



SAINT MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The Bridge

September 2, 2010

POSITIVE ATTITUDES

COURAGE

PATIENCE

WISDOM

PEACEFUL WAYS

ST MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL...FAITH IN EVERY CHILD

Parents,

I want to use this issue of the bridge to extend an invitation for you to be a big part of your children's education. Homework, tests and quizzes are only a small part of what your child does here at St. Mark. We have high expectations of each student, just like you the parent does with your children at home. While much of our focus is on academic growth, we also focus on spiritual and social growth of every student in our school.

Our staff takes advantage of being in a Catholic school to interject our faith and our love into all of their lessons. Without these moments of faith interjection, we would just be another private school teaching academics. I have seen a tremendous, positive change in many of our students this year, and I attribute the positive change to you the parents. Your expectations, your support of our school and our staff, your sacrifices to send your children to receive a faith filled education are all contributors to a significant, positive, Christ filled change in our students. Keep up the good work!

I would ask that you keep in communication with teachers and staff to know what is going on in the classroom. Come to school and volunteer for cafeteria or recess duty. Ask the teacher what you can do to help or what they may need in their classroom that you can help with. Your presence, your communication, your aid to the teacher will resonate with your children and they will realize that you are the primary teacher in their life. Your ability to continue and further what is being taught in the classroom is vital to your children reaching their full potential.

And finally I ask that you bring your children to Mass on the weekend. This is the most singular way that your children will know that you are with them in the most important growth they will ever experience, their spiritual growth. Sit down with your child and ask them "How is your relationship with God?" and then be prepared to have a great conversation with them that will change both of your lives. We can find many reasons why we don't attend Mass, but one reason to attend is far more important, your children!

I made it through an entire Bridge without mentioning the magazine sale (whoops!). I appreciate your growing support and love that you have for your children and look forward to working together to prepare them for life here and after.

God Bless,

Rusty Albertson
Principal
St. Mark Catholic School

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

EIGHTH GRADE FUNDRAISER: The Eighth Grade Class will be serving breakfast at O'Charley's located on Emerson and Southport Road on September 25 from 8:00 am to 10:00 am. They will be serving scrambled eggs, sausage, toast, pancakes and a drink. The cost is \$5.00. Tickets are limited so please contact any eighth grade student.

Please come and help support the eighth graders in raising money for their class trip. If you have any questions, please contact Leighann at 956-3564 or kindly08@yahoo.com.

BAND STUDENTS will start band on Wednesday, September 8.

Jump Into Motion Dance Academy will once again be offering dance classes at St. Mark's after school on Monday's beginning the Monday after Labor Day in September. Below is the class schedule.

Mondays-Ballet, Jazz and Tap

3:15-3:45 PreK and Kindergarten

3:45-4:15 6 year olds and up

Classes are \$22/month. Family discounts are available. Registration forms can be printed from our website and can be mailed with check or money order or you can fax the form and pay online through our website with PayPal. If you have any questions please email ccumbee@jumpintomotion.com or call the office at 317-536-5085.

FUNDRAISING

MAGAZINE SALE: The early turn in date is Tuesday, September 7. Cash draw awards will count double for magazines turned in by Tuesday. Candy day will be Wednesday, September 8.

Every student who sells 7 magazines by September 13 will be eligible for the drawing for the Apple iPad. If you have any questions on the magazine sale, please contact Jennifer Skojac at: jsko9@sbcglobal.net.

SCRIP: To place your scrip order online simply go to www.shopwithscrip.com and click on "Create an Account." Follow four simple steps and click "I Accept." Enter the following enrollment code: 5EA7C28B3L75 and click "Join." From there you can start shopping 24 hrs. a day 7 days a week.

We will be having our first scrip contest starting on Tuesday, September 7th through Friday, October 1st. The homeroom that sells the highest dollar amount of scrip gift cards will receive a pizza party courtesy of the St. Mark Scrip program. Nicole Jaeger will post where each homeroom stands weekly in the Bridge.

By supporting the scrip program you can help defray the cost of your child's tuition as well as helping all children being able to reap the benefits of a St. Mark education

FROM THE CAFETERIA

LUNCH MENU – SEPTEMBER 6TH WEEK

Mon. – NO SCHOOL

Tues. – Cheddar omelet, sausage patty, hash brown potato, banana

Wed. – Chicken nuggets, macaroni & cheese, sweet peas, sliced peaches

Thurs. – Chicken fajita, rice pilaf, diced tomatoes, pear slices

Fri. – Pepperoni pizza, warm breadstick, Caesar salad, mixed fruit

SPORTS

Sports Notes

<u>Event</u>	<u>Day of Week</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time, Location</u>
September 2-10			
Cadet Kickball	Thursday (9/2)	St. Jude	5:00, St. Jude
56 Football	Saturday (9/4)	St. Jude	12:55, Greenwood MS
56 Football	Saturday (9/4)	Ss. Francis & Clare	1:45, Greenwood MS
Cadet Football	Saturday (9/4)	Holy Name	4:30, Greenwood MS
Cadet Football	Saturday (9/4)	St. Barnabas	4:55, Greenwood MS
56 Kickball	Tuesday (9/7)	St. Susanna	6:00, St. Mark
Cadet Kickball	Tuesday (9/7)	St. Malachy	6:00, St. Malachy
4 Kickball	Wednesday (9/8)	St. Roch	6:00, St. Roch
56 Kickball	Thursday (9/9)	Holy Angels	5:00, Holy Cross
Cadet Kickball	Friday (9/10)	St. Barnabas	5:00, St. Mark
4 Kickball	Friday (9/10)	St. Malachy	6:00, St. Mark

Jamboree

St. Mark CYO Basketball Registration - Registration for grade school basketball (Grades 4-8) is now underway. The girls' basketball registration deadline is September 2 and the boy's basketball registration deadline is October 7. 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.

RONCALLI VOLLEYBALL CYO NIGHT: Roncalli Rebels versus Cardinal Ritter on Tuesday, September 7. The Freshmen will begin at 4:30 pm, Junior Varsity at 5:30 pm and Varsity at 6:30 pm. There will be pizza, drinks and door prizes. All CYO students are admitted for free.

The Roncalli High School Parents Organization invites everyone to the annual Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, September 17, 2010 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the school's cafeteria prior to the Rebels football game. Full spaghetti dinners with salad, drinks and dessert will be served at a cost of \$6 per person or \$25 per family. All proceeds support the students, families and teachers at Roncalli.

