



SAINT MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The Bridge

MAY 14, 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,

As we start to enjoy the springtime, I want to thank each one of you that took time to answer the short survey that was sent out in Homework Watcher this week. We had many surveys sent back with praise for our school and suggestions for areas of improvement. As we get more surveys completed, we will analyze the data and see what positive changes we can make to better our school. If you have not taken the survey, it only takes a few minutes to complete.

We were very blessed to award more people with tuition assistance than ever before. As a Catholic School we hope to help all that we can to become educated with a Christ-centered education. Thanks to everyone who sold discount cards and have put money in the tuition assistance envelopes at church. Your generosity has been felt by many in a positive way!

Everyone should have received their 2010-2011 FACTS contracts in the mail this week. Please check for correctness and fill all parts of the contract out completely. Sign the FACTS form and return it by June 5th. If you did not receive the FACTS contract, please call the office immediately at 786-4013.

IMPORTANT DATE CHANGES

The final all school Mass will be Thursday, June 3rd at 9:00 am. with the school awards to follow at 10:00 am. All parents are invited! We are moving the Field Day to the Friday, June 4th (the last day of school). Once again the 7th grade students will be organizing and putting on the Field Day. Grades K-3 will attend the field day from 8:30 am – 9:50 am (lunch from 11:00-11:30) and grades 4-6 will attend from 10:00am- 11:20 am. (lunch from 11:30-Noon) **WE WILL DISMISS AT 12:30 PM ON FRIDAY, JUNE 4TH!** There is no aftercare on the last day of school. More info on the Field Day will be forthcoming.

And lastly, I have had the great fortune to give 8 tours to new families this week alone. Our full-day pre-K is close to filling up as well as Kindergarten. As suggested by some parents last fall, we will be having a special orientation day for new parents and students before school starts next fall. I will be looking for current parents to help with that day and to answer any questions the new parents and students may have. I want to thank you in advance for your help. I attribute the increased interest in SMCS to you the parents for helping to spread our positive message.

On a personal note, my two daughters, Sophie (1st) and Grace (6th) will be attending St. Mark Catholic School next year. My wife's only concern is the Principal! (Just kidding) We look even more forward to becoming part of the St. Mark Catholic School family. Have a great weekend!

God Bless,

Rusty Albertson
Principal
St. Mark Catholic School

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

FACTS FORMS for the 2010-2011 school year were sent out this week. Please be sure to fill in the month of the first payment (July or August), number of payments (10 or 12), amount of each payment, and check the 5th or 20th of the month.

FACTS offers a convenient credit card payment option. If you are interested in paying by credit card, call the school office at 786-4013 and a form will be sent home to you.

If you are planning on making a one-time payment instead of making monthly payments to FACTS, please send in your payment to the school office before June 5.

UNIFORMS: If you would like to donate your clean, gently-used uniforms, you can drop them off in the school. There will be a box outside of Room 8, across from Mr. Albertson's office. There will be a uniform exchange a week or two before school starts.

FUNDRAISING

MARKET DAY PICK UP will be next Wednesday, May 19, from 5:15 – 6:15 pm in the Music room.

FROM THE CAFETERIA

LUNCH MENU – MAY 17th WEEK

Mon. – French toast sticks, warm syrup, cheddar omelet, banana

Tues. – Chicken sticks, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple tidbits

Wed. – Breaded pork patty on bun, crinkle fries, lettuce, sliced tomato, pickle chips, applesauce

Thurs. – Tacos, soft tortilla shell, rice pilaf, mandarin oranges

Fri. – Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, garden salad, mixed fruit

SPECIAL THANKS TO ...

- ☺ The Cleary family for paper for After Care
- ☺ The Eric Johnson family for the sweet rolls for the teachers
- ☺ The PTG for providing lunch for the teachers last Friday

SPORTS

Sports Notes

<u>Event</u>	<u>Day of Week</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time, Location</u>
May 14-21			
Coed Track	Friday (5/14)	City Field Events	5:00, IUPUI
Coed Track	Saturday (5/15)	City Running Events	9:00, IUPUI
Coed Track	Wed'day (5/19)	City Finals	5:00, IUPUI
Sports Banquet	Thursday (5/20)	All Sports	6:00, St. Mark

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.

Roncalli Alumni and Friends Golf League: Winding River G.C. will be home for the Roncalli Alumni and Friends second annual Golf League beginning with a practice round on Wednesday evening, May 26 with a 6:00pm shotgun start. Play will continue every Wednesday for 8 weeks through July 21. Get a partner and sign up your team at Winding River, on-line at www.windingrivergc.com <<http://www.windingrivergc.com>> , with Gary Armbruster at garmbruster@roncallihs.org <<mailto:garmbruster@roncallihs.org>> or at 787-8277 ext 242.

Roncalli Alumni Basketball League: The Roncalli Alumni Association is sponsoring the 7th Annual Roncalli Alumni Basketball League. The league fee is \$395 per team which will include 8 regular season games, a post season tournament and an Alumni Basketball T-Shirt.

Please turn in team rosters, as well as team entry fees to Roncalli High School by May 21. Entry fees must be turned in at this time. Team schedules will be e-mailed to the team captain and an alternate captain by May 30, 2010. The season will begin on June 3, 2010

If you have any questions or comments concerning the basketball league, please contact league commissioner, Mike Matis at mdmatis22@hotmail.com or Director of Alumni Services, Gary Armbruster at 317.787.8277 ext. 242.

Roncalli Hosts Golf Outing: Fore-get work! Grab your foursome and join Roncalli alumni and friends for an outstanding day of golf, fun and bragging rights. The 2010 Roncalli High School Alumni and Friends Golf Outing will be played at Winding River G.C., on Friday, June 11, 2010. Winding River G.C. offers a taste of the south with beautiful rolling terrain and breathtaking backdrops. Tree lined fairways and protected Audubon nature areas give this course a unique country feel. Shotgun start is at 1 p.m. at \$110 per person which includes a SuperTicket for entry into all the side games, raffle tickets and mulligans. Corporate sponsorships are available for \$250.

For more information, contact Gary Armbruster at 787-8277 or garmbruster@roncallihs.org to reserve your foursome.

