



“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

March 5, 2010

Parents,

What a good week we had as we completed the Applied Skills portion of the ISTEP test this week. We had phenomenal attendance this week and we thank you for your help with the success of this week! I had a chance to observe all of the classes taking the ISTEP and the students did a great job of focusing and working hard on the test. We will take the multiple choice part of the ISTEP at the end of April.

We will start our second major fundraiser for this school year. We have teamed up with EMI Company to sell discount cards. These cards will have 20 local businesses that were suggested by our parents, to provide great discounts to the purchaser of the card. The cards will be sold starting Monday March 15th and the sales drive will conclude on Easter Monday April 5th. This is a very simple fundraiser that is selling a product that is well worth the money. Each card will be sold for \$20 and St. Mark gets to keep \$15 for profit. Our goal is to have each individual student sell 3 cards and families with more than one student to sell 5 cards. We have been asked by parents that we have an “Opt Out” option, and for this fundraiser the “Opt Out” amount is \$45 for single students and \$75 for families. If parents do not want to participate in the fundraiser but still want to help the school, they can have the option to write a check for the “opt out” amount to St. Mark School.

As a Catholic School, we have to have fundraisers to help keep tuition cost low for our parents and to help with financial aid. While we would love to have 100% participation, we understand that some are not able to sell as many cards as others. If you can sell more than 3 cards, we appreciate your extra effort. We appreciate the PTG for their help with this fundraiser. We will have a separate letter later next week to explain the discount card fundraiser in detail. Thanks in advance for helping us sell the discount cards and giving back to St. Mark Catholic School!

We are very pleased with the many letters of intent and registrations that have been turned in. We have a few classes that are close to being full. If you know of someone that is interested in St. Mark Catholic School, please have them contact us soon. Have a great weekend!

Thanks and God Bless,

Rusty Albertson
Principal
St. Mark Catholic School

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

PTG MEETING is Monday, March 8 at 6:00 pm in the Library.

BOOK FAIR: Book Fair Diner is open for business! Come and taste the wonderful book offerings!

Parent Only Shopping-Monday, March 8-30 minutes before and after the PTG Meeting (6:00 pm)

Family Night-Tuesday, March 9-3:15-8:00 pm

Student Preview

Monday, March 8-Kindergarten, 1st Grade, 2nd Grade, 4th Grade

Tuesday, March 9-3rd Grade

Wednesday, March 10-5th Grade

Grades 6-7-8 will preview Monday and Tuesday during their Language Arts class

Student Purchase

Tuesday, March 9-Kindergarten, 1st Grade, 2nd Grade

Wednesday, March 10-3rd Grade, 4th Grade, 6th Grade

Thursday, March 11-5th Grade, 6th Grade, 7th Grade, 8th Grade

Last Chance Purchase-Friday, March 12-10:30-11:30

Thank you for your support of the book fair. All profits remain in the library to purchase books and supplies. Thank you to all our parent volunteers! Without you the Fair would not run.

Your Fair Homepage Web Address

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/stmarkschoolindy>

HOLY FAMILY SHELTER NEWS: The Saint Mark Service Club delivered 148 boxes of cereal and breakfast bars to the shelter on Friday, February 26. We reached 98% of our cereal donation goal. Thank you to every family who sent in cereal. The shelter is very thankful for our donations since their cereal supply was nearly gone.

This week we have been collecting large cans of powdered drink mix. Next week we will collect diapers-size 4 is the most needed size and baby wipes. The following week is ziploc type storage bags, any size.

Our goal is one donation per week, per family. Thank you for helping Holy Family Shelter.

SPRING PICTURES: Inter-State Studio will be here on Thursday, March 11 to take St. Mark's 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.

