



# “THE BRIDGE”

POSITIVE ATTITUDES

COURAGE

PATIENCE

WISDOM

PEACEFUL WAYS

## St. Mark Catholic School

A BRIDGE BETWEEN SCHOOL AND PARENTS

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*“Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.” 1Cor. 16: 13-1*

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February 26, 2010

Parents,

I would like to say thanks to all of the parents, students and staff that helped make the Open House a success. We had thirteen new families with seventeen children visit our school to consider making SMCS their choice for education. As we continue to improve our school we also appreciate your positive word of mouth advertising to those people that are considering a change in education for their children.

We have had several phone calls and visits to our school since we announced last week that we would be offering full day pre-kindergarten next year. This is a great opportunity for the four year olds of our parish and community to become enriched in their academics, social, and spiritual growth. We are limiting this class to the first 22 students and we anticipate it filling up. If you need any additional information, we have a schedule of what the full day will look like for the pre-kindergarten and what the half day will look like.

Next Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline to turn back in registration fees and letter of intent to return. Also a reminder that FACTS financial aid forms must be returned to FACTS by March 5<sup>th</sup> to be considered for financial aid. We will have the new FACTS agreements ready once the tuition has been established by the financial committee.

Several people have asked when we will be starting school in the fall of 2010. Our first day of school will be Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> and it will be a full day. The remainder of the calendar will follow closely to Roncalli HS. We hope this helps with family vacation planning.

ISTEP testing will begin next Monday. Testing will conclude each day by lunchtime. Here are some tips for ISTEP week:

1. Plenty of sleep the nights before the ISTEP test (Monday March 1<sup>st</sup>-Thursday March 4<sup>th</sup> are our scheduled testing dates)
2. All students should be in attendance for the ISTEP test
3. Students should eat a good breakfast the morning of each test
4. Remind your children to show their work when required
5. Students will use the entire testing time. If they are finished before the allotted time, they will sit quietly until the time is over
6. Encourage your children to check all of their work after they are done
7. All students should do their best on the ISTEP test
8. The tests next week are the Applied Skills. The Multiple Choice test will be given at the end of April.

Have a great weekend and God Bless!

Rusty Albertson  
Principal  
St. Mark Catholic School

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BOOK FAIR:** Book Fair Diner is about to open for business! The Fair will run from March 8-12. Parent Shopping Night is Monday, March 8 before and after the PTG meeting. Family Night is Tuesday, March 9 from 3:15-8:00. Students will preview and shop in the afternoon March 8-11. Last chance purchasing will be Friday, March 12 from 10:30-11:30. Come one, come all and see what great books are on the menu at the Book Fair Diner.

**SPRING PICTURES:** Inter-State Studio will be here on Thursday, March 11, 2010 for St. Mark Catholic School spring pictures. Everyone's photograph will be taken. A proof will be sent home with an order form, so you can preview the pose(s) before you purchase. Flyers are coming home today with each child.

**SAVE THE DATE:** The Molli Cassetty Bowl-a-thon will be on Sunday, April 11, at Expo Bowl from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

## FUNDRAISING

**ST MARK DINNER DANCE:** Well, the figures are in.....Drumroll, please.....  
The winners (with an incredible profit of \$380.00) of the St. Mark Student & Staff Dinner Dance theme basket contest is....**The 4th & 5th Grades 'Dining Out' Basket!!!**  
This basket was followed closely by the 1st & 3rd Grades' Gardening Basket with \$325.00, the Kindergarten & 2nd Grades' Pamper Me Basket with \$205.00, the 6th Grade Everything Sports Basket with \$202.00, the 7th & 8th Grades' Weekend Fun Basket with \$80.00 and the St. Mark Teachers and Staff Basket with \$71.00.

Through your donations and efforts, you all helped raise \$1263.00 for St. Mark's. You are so awesome!!!

A special thank you goes to the parents/staff that stepped up to the plate and helped organize the collection of these items: Molly Burns, Tricia Seddon, Greg & Tamara Candler, Toni Layer, Amy Frederick Ms. Cathy Boyle and Mrs. Mehalik.

As promised, the 4th & 5th grades will each receive a \$50.00 prize and the basket organizer, Molly Burns will receive a \$25.00 award.

As mentioned at the Mardi Gras Luau Dinner Dance, Aloha means Hello, Goodbye, and Love. Mahalo means Thank You.

Mahalo from the bottom of my heart.  
Marie Finch-Hibner  
Chairperson  
2010 Mardi Gras Luau Dinner Dance

**MARKET DAY ORDER FORMS** are attached to the newsletter. Please return to school by Tuesday, March 9. Internet orders are due by 11:00 pm on Friday, March 12.

## REMINDERS

- Pack 92 skating party on Wednesday, March 10, from 6:30-8:30 pm at Southland Skate Center.
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade retreat – April 17 from 8am-4pm at the Beech Grove Benedictine Center
- Camp Invention will run June 7-11 from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm.

## FROM THE CAFETERIA

### LUNCH MENU – MARCH 1<sup>st</sup> WEEK

**Mon.** – French toast sticks, warm syrup, hash brown patty, cheddar omelet, fresh banana

**Tues.** – Sliced turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit

**Wed.** – Hot dog on bun, tator tots, coney sauce, cheese sauce, applesauce

**Thurs.** – Chicken hipp dipp, potato smiles, carrot sticks, celery sticks, peach slices

**Fri.** – Macaroni & cheese, warm dinner roll, garden salad w/cucumber & tomato, fresh apple

## SPORTS

### Sports Notes

<u>Event</u>	<u>Day of Week</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time, Location</u>
<b>Feb. 26 – Mar. 5</b>			
56B Volleyball	Sunday (2/28)	OL Greenwood	2:30, Nativity
4 Volleyball	Monday (3/1)	St. Roch	7:15, CYO Center
Cadet Volleyball	Monday (3/1)	St. Rose of Lima	7:30, Central Catholic
56A Volleyball	Tuesday (3/2)	Central Catholic	7:45, Little Flower
4 Volleyball	Wed'day (3/3)	OL Greenwood	6:30, St. Roch
Wrestling (K-8)	Friday (3/5)	OL Lourdes	6:00, OL Lourdes

**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.