



“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 19, 2010

Dear Parents,

We have had a busy week of activities at SMCS. We are gearing up for Lent and our Open House this Wednesday, February 24th from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. I appreciate all of the parents that have volunteered to be tour leaders and to help with the Open House. If you know of anyone that is interested in St. Mark Catholic School, please invite them to the Open House. The Open House will not have a set agenda, so people can come and go anytime between 6:00pm – 8:00pm.

We had a school wide writing practice assignment this past Thursday to prepare our students for the writing portion of the ISTEP test which begins on Monday, March 1st. Every student in grades K-8 participated in the practice writing test and the teachers will grade the test and go over the results with each student individually next week. This will prepare our students for what is expected on the ISTEP test. As they go over the practice test, they will also discuss with each student to set goals for this upcoming ISTEP test.

Some tips and info for ISTEP week are:

1. Plenty of sleep the nights before the ISTEP test (Monday, March 1st-Thursday, March 4th are our scheduled testing dates)
2. Students should eat a good breakfast the morning of each test
3. Teachers will lighten the homework requirements for these testing dates
4. Schedule all appointments for students on afternoons or other days. We will test in the morning of each day. We want all students in grades 3-8 in school for these four days to complete ISTEP tests so students do not have to take a make up test
5. We will make testing groups as small as possible to provide fewer distractions and allow students to do their best on the ISTEP test.

Parents, please stress to your 3rd -8th grader that this test is important and provides information that can help determine their areas of strengths and areas they need improvement on.

Have a great weekend and we hope that you can attend Mass this weekend with your children!

God Bless,

Rusty Albertson
Principal
St. Mark Catholic School

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

PARISH BREAKFAST BUFFET AT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: - The Knights of Columbus Council 3660 have initiated a Parish Breakfast Buffet program to benefit each area Parish. The council will host a breakfast buffet on the 4th Sunday of each month which will be served by a Parish Men's Club and the proceeds will benefit that Parish. February is St. Mark's month! Mark your calendar to join the St. Mark Men's Club for breakfast on February 28 from 8:00-11:30 AM at the Knights of Columbus located at 511 East Thompson Road. Cost is \$7.00 for adults, \$4.00 for ages 5-12 and kids under 5 are free. Proceeds benefit St. Mark ministries.

4H NEWS: 4H is the largest youth development organization in Indiana and one does not have to live on a farm to be a member. Students in Kindergarten may enroll in exploring 4H, first and second grade may enroll in Mini 4H, and third through twelfth may enroll in classic 4H. Township meetings are held once a month.

4H is part of the Purdue University Cooperative Extension and offers over 70 projects. On, Monday, March 8th, from 7-8, there will be an information night on 4H at Southport Middle School, 5715 S. Keystone Ave., Room H5. This is a night to see what it entails to be in 4H. This is not open enrollment, but enrollment papers will be available or you can register online at www.indy4-hyouth.org and click on the Forms button to access.

The enrollment fee is per manual. You have until May 15th to enroll in time to be registered for the county fair. For more information, please call Julie Hippleheuser at 884-1263 or e-mail at parkerbama@hotmail.com or go to www.indy4-hyouth.org.

FUNDRAISING

MARKET DAY NEWS: Thank you for your Market Day orders in February. The PTG earned \$115. So far this school year the PTG has earned \$1,261.50.

Internet orders for March's sale must be placed by 11 p.m. on Friday 3/12. Pick-up will be Wednesday 3/17. For more information contact Dawn Collier at 319-3061 or collierfamily8@att.net.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION: It's Box Top Contest Time!! Let's continue the celebration of our great school! We are having a Box Tops contest which started last weekend and runs through February 26. The class that has the most Box Tops will get an out-of-uniform day! Let's see who can bring in the most!!

Don't forget to go to boxtops4education.com and sign up for more chances to get Box Tops for our school!! Thanks, Chrissy Geier, btfestmark@gmail.com

FROM THE CAFETERIA

LUNCH MENU – FEBRUARY 22nd WEEK

Mon. – Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, glazed carrots, peach slices

Tues. – Chicken fajita, soft tortilla shell, rice pilaf and fruit

Wed. – Pork patty on bun, macaroni & cheese, cole slaw, pineapple tidbits

Thurs. – Nachos, seasoned beef, corn chips, cheese sauce, lettuce, tomato, salsa, pear slices

Fri. – Penne pasta, Marinara sauce, garlic roll, Caesar salad, pineapple tidbits

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!!!!

SPECIAL THANKS TO ...

- ☺ Jennifer Skojac for chairing the Pizza fundraiser.
- ☺ The Malcolmson family for the cookies for the teachers and staff.
- ☺ The Market Day volunteers in February. Mrs. Valdois-Bruner was the sponsoring teacher. Volunteers were Erin Fuhrman and Liam Collier.
- ☺ The Bailey family for puzzles for After Care.

SPORTS

Sports Notes

<u>Event</u>	<u>Day of Week</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time, Location</u>
February 19-26			
56A Volleyball	Saturday (2/20)	St. Susanna	9:00, St. Susanna
Cadet Volleyball	Saturday (2/20)	Holy Name	9:00, Holy Name
Wrestling (5-8)	Saturday (2/20)	CYO Invitational	9:00, Nativity
56B Volleyball	Saturday (2/20)	St. Malachy	2:15, St. Malachy
4 Volleyball	Sunday (2/21)	St. Rose of Lima	3:15, St. Rose of Lima
56A Volleyball	Monday (2/22)	Nativity	5:00, CYO Center
56B Volleyball	Tuesday (2/23)	St. Christopher	6:30, CYO Center
Wrestling (K-8)	Tuesday (2/23)	St. Barnabas	6:00, St. Mark
Wrestling (K-5)	Wed' day (2/24)	BG Club Open	5:30, Beech Grove HS

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.