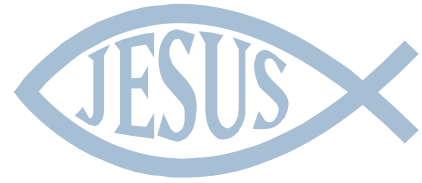




ST. MARY'S

Catholic Elementary School



Wednesday Word

March 3, 2010

Dear Parents, Teachers and Friends:

I want to take this opportunity to extend a great "THANK YOU" to all of our parents and teachers who have been participating in our school improvement process. Many have shared their input by completing surveys, attending meetings and presentations, participating in discussion groups, and assisting in revisiting and rewriting our school mission statement for next year. Your help and support is truly appreciated!

This process has helped us develop focal points for the future as we begin to write a formal school improvement plan for 2010-2011. One of the topics that has surfaced throughout our discussions is the possibility of "self-containing" our future 5th grade classes, similar to 3rd and 4th, moving the 5th grade to a classroom in the "new wing" and removing them from the current "junior high" departmentalized rotation. If you have any thoughts or feelings on this, especially if you are a current 2nd, 3rd or 4th grade parent, please feel free to give me a call, send an email, or bend my ear at the next Fish Fry!

I look forward to hearing from you and discussing the possibilities!

*Thanks,
Mr. C*

Wed. Mar 3	All School Mass – 6 th Grade
Fri. Mar 5	8-9am CCHS Music in the Schools
Fri. Mar 5	Fish Fry #2
Fri. Mar 5	Stations of the Cross 2:15
Fri. Mar 5	First Drama Club Meeting 3:15
Tue. Mar 9	4 th Grade to Springfield
Thur. Mar 11	1 st Communion Parent Meeting 6:30
Fri. Mar 12	Stations of the Cross 2:15
Sat & Sun. Mar 13 & 14	Boy Scout Pancake & Sausage Breakfast
Mon. Mar 15	Science Fair: Judging 1:00 – 2:50, Parents 5:00- 5:45
Fri. Mar 19	NO SCHOOL
Mon – Fri Mar. 22 – 26	No School Spring Break
Wed. & Thur Mar 24 & 25	Flingers Pizza / St. Mary's Spring Fling Fundraiser

If your student is participating in TRACK, you should have a daily schedule. Meets will be posted here, but not practices.

*Thank you to all the stakeholders
Who attended the
Home & School meeting on February 25.
Your input is helping us develop next year's School
Improvement Plan and achieve
Accreditation through the NCA.*

Susan Bassie	Crystal Beemsterboer	
Lacey Bordewick	Gina Collings	Rick Collings
Jessica Connour	Sharon Dixon	Angie Eagleton Kathleen Ely
Tim Ervin	Rhonda Friedrich	Taylor Friedrich
Jamie Hartrich	Suzette Hawkins	MaryJo Hull
LaReese Jeffries	Teresa Klaege	
Allison Kroesch	Carol O'Donnell	Lynda Rettick
Karie Ridinger	Shirleen Sapp	Lori Swearingen April
Vargas	Donna Zvonar	

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*Please complete your Fish Fry volunteer form and
return it to the office ASAP.*

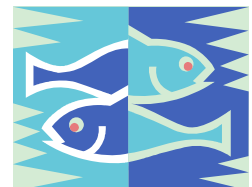
OR

To sign up to volunteer on-line:

Go to

<http://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=c.Signup&id=8606&mid=61595>

- Click on "New Users" on upper right*
- Fill in information*
- On Green Tab on top, click on "Find a Sign Up"*
- Enter the email "fishfry@stmarysschool.net "*
- Choose the Fish Fry you would like to sign-up for.*



Contact Ray or Katrina Alvarado with any questions: katrina6578@aim.com



****CALLING ALL FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN IN ATHLETICS****

Fish fry #2 and #3 are fast approaching and we will support athletics by selling soda at each one!

Specific sports are assigned to bring in a case of either: *Pepsi, diet Pepsi, coke, diet coke, mountain dew, or sprite.*

If your child has participated in:

SOFTBALL/TRACK- bring to Mrs. Hawkins' classroom by March 4.

BASKETBALL- bring in to Mrs. Hawkins' classroom by March 17.

VOLLEYBALL/CHEERLEADING- *worked the first sale and brought in cases of soda. THANK YOU! We raised \$92!!*

Thank you for supporting YOUR athletic programs!!!

Contact Mrs. Ely or Mrs. Hull to schedule a time to sell soda if you have not fulfilled your athletic parent service hour duties.

Maryjo.hull@stmarysschool.net

elyk@unit5.org

Consider Camp Ondessonk

A couple of weeks ago, a representative from Camp Ondessonk spoke to our kids about summer camps