



Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

The Barnes and Noble Bookfair was a GREAT Success!

Thanks to everyone who supported our
Barnes and Noble Bookfair in December!

Special thanks go out to all our students, staff, and parents who sang
carols and to "Santa" Csanda for story time.

We raised \$591.85
which almost doubles the library book buying budget!

Wow!

Thank you all!

Mrs. Swanke

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Helping Hands Christmas Tree

*New this year! We have a Helping Hands Christmas Tree that you can help
decorate with gloves and mittens for those in need. Anyone interested in
donating a new pair of gloves or mittens may bring them to school through
January 8. We will display them on the tree then give them to the Jesus House
to share with children in our neighborhood.*

Thanks for all you help and support!

Rock the Raffle!

Please help support Fr. Ric's raffle by selling or buying bunches of raffle tickets. They make the best Christmas presents, stocking stuffers and surprises in your Christmas Cards!
If you need more raffle tickets, just contact the school office and help us reach our goals.

We Did It!

\$40,000 in sales by Dec 15th =
Pajama Day on Dec. 18th

\$50,000 in sales by Dec. 21st =
Happy New Year on Jan 1st

We Did It!

**\$75,000 in sales by Jan. 12th =
Movie Morning on Jan. 15th**

\$100,000 in sales =
NO SCHOOL at SCHOOL Day TBA

Thank you and God bless you for all your help and support!

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The St. Mary's Athletic Association will be selling "vintage" jerseys for a \$5.00 donation. These jerseys can be purchased at upcoming home games or by contacting Kathleen Ely at elyfamily@verizon.net
There are a variety of sizes.

Fish Fry Information 2010

The fish fry dates are February 19th, March 5th and March 19

Let us start off by saying once again, Thank you for all you are about to do to make these fish fries a success. We cannot do this without the help and support of all our wonderful St Mary's Families.

Below is a list of areas and a description of what each area consists of:

Think about the area and the times you are available to work. We are in need of several volunteers in order to make this fish fry a success. Please fill out the attached document and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

Thursday evenings-the evening prior to each fish fry:

Setup 6:00pm Thursday until 9:00pm Thursday-in the gym

If you have any questions about any of the areas, please let us know. Thank you for your time and help. We hope you have a safe and happy holiday season. Merry Christmas

Friday the day of the fish fry:

Fish preparation 7:00am Friday until 12:00pm Friday-in the kitchen

- cleaning fish and storing in containers

Cutting cakes 8:00am Friday until 11:00am Friday-in the cafeteria

- cutting and wrapping all the cakes

Kitchen Area 1:00pm Friday until 8:00pm Friday-in the kitchen

- general preparation of food, potatoes, green beans, making grilled cheese

Hospitality Area 4:00pm Friday until 8:00pm Friday-in the gym

- greeting guests at the door, assisting guests by seating them and getting their food & drinks

Serving Area 4:00pm Friday until 8:00pm Friday-in the cafeteria

- working in the serving line, serving food to guests, washing & drying trays, refilling drinks and taking care of the tables on the stage area

Dining Area 4:00pm Friday until 8:00pm Friday-in the gym

- dining and seating area, refilling drinks to guests, trash removal, cleaning tables, working drink area

Kitchen Cleanup 7:00pm Friday until 9:00pm Friday-in the kitchen

- washing all dishes, wiping down work stations, general clean up of the kitchen

Shirleen Sapp phone: 275-5187 or email: shirleensapp@yahoo.com
Jason Stephens phone: 530-9438 or email: jasonstephens@verizon.net

Fish Fry Volunteer Form-2010

Volunteer

name(s): _____ phone
number: _____

Student's

name: _____ grade: _____

Date working: Circle all dates in which you will be working:

February 19th

March 5th

March 19th

Please select 3 different areas in which you would like to work (use 1 for the top choice, 3 for the last choice)

Thursday

Friday

Set up _____ 6:00pm-9:00pm
12:00pm

Fish Prep _____ 7:00am-

Baking _____ 6:00pm-9:00pm
8:00am-11:00am

Cutting cakes _____

8:00pm

Kitchen Area _____ 1:00pm-

Hospitality _____ 4:00pm-8:00pm

Attention all room moms:

It is that time of year again where we are asking for your help with the Fish Fries!

As in years past, we have asked each class to come up with a basket for the raffle prizes. This can be anything you would like. We have always had a lot of different themed baskets and they are well loved by the guests. Most of the time it's family members or friends of the students in the classroom that buy the most tickets.

The baskets should be complete by the morning of the first fish fry, which is Friday, February 19th.

Be creative, have some fun and please let Suzette Hawkins or myself know if you have any questions. Thanks for your time and help.

Shirleen Sapp 275-5187 or email:

shirleensapp@yahoo.com

Suzette Hawkins-3rd grade teacher: email

suzette.Hawkins@stmarysschool.net



Wintry weather is upon us and that means potential delays, travel challenges and possible school closings. If inclement weather is inevitable, be sure to listen to area radio stations or watch one of our local television channels for more information. The best sources include radio stations WJBC (1230AM), WBNO (101.5FM), B104 (104.1FM) or WTRX(93.7FM) and TV broadcasts on local affiliates WHOI(NBC) or WMBD(CBS).

If it is necessary to cancel school, we will also try to make a School Reach call to all our households as soon as possible. If you did not receive one of these calls from "your school principal" this past weekend (about sack lunches) then be sure to contact the school office so we can add you to our call list.

We will go outside at recess as often as possible.

We also ask that you please outfit your children for the colder weather. Warmer uniform selections - sweatpants under skirts or jumpers if necessary, coats with hoods, hats and gloves are all the best choices.

Please be informed, safe, healthy and happy throughout the winter season.

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Transportation Reimbursement

We have been notified by the State of Illinois that no funds are available for the Transportation Reimbursement program. The program is not discontinued; we can still apply for this school year.

As information becomes available to us, we will let you know.

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John Lancaster Spalding Scholarship Fund Grants

Information about the Spalding Scholarship Fund Grant procedures for the 2010-2011 school year is available on the Diocesan Web site www.cdop.org: Click on *Education*; then on *Office of Catholic Schools*; and then on *Spalding Scholarships*. The FACTS Grant & Aid Application is available at www.factstuitionaid.com.

Families of students currently receiving grants are reminded that all grants are for one year only. Everyone must re-apply. Application deadline is February 15, 2010. Notification of grant awards will be made by April 15th.