



SAINT MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The Bridge

MAY 21, 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,

It saddens me that today is the last all school Mass that our 8th graders will attend. I would like to share with you my thoughts and feelings on our graduating 8th graders. Shortly after I took the Principal position last summer, I heard some negative things about our incoming 8th graders. I chose not to listen to those comments and to form my own opinion based on my experiences with them.

I found that our 8th grade, even though small in numbers, is a class that likes each other. They are a class that at the beginning of the year needed some assurances that we, as a staff, were here to help them succeed. Like all of us, they have had progression and they have taken steps back, but the improvement that they have made over the course of the year has been great. In my 20 plus years in education, I have not been around a group of students that I thoroughly enjoy as much as our 8th graders. They are witty, intelligent, loving, giving, humorous (not always at the right time!) and are ready for the next step in their path He has laid down for them.

My challenge for the 8th grade students is to continue to seek a closer relationship with God. To turn to scripture when they are lost. To attend Mass and listen with reverence to the word of the Lord. To allow God to use them in ways that will help others. To grow and mature into young adults that challenge others to put Christ into their lives. My challenge for all of us is to help them along the way. I see our current 8th graders going on to the high school of their choice and growing with many new academic, extracurricular and spiritual challenges. I wish them nothing but the best in the future. They have made my first year at St. Mark Catholic School one that has allowed me to continue to grow as a person and an administrator.

A warm welcome goes out to all of the new families that have enrolled their children at St. Mark Catholic School. We are anxious to make you a part of our school family. We have a few spots left in our full day Pre-Kindergarten class and we look forward to this class as being a positive part of our growth as a school.

A reminder that all FACTS forms are due by June 5th to the school office. There is a \$75 charge for FACTS forms turned in after June 5th. Thanks in advance for all of those that have already returned their FACTS forms. Have a great weekend!

God Bless,

Rusty Albertson
Principal
St. Mark Catholic School

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS for the 2010-2011 school year are attached to the newsletter. Meningococcal information is also attached to the newsletter and the vaccine can be given through the Marion County Health Department for \$10.00. **All 6th, 7th & 8th grade students are required to have the meningococcal (MCV4) vaccine and the Tdap vaccine (pertussis booster).** Information letter regarding Pertussis (whooping cough) was sent home in January.

ELAINE JERRELL RETIREMENT RECEPTION AT RONCALLI

Roncalli High School will hold a reception in the school's media center from 3:30 – 6:00 PM on Monday, May 24 to honor Elaine Jerrell, who is retiring at the end of this school year after 32 years of teaching at Roncalli. The reception is open to the public so current students and families, alumni, parents of alumni and friends of Elaine and Roncalli are invited to come and extend your thanks and well wishes to Elaine.

FUNDRAISING

MARKET DAY NEWS: Thank you for your Market Day orders in May. The PTG earned \$140.25. So far this school year the PTG has earned \$1,707.92. June's sale is the last sale of the school year. Be sure to stock up for the summer! Market Day will resume in September. Internet orders for June's sale must be placed by 11 p.m. on Friday 6/11. Pick-up will be Wednesday 6/16. For more information contact Dawn Collier at 319-3061 or collierfamily8@att.net.

FROM THE CAFETERIA

LUNCH MENU – MAY 24th WEEK

Mon. – Chicken hipp dipp, macaroni & cheese, sweet peas, garden salad, pear slices

Tues. – Penne pasta w/meat sauce, garlic breadstick, Caesar salad, pineapple tidbits

Wed. – Hamburger on bun, fries, cole slaw, chocolate chip cookie, mixed fruit

Thurs. – Corn dog, tator tots, peach slices

Fri. – Chicken nuggets, cheesy potatoes, sweet peas, applesauce

SPECIAL THANKS TO ...

- ☺ The Maloney family for the coffee for the teachers last Friday
- ☺ Lori Daniel for all of her help with the Pre-K graduation
- ☺ The Market Day volunteers in March, April, and May. Miss SeEVERS was the sponsoring teacher in March. March volunteers were: Sam and Carol Bramlett; Joseph and James Hines; Jennifer Holloran; and Calvin Swift. Mrs. Murray was the sponsoring teacher in April. April volunteers were Jody Cleary and Jeff Fryar. Mrs. Bednarz and Mrs. Cheek were the sponsoring teachers for May. May volunteers were Aimee, Paris and Ariel Johnson; Natalie and Eric Bednarz. Thank you to Erin Fuhrman for making pick-up reminder calls in March, April, and May.

SPORTS

Sports Notes

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.

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.