RONCALLI HIGH SCHOOL invites parents of current 4th-7th graders to an Information Night from 7-8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16 in St. Mark Church. Members of the Roncalli Administration will address the topics of academic programs, college/career counseling, extracurricular options, tuition rates and financial aid. The evening will also include a question and answer session with current RHS parents and students. This Information Night is specifically targeted for parents of kids in grades 4-7 who are interested in taking an early look at issues pertinent to their child's high school education

REMINDERS

- Pack 92 skating party on Wednesday, March 10, from 6:30-8:30 pm at Southland Skate Center.
- Molli Cassetty Bowl-a-thon on Sunday, April 11 at Expo Bowl from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.
- 8th 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 8th WEEK

Mon. – Pork patty on bun, macaroni & cheese, cole slaw, pear pieces

Tues. – Tacos, seasoned beef, soft & hard shells, lettuce, tomato, salsa, orange wedge

Wed. – Chicken sticks, French fries, sweet corn, applesauce

Thurs. – Hot ham & cheese sub, baked Lay's chips, lettuce, tomato, pickle, mixed fruit

Fri. – Cheese pizza, warm breadstick, Caesar salad, pineapple tidbits

CONGRATULATIONS

QUEST FOR EXCELLENCE: Congratulations to our 7th and 8th grade students who received awards for their competition in Quest for Excellence at Roncalli High School last Saturday:

Science Team 2nd Place

Madeline Dunne, Corey Toler,
Brooke Sullivan, Brian Watts

Spelling 4th Place

Corey Toler

Essay Honorable Mention

Brooke Sullivan

Geography Honorable Mention

Andrew Corcoran

Theology Honorable Mention

Andrew Corcoran

Vocal Honorable Mention

Maria Van Auken

We are proud of all our 7th and 8th grade students who participated:

Andrew Corcoran, Maria Van Auken, Madeline Dunne, Cayley King, Ryan Maloney, Myles Sturdivant, Brooke Sullivan, Corey Toler, Taylor Townsend, and Brian Watts.

PACK 92 NEWS: Congratulations to the following boys who bridged over into Boy Scouts at the recent Blue & Gold banquet; Aaron Adrian, Michael Bailey, Joe Burns, Connor Cleary, Devon Frigon, Zach Gaither, Isaac Garcia, Ethan Knox, Bain La Follette, Quentin La Follette and Tyler Swiezy. These boys are now members of Troop 92.

Last Sunday, Pack 92 hosted their annual Pinewood Derby. Special guests included representatives from Sarah Fisher racing. The top four finishers were Sullivan Cisco, Jacob Jackson, Nicholas Van Auken and Isaac Hogsett. The best of show winner was Andrew Jaeger. Congratulations to these scouts and all who participated. A BIG thank you to John Gaither for organizing the event!

SPORTS

Sports Notes

<u>Event</u>	<u>Day of Week</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time, Location</u>
March 5-12			
Wrestling (5-8)	Saturday (3/6)	CYO Team Duals	9:00, Bishop Chatard
Cadet Volleyball	Saturday (3/6)	TBA	5:30, Holy Cross
Wrestling (5-8)	Thursday (3/11)	CYO City Prelims.	5:30, Ritter HS
Wrestling (5-8)	Friday (3/12)	CYO City Finals	5:30, Ritter HS

ST MARK TRACK: An informational meeting for St. Mark Track Team members and parents will be held Monday, March 15, 6:00-6:30 in Schafer Hall. Boys and girls in grades 4 through 8 are eligible to participate. Registrations will be accepted at the meeting. *All registrations must be received by this date.* Practices will begin on Monday, March 29.

For additional information, contact Carol Pitzer at 782-3226

Indy Dolphins Swim Team: Looking for a youth program that develops cardiovascular endurance, kinesthetic awareness, nutrition, and lifelong skills? Why not try swimming? The Indy Dolphins Swim Team is accepting new members for the 2010 Summer Long Course Season.

What: Team Try Outs

When: April 5 through April 8, 2010

Time: Anytime between 5:00 p-6:00 p (please allow 20 min for tryouts)

Where: IU Natatorium on the campus of IUPUI

Who: Ages 5-18 at any skill level

Questions can be answered by going to: www.dolphins.iupui.edu or contact EdMerkling directly at 317-274-6783 or emerklin@iupui.edu