



SAINT MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The Bridge

April 23, 2010

POSITIVE ATTITUDES

COURAGE

PATIENCE

WISDOM

PEACEFUL WAYS

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

Parents,

At the time of writing this, we have not had Grandparents Day yet, but I want to thank all of the parents, teachers and students that helped to prepare for this great day in our school. We sometimes take our grandparents for granted but I have stressed to our students that they should sit down with their grandparents and ask them how things were when they were in school and growing up. There is a wealth of love and knowledge from grandparents and we appreciate each and every one of them!

As my personal journey continues at St. Mark, I find myself telling the good news of our school and parish to others. Our small size, our family atmosphere, our past and current successes, and our faith are all strong points of our school and parish. Last Saturday evening my wife, Julie, and I attended the St. Mark Bingo Bash and we had a great time. The family atmosphere is welcoming to everyone that visits St. Mark.

As our school year winds down, we will have many activities in the next month. Please communicate with the teachers and myself if you have any questions. We want to ask for your prayers for our second graders as they receive First Communion this Sunday at 11:45 am Mass. Special thanks to Mrs. English and Mary Lynn Cavanaugh for all of their hard work with the First Communion students.

The middle school students in Drama class are working hard on the spring musical "Goofy's Big Adventure" The musical is set for Thursday, May 6th (1:00pm & 7:00pm) and Friday May 7th at 7:00 pm. We hope you can be in attendance for one of the performances. Many of our St. Mark alumni have gone on to perform successfully in many high school musicals and fine arts programs. We emphasize our fine arts programs at St. Mark and we value their contributions to our students' well-rounded education.

On a final note, we are going to begin creating a database of names of former St. Mark Catholic School students. Once we gather and compile these names we are going to reconnect with many of our former Lions with a newsletter. There are hundreds (if not thousands) of former St. Mark Lions that have gone on to have success and become important leaders of their community. We want our current and future students to know what our past has been, so they can help lead our future. We may be asking your help to locate addresses of former students and their parents to help us reconnect with them.

Have a great weekend!

God Bless,

Rusty Albertson

Principal

St. Mark Catholic School

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

8th GRADE MAY CROWNING MASS: We will be honoring our 8th grade mothers at a very special May Crowning Mass on Friday, May 7th at 9:00am. This is a joyous occasion and hope that you can attend. Prior to mass, individual graduation photos will be taken in Schafer Hall from 7:30-8:45am. Cost of package is \$40 and includes: two 5x7 portraits and 48 deluxe wallets. Payment is due when photos are taken. Following mass, an 8th grade class picture will be taken in the church, and a light reception will follow in Schafer Hall.

ATTENTION 8TH GRADE PARENTS: If you haven't already, please get your photos for the 8th grade video turned in to Marla Lutgring or Theresa Crabtree as soon as possible. We are starting to put the video together and don't want to leave anyone out. We prefer the photos on a CD, but will also take photo copies. Be sure to put your name on everything you turn in and we will return all photos and/or CDs to you. Any questions, call Marla 783-7059.

SUMMER SKILLS REVIEW BOOK: It's time to consider ordering Summer Skills Books for your child(ren). Summer Skills Books are \$16 and can be ordered through Saint Mark School by completing the attached order form. These books are an excellent way to provide your child a quick review over this year's classwork or to prepare for next year's work. The books are designed to be completed in 15-30 minute sessions three times a week for 10 weeks. They are available in Math (Pre-K through high school), Language Arts (Pre-K through High School Prep), Foreign Languages (Spanish I, Spanish II and French I), and Keyboarding (3rd through 6th grade). Sample copies are in the office if you wish to preview a book. Please contact Miss Karozos or Mrs. Koesters if you have further questions. Your order form and payment (check payable to Saint Mark School) are due in the office by Friday, May 7. Books will be sent home with your child during the last week of school

FROM THE CAFETERIA

LUNCH MENU – APRIL 26th WEEK

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

Tues. – Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, pear slices

Wed. – Sloppy Joe on bun, tator tots, sweet corn, peaches

Thurs. – Tacos, seasoned beef, soft & hard tortilla shells, lettuce, tomato, salsa, mandarin oranges

Fri. – Penne pasta, meat sauce, garlic roll, garden salad, peach crisp

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to John F Schoettle who will receive the 2010 Monsignor Albert Busald Award on May 4 at SS Peter and Paul Cathedral. This award recognizes John's outstanding volunteer efforts on behalf of the youth at St. Mark School and Parish. John has been a coach in the CYO program for over 20+ years and while most of John's time has been dedicated to St. Mark Football, he has also coached girls/boys basketball as well as girls volleyball. John is also a member of the St. Mark Men's Club and is involved in several other parish events. John is very passionate about St. Mark; not only is he an alumnus and parishioner, but, both of his children are following in his footsteps as St. Mark Lions!

SPORTS

Sports Notes

<u>Event</u>	<u>Day of Week</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time, Location</u>
April 23-30			
Coed Track	Sunday (4/25)	Nativity Inv.	12:00, Franklin Cent. HS
34 Kickball	Monday (4/26)	OL Greenwood	5:00, St. Mark
34 Kickball	Thursday (4/29)	Holy Cross	5:00, St. Mark

St. Mark All Sports Banquet – Mark your calendars for the St. Mark Athletic Banquet scheduled for Thursday, May 20 at 6:00. The banquet is open to all Lion CYO athletes, Southside Flag Football League players, parents and coaches. A program will be held in the church sanctuary followed by a catered banquet in the cafeteria. Registration for Fall sports (tackle football, kickball, HS volleyball, cross-country, flag football & cheerleading) and uniform returns will also occur at the banquet. Please contact Patrick Collier at 881-0316 or collierfamily8@att.net for more information.

Roncalli Summer Sports Camps - Registration for Roncalli Summer Sports Camps is now underway. Roncalli is offering 16 different sports camps this summer and the registration fee is \$50 per camp. Brochures may be found on the Roncalli High School web site at http://www.roncalli.org/athletics/Summer_Sports_Camps.pdf.

SOUTH DEANERY CYO NIGHT: Roncalli Boys' Volleyball on Tuesday, April 27. JV will be at 6:00 and Varsity at 7:00. There will be FREE admission for all Grade School Students. There will also be FREE pizza, popcorn, drinks and door prizes. There will be entertainment by Roncalli's very own SUBTONIC. Come see the 5th ranked Rebels take on Plainfield in a fast paced exciting match. For more information, contact Steve Battiato at 506-0180 or steve@battiato.org.