



“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 12, 2010

Parents,

I had the good fortune this week to give several tours of our school to new, prospective parents. As we traveled throughout the school and walked with our students in the halls, and introduced them to our staff and students, the same message was repeated from our visitors; what a warm and friendly school we have at St. Mark. Those comments were particularly interesting because they were usually made after they saw how our students treat each other and how they interact with guests. There was nothing staged for them, just a normal day. I understand that our school has problems like all others, but what sets ours apart is that we have a staff and we have parents that are proactive and supportive of each other to help make positive changes in our student's lives. This is a reflection of you!

We have finally gotten some warmer weather! As we get back into the academic swing of things we are also continuing on our Lenten journey. Most of our classes have been through reconciliation the past few weeks and we encourage you to discuss this process with your children. We will be collecting boxes of Ziploc bags for the Holy Family Shelter. Thank you for your help with this service project.

As we start our “Helping Hands” spring fundraiser to raise money for those families that qualify for tuition assistance at St. Mark, I want to express my sincere gratitude to all of the parents and staff that have worked hard to prepare for this campaign and all of the students and parents that will help make this “Helping Hands” fundraiser a success. Our goal is to sell 600 discount cards. You should have received your information letter and discount cards to sell from your oldest child today after school. If we reach this school-wide goal, I will allow students to wear school shorts starting Tuesday, April 6th. With your help and support I think we can do this. What a great way to help provide a Catholic education to children in need. If you need additional cards to sell, please contact your oldest child's classroom teacher. Please keep our school staff, students and parents in your prayers!

Thanks and God Bless,

Rusty Albertson
Principal
St. Mark Catholic School

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPRING BREAK: Our first day of Spring Break is Friday, March 19 and we return on Monday, March 29.

VISION/HEARING SCREENING will take place on Wednesday, March 31. Students in First, Third and Eighth grades will be tested for vision and students in First, Fourth and Seventh grades will be tested for hearing.

MOLLI CASSETTY BOWL-A-THON: Attached to the newsletter is a Bowl-a-thon registration form. The Bowl-a-thon will take place on Sunday, April 11 at Expo Bowl from 11:00 am – 1:00pm

Molli's courage, love, and her display of her Christian faith during her illness, were an inspiration to the students and members of the St. Mark Community. The scholarships are given to students who best display those characteristics at St. Mark.

YMCA SCHOOL'S OUT CAMP: Not going anywhere for Spring Break? Need a day to yourself? Join the YMCA as we take a glance into Summer Day Camp for the week or a day. Your child will enjoy a week filled with daily fun themes and countless activities such as; arts and crafts, cooking projects, indoor/outdoor games, and much more. Your child(ren) will have fun filled memories to last a lifetime! Register your child(ren) to attend Baxter YMCA School's Out Camp March 19th – March 26th. If you have any questions don't hesitate to call the Before and After School Program Office at 887-8788. Hope to see your child(ren) at camp!

FUNDRAISING

MARKET DAY Pick-Up is next Wednesday, March 17, from 5:15 – 6:15 pm in the Music Room.

REMINDERS

- March 15 – Informational meeting for St. Mark Track Team members and parents from 6:00 – 6:30 pm in Schafer Hall
- March 16 - Roncalli Information Night for parents of 4th – 7th graders in St. Mark Church from 7:00 – 8:00 pm.
- April 17 - 8th grade retreat from 8am-4pm at the Beech Grove Benedictine Center
- June 7-11 - Camp Invention from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm.

FROM THE CAFETERIA

LUNCH MENU – MARCH 15th WEEK

Mon. – Pancake on a stick, warm syrup, hash brown patty, banana

Tues. – Pepperoni pizza, romaine salad, broccoli & cauliflower pieces, fruit

Wed. – Chicken patty on bun, crinkle fries, lettuce, tomato slices, pickle, applesauce

Thurs. – Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit

Fri. – **SPRING BREAK** 😊

SPECIAL THANKS TO ...

- ☺ The Burns family for paper for After Care
- ☺ Pack 92 for hosting the St. Mark Skating party at Southland Skate Center and for their generous donation to the school.

SPORTS

Sports Notes

<u>Event</u>	<u>Day of Week</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time, Location</u>
March 12-19			
Wrestling (K-4)	Saturday (3/13)	Little Guys City	9:00, Ritter HS
Wrestling (K-8)	Monday (3/15)	Team Banquet	6:00, St. Mark Cafeteria