



SAINT MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The Bridge

August 20, 2010

POSITIVE ATTITUDES

COURAGE

PATIENCE

WISDOM

PEACEFUL WAYS

ST MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL...FAITH IN EVERY CHILD

Parents,

What a difference a year makes. As we start this school year, I want to thank all of you for your support and prayers for our school. Beginning my second year as principal at St. Mark, I was very glad to see the growth that our students had made over the summer. All of our students were ready to begin this school year with a good attitude and a focus that will allow them to prepare themselves academically, spiritually and socially.

We have several new faces in our school and I appreciate how our students, parents and staff have welcomed them to the St. Mark family. With our new 25 full day pre-kindergarten students in our building, we continue to build a strong foundation in our students and help them begin their school career at St. Mark Catholic School in a positive, Christ centered way. We welcome Mrs. MacGregor as our new pre-kindergarten teacher, Miss Eid as our new middle school language arts teacher and Miss Cox as she teaches 2nd grade while Mrs. English is on maternity leave.

We will have back to school night on Tuesday, August 24th at 6:30 pm. Our back to school night will begin in the church at 6:30 pm with a welcome followed by a PTG meeting. Parents will then come to school and meet their children's teachers. If you have a need for a longer conversation with any staff member, please feel free to make an appointment with them at another time so everyone can meet the staff members. After we sent our calendar out, we realized that the back to school night is the same day and time for Virtus training. I would suggest that any parent that will be coaching CYO, volunteering at school or any other activity that involves children at church or school to attend the Virtus training in the cafeteria.

As the warm weather continues, we have several classrooms that are air conditioned available for the teachers that need to have a cooler environment because of the heat for their class. The media center (Library), resource room, band room, and computer labs are all air conditioned rooms. The gym and the church are also air conditioned and the cafeteria is a cool place because of its location. All students are encouraged to bring water bottles to keep hydrated and if you want to loan a fan to your children's classroom, just email the teacher to see if they need any extra fans. Thanks for your help and patience!

We will have our first all school Mass on Friday at 9:00 am and our first pep session on Friday at 2:40 pm. Parents are welcomed to attend one or both. We look forward to a great year and hope you can come and be a part of your children's education at St. Mark Catholic!

Thanks and God Bless,

Rusty Albertson
Principal
St. Mark Catholic School

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

RIDE NEEDED after school for 3 children to Perry Manor Homes at Edgewood & McFarland weeks of Sept. 13-17 and Sept. 20-24. Mom is having surgery. If you can help, please call 786-1867.

CUB SCOUT PACK 92 BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT: St. Mark Cub Scout Pack 92 is looking for boys in grades 1-5 to join our Pack. Come learn about scouting and meet the leaders. We will have information for the parents and activities for the boys. If you or your son is interested in scouting, please join us at 7 p.m. on August 31st in the church basement to learn more. If you have any questions please contact Molly Burns at 317-440-6071.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: St. Mark Family Picnic is Sunday, August 22nd at The Shelter Houses at the main Beech Grove Park in Beech Grove. Mass will be at 4:00 pm and the pitch-in will start at 5:00 pm. Chicken and tableware will be provided. Please bring a covered side-dish, your favorite beverage and lawn chairs!! Fun for the entire family.

FROM THE CAFETERIA

LUNCH MENU - AUGUST 23rd WEEK

Mon. – French toast sticks, cheddar omelet, orange wedges

Tues. – Hamburger on bun, French fries, sliced tomatoes, applesauce

Wed. – Chicken sticks, macaroni & cheese, carrot sticks, sliced pears

Thurs. – Beef & cheese burrito, Mexican rice, shredded lettuce, diced tomatoes, peach slices

Fri. – Penne pasta w/meat sauce, garlic roll, Caesar salad, mixed fruit

A discounted lunch ticket is available this semester for the time period of August 18 to December 17. The full price is \$186.75. Discounted price is \$180.00 per student. If you already purchased a ticket (5) but would like to take advantage of this offer, you may purchase the \$180 ticket through Friday, August 27.

We will subtract the amount that you have already spent on tickets this year. You may send in payment with your child or lunch tickets will be sold prior to school on Monday, August 23. Call the Cafeteria at 781-6468 for more information.

SPECIAL THANKS TO ...

☺ The Candler family for the paper for After Care

SPORTS

Sports Notes:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Day of Week</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time, Location</u>
August 16-20			
56 Kickball	Thursday (8/19)	St. Christopher	5:00, St. Mark
Cadet Kickball	Thursday (8/19)	Nativity	6:00, St. Mark
4 Kickball	Friday (8/20)	St. Barnabas	5:00, St. Barnabas
August 20-27			
4 Kickball	Friday (8/20)	St. Barnabas	5:00, St. Barnabas
Cadet Kickball	Monday (8/23)	OL Greenwood	5:00, OL Greenwood
56 Kickball	Monday (8/23)	St. Jude	6:00, St. Jude
4 Kickball	Tuesday (8/24)	St. Jude	6:00, St. Jude
Cadet Kickball	Thursday (8/26)	Holy Name	5:00, St. Mark
4 Kickball	Thursday (8/26)	St. Susanna	6:00, St. Mark
56 Kickball	Friday (8/27)	OL Greenwood	5:00, OL Greenwood

St. Mark CYO Girl's Basketball Registration - Registration for girls' basketball (Grades 4-8) is now underway. The girls' basketball registration deadline is September 2. St. Mark registration and CYO physical exam forms are available in the church narthex, parish office, school office, and the school and parish web sites. Registration for CYO sports now is a two-step process. You must register for each sport using a St. Mark registration form PLUS complete a CYO registration. CYO registration is performed online at www.cyoarchindy.org. Follow the "Register Child" link and complete the information requested. Please contact Patrick Collier at 881-0316 or collierfamily8@att.net for more information.

Southside Flag Football League - St. Mark Athletic Committee is accepting flag football registration for 2010. Boys and girls entering grades K-2 are eligible to play and the registration fee is \$55.00. Registration forms can be downloaded from the St. Mark web site "CYO Athletics" page located at www.stmarkindy.org and returned to the St. Mark Parish Office by August 20. Practices will begin on September 7 with the first games scheduled for September 18. Games are held on Saturdays at St. Mark except for the final weekend games will be held at Roncalli High School. For further information, please contact Patrick Collier at collierfamily8@att.net.

RONCALLI TO COMPETE IN CHICK FIL A CHALLENGE: Roncalli High School will be participating in the Chick-Fil-A Challenge against Franklin Central High School beginning on Saturday, August 21, 2010 through Friday, August 27, 2010 with their annual football game against Franklin Central.

The Chick-Fil-A restaurant located at 5240 E. Southport Road will be decorated in support of Roncalli on one side, the other half for Franklin Central. As customers place their order, **a flyer from either school must be presented.** Roncalli flyers are available at the school's website, www.roncalli.org. Both schools will receive a generous portion of the proceeds, courtesy of Chick-Fil-A at halftime of the football game. The school with the highest sales total, will also receive the Chick-Fil-A Challenge traveling trophy.

Come out and support your Rebels during the Chick-Fil-A Challenge! For questions or for more information, please contact Roncalli at 787.8277 ext 242.

