 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 started on Tuesday, January 19 and runs through February 15. 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.

FROM THE CAFETERIA

LUNCH MENU - FEBRUARY 15th WEEK

Mon. - NO SCHOOL

Tues. - Pancake on a stick, warm syrup, hash brown potato and kiwi half

Wed. - Toasted cheese sandwich, tomato soup, carrot sticks, mixed fruit

Thurs. - Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, apple crisp

Fri. - Cheese quesadilla, rice pilaf, romaine, tomato, salsa, pears

SCOUTING

BOY SCOUTS: Did you know that The Boy Scouts of America are celebrating 100 years of scouting? February is the month we celebrate and recognize The Boy Scouts of America for outstanding achievement. Pack 92 has a long and rich history at St. Mark Catholic Church. During this celebration in February, Pack 92 is running a Mike's Express Carwash Fundraiser. See a Pack 92 Scout to purchase an \$8 coupon for a Mike's Express Wash. For every coupon sold, \$4 remains at the Pack level. Don't you want to wash the salt and grime away anyhow? Visit us at www.pack92.com or call Gail Bailey at 332-7068 with questions. Thank you for your support!

ST MARK SKATING PARTY: On Wednesday, March 10, 2010, 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!!!!

SPORTS

Sports Notes

<u>Event</u>	<u>Day of Week</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time, Location</u>
February 12-19			
Cadet Volleyball	Sunday (2/14)	St. Roch	1:00, St. Roch
4 Volleyball	Sunday (2/14)	Little Flower	1:30, Little Flower
56A Volleyball	Monday (2/15)	OL Lourdes	7:00, St. Mark
56B Volleyball	Tuesday (2/16)	St. Jude	5:00, St. Jude
Wrestling (K-8)	Tuesday (2/16)	St. Maria Goretti	6:30, St. Maria Goretti
Wrestling (K-5)	Thursday (2/18)	Southport Club	5:30, St. Jude

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.