



SAINT MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The Bridge

February 3, 2012

POSITIVE ATTITUDES

COURAGE

PATIENCE

WISDOM

PEACEFUL WAYS

ST MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL.....FAITH IN EVERY CHILD

Parents,

Super Bowl, Catholic Schools Week (CSW), and Super Weather... what a week it has been! It is not very often that we have 60 degrees and sunny days for CSW, and the Super Bowl ten minutes away from our school in the same week, but we will take it. We had many activities that made this week special and while Catholic School across the country celebrated this week, we continued to celebrate in ways that were unique to our school and parish community.

The spaghetti supper kicked off the week by providing a meal for our parish and school families and a chance to break bread with some old friends that we don't always get to see. Our students, staff and parents stepped up and provided a delicious meal to all in attendance. Examples of student work were on display in Schafer Hall after all Masses and students did a great job at 9:30am Mass with the readings, gifts and as hospitality host.

The week continued with dress up days that promoted spirit, special morning announcements about Catholic Schools, prizes for students, music as students came into the building, movies, popcorn, gifts, posters, hall decorations, talent show, ice cream treats at lunch and many other fun activities. With everything that we did special for CSW, we continued to improve on our academics, we continued to strive to be better Christians, and we continued to be servants for God and His people.

As we host the Super Bowl this weekend, many of you have traveled downtown to see the transformation that our city has made to host this huge event. We can't help but to take pride in how our city became the "center of the universe" if only for this weekend. We may see some new faces from out of town in church this weekend, we may see some famous celebrities downtown, we may even see some of our football heroes at the big game, but as we go about enjoying this piece of Americana, let's continue to be examples of Christ with our kindness to those that need it, even after the game has left our town.

This week has been special and we will remember it for many years. I encourage you to use this time to reinforce Christ's teachings with your children, to be great examples for them throughout the weekend, and to not yell at the TV when your team gets beat in the playoffs (that one was for me!). I love sports. It teaches toughness, character, a strong work ethic, and organization. While it was a coincidence that we had CSW and Super Bowl week at the same time, we enjoyed the dual celebration and will carry this feeling throughout the school year. Be proud of our school and be proud of our city. What an exciting time to live in Indy! See you at Mass (with some Patriots and Giant fans!).

Thanks and God Bless,

Rusty Albertson
Principal
St. Mark Catholic School

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT FEBRUARY DATES:

- Feb. 10** - St. Mark Dinner Dance – Atrium, 7:00 pm
15 – 3rd Quarter Progress Reports
15 – St. Mark Catholic School Open House – School, 5:00 – 7:00 pm
17 - **Staff Development** – Students dismissed at 1:00 pm – **No After Care**
20 – **President’s Day, No School (Snow Make Up Day)**
22 – **Ash Wednesday Mass**, Church, 9:00 am
24 – Men’s Club Fish Fry – Schafer Hall, 5:00 pm

FUNDRAISING

St. Mark’s Dinner Dance Themed Baskets – Friday, February 10, 2012!!

We are coming close to the deadline for donations for your child’s class theme! Please help with your child’s basket theme by sending in donated items that relate to their theme!!! The Parent Organizers will pick up the donated items from the classrooms! Exactly what is the Themed Baskets? They are table displays and we have divided the Themed Baskets by grades and *we* donate items towards that theme, whichever grade your child is in. ***Our goal is to have every child in St Mark School donate at least one item or one gift card – we will even take cash donations!!*** Information that we have to date is as follows

GRADES	THEMES	PARENT ORGANIZER(S)
6 th , 7 th & 8 th Grades	“Gardening”	Jenny and Bob Jones
4 th & 5 th Grades	“What’s For Dinner?”	Molly Burns & Angie Runholt
2 nd & 3 rd Grades	“Pampering You!”	Tamara and Greg Candler
Pre-K, Kindergarten & 1 st CRHP	“Man Cave/Do It Yourself”	Tricia Seddon and Aimee Johnson
Men’s Club	“Cheers”	Jesse Cleary
Teacher’s Basket	“St Mark Spirit”	Staff

Friday, February 3, 2012 in the after school pick-up line – we will have a volunteer ready to pick up Themed Baskets Donations of any size! Especially the large donations!!! OR, call Jesse and Jody Cleary at 788-9624 and they will come and pick it up for you!

FROM THE CAFETERIA

LUNCH MENU – FEBRUARY 6th WEEK

- Mon.** – Pancakes, sausage, syrup, hash brown cukes & tomatoes, whole apple
Tues. – Turkey Manhattan – turkey w/mashed potatoes & gravy on sliced bread, green beans, fruit
Wed. – Hamburger on bun, oven fries, corn, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, fruit
Thurs. – Beef Nachos – seasoned beef, baked chips, cheese sauce, salsa, sour cream Spanish rice, romaine, tomato
Fri. – Pepperoni Pizza, breadstick, romaine salad, fruit
- Individual lunches are \$2.50 and a 5 punch lunch ticket is \$12.50.
 - Parents – If you have a change in your work status, you can fill out a Free or Reduced lunch application.

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SPORTS

Sports Notes

<u>Event</u>	<u>Day of Week</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time, Location</u>
February 3-10			
56 Volleyball	Saturday (2/4)	Holy Spirit Geist	10:00, Holy Spirit Geist
4 Volleyball	Wed'day (2/8)	Holy Cross	5:45, St. Mark
Cadet Volleyball	Wed'day (2/8)	St. Thomas More	6:30, St. Mark
K-4 Wrestling	Wed'day (2/8)	Beech Grove Inv.	6:00, Beech Grove HS
K-8 Wrestling	Thursday (2/9)	St. Barnabas	5:30, St. Barnabas

St. Mark CYO Spring Sports Registration - Registration is now underway for all Spring sports. St. Mark athletic programs are open to all parish youth, not just St. Mark school students. Spring sports include kickball (3-8), track (4-8), co-ed soccer (5-8), and baseball (7-8). CYO Spring sports registration deadline is February 22. 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 PLUS register for each sport on the CYO web site. CYO registration is performed online at www.cyoarchindy.org. Follow the "Register Child" and "Coach Registration" links and complete the information requested. Please contact Patrick Collier at 881-0316 or collierfamily8@att.net for more information.