



SAINT MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The Bridge

MAY 28, 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,

This will be the last edition of the Bridge for the 2009-2010 school year and I want to convey my sincere thanks to all of the parents that have entrusted us with the educational and spiritual development of their children. We are blessed to have parents that volunteer their time to help our school and make St. Mark Catholic School a leader of faith based education on the southside of Indianapolis.

Next Friday we will be sending home report cards along with NWEA test reports and a document that will allow you to login and see your child's ISTEP scores from this spring. Also a reminder that next Friday we will release at 12:30 pm. There will be no aftercare next Friday.

As a first year principal I have made mistakes and I have tried to learn from them. There are many aspects of our school that need improvement from raising test scores to raising the level of respect that our students show to each other and adults. We will continue to address problems such as bullying, punctuality, language and reverence. At SMCS we have problems like any other school, but how we react, how we face the issues, how we respond and how we improve from each problem will help make us a better school. We will continue to be proactive in facing problems by modeling good behavior from our staff and our students, by raising our expectations of ourselves, and by living the words of the Gospel each day.

But when I think of this year I will always think of the tremendous growth in our staff as a cohesive unit. I will always remember the outstanding efforts and performances our students had in athletics, musicals, academic competitions, classroom accomplishments and in their spiritual growth. I will remember the high fives, Christmas treats, drawings for my walls and morning greetings from each class. I look forward to our growth. I look forward to the challenges that lie ahead for us. I look forward to watching your boys and girls become young men and women of God.

As we head into the last week of school, I ask for your continued prayers and support of our parish and our school. Our job as parents is to provide the best opportunity for our children, and I think we are on the right track! Good luck to the 8th graders at high school and have a great safe summer. We finish the year as we started: "Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love." 1 Cor. 16: 13-14

Thanks and God Bless,

Rusty Albertson
Principal
St. Mark Catholic School

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

PTG: Our new PTG officers for next school year will be: Jeff Fryar, President; Chad Fuhrman, Vice President; Christine Geier, Secretary; Jennifer O’Neill, Treasurer.

Thank you to Mary Ann Schoettle, Jeff Fryar, Christine Geier and Stephanie Hornek who served this school year.

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 were attached to the newsletter last week. Meningococcal information was 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.

Students in 6th, 7th & 8th also need a second Varicella immunization.

SUMMER SKILLS BOOKS: Summer Skills Review Books are being sent home today.

SUPPLY LIST & DRESS CODE will be attached to the newsletter on June 4.

LOST & FOUND: There are **6 boxes**, plus a small file cabinet full of lost articles in the office. There are some nice sweatshirts which will be put in the uniform exchange if they are not claimed. The rest of the items will be given to St. Vincent de Paul.

FUNDRAISING

MARKET DAY ORDER FORMS are attached to the newsletter. Please return to school by Tuesday, June 8. Internet orders are due by 11pm CST on Friday, June 11. Market Day pick-up will be on Wednesday, June 16, from 5:15 -6:15 pm in the Music Room.

SCRIP: Just a reminder that you can still order Scrip gift cards over the summer after every weekend mass. Let's continue to support this program so that all children get the chance to reap the benefits of a St. Mark education.

FROM THE CAFETERIA

LUNCH MENU – MAY 31st WEEK

Mon. – MEMORIAL DAY –NO SCHOOL

Tues. – Cheese Pizza

Wed. – Chicken Patty on a bun

Thurs. – Tacos

Fri. – Field Day – Hot dog on bun, baked Lay’s chips, carrot sticks, chocolate chip cookie, fruit juice

SPECIAL THANKS TO ...

☺ All of our volunteers. We really appreciate all that you do for St. Mark Catholic School

SPORTS

Sports Notes

St. Mark CYO Athletic Program Helps to Build Leaders - The St. Mark Athletic Committee (SMAC) administers quality CYO athletic programs open to all parish youth, not just St. Mark school students. Lion sports programs have prepared parish youth for high school and college competition for many years. The quality of our programs is demonstrated by the following Lion alumni who are currently competing at the collegiate level:

Thad Corcoran (St. Joseph College Rugby), Chris Daniel (Wabash College Football), Jacquelyn Dossey (Marian University Track), Jonathan Dossey (University of Indianapolis Track), Augie Hibner (Marian University Football), John Keevers (Marian University Football), Bethany Kern (Centenary College Volleyball), Brianna Kern (Centenary College Volleyball), Sean Koesters (Hanover College Soccer), Matt Masengale (Indiana State University Football), Jenny Merkel (St. Joseph College Soccer & Track), Sarah Merkel (St. Joseph College Soccer & Track), Chad Merrill (Morton College Baseball), Mallory Opel (Union College Basketball), Kaylee Schembra (Ball State University Volleyball), Paul Strack (Franklin College Baseball), Katelyn Walker (DePauw University Basketball) & Paige Weber (University of Arizona Volleyball & US Junior National Team)

We are currently registering athletes for tackle football (Grades 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.