



SAINT MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The Bridge

April 30, 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,

We have made it through many adversities at school this year that have helped us to become stronger as a school. We made it through H1N1, ants, bad weather, flooding in the cafeteria, last Friday's lockdown and many other adversities. It is said that through adversity grows strength. I am constantly amazed of the resilience of our students, parents, and staff to work together and overcome adversity. We have had families with financial hardships, people in Haiti, and Holy Family Shelter that have benefited from our students, parents, and parishioners' generosity. At St. Mark we will continue to work with every person that wants to come to SMCS and needs help.

The second grade students did a great job at First Communion Mass last Sunday. It was great to see all of the family members in attendance and the church filled with people praying for our second graders and all that received communion. Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they grow in the faith.

The 2010-2011 tuition schedule is attached to this edition of The Bridge. For the first time in 2 years tuition was increased. The Finance Committee raised tuition only enough to help cover costs and keep the school running efficiently. We are continuing to enroll new students and our Pre-Kindergarten class is over half- full already. We will be sending out FACTS forms in the next few weeks; please have them completed and returned by June 5th. In order to receive the parishioner rate, the Finance Committee reminds parents they must be registered as a member of the parish in the parish office. If you have any questions about your status, please check with the parish office.

We look forward to the May Crowning Mass next Friday, May 7th at 9:00 am. We will recognize Mary and our 8th grade mothers. We invite all parents to attend this Mass. 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. The cost of the 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 order form that was sent home last week. 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

FUNDRAISING

MARKET DAY ORDER FORMS are attached to the newsletter. Please return to school by Tuesday, May 11. Internet orders are due by 11 pm CST on Friday, May 14. Pick-up will be Wednesday, May 19 from 5:15 – 6:15 pm in the Music Room.

FROM THE CAFETERIA

LUNCH MENU – MAY 3rd WEEK

Mon. – Chicken tenders, spiral fries, broccoli & cauliflower pieces, applesauce

Tues. – Corn dog, tator tots, garden salad, peach slices

Wed. – Deli turkey wrap(cold), baked chips, carrot & celery sticks, pear pieces

Thurs. – Beef sticks, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, apple crisp

Fri. – Chicken fajita, soft tortilla, rice pilaf, lettuce, tomato, salsa, mandarin oranges

SPORTS

Sports Notes

<u>Event</u>	<u>Day of Week</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time, Location</u>
April 30 – May 7			
Coed Track	Sunday (5/2)	St. Jude Inv.	1:00, Roncalli HS

St. Mark CYO Fall Sports Registration - Registration is now underway for all Fall sports. St. Mark athletic programs are open to all parish youth, not just St. Mark school students. Fall sports include tackle football (2-8), flag football (K-2), cheerleading (3-8), kickball (4-8), cross-country (5-8), and high school volleyball (9-12). CYO grade school sports registration deadline is June 30, high school volleyball deadline is August 6 and flag football deadline is August 20. 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.

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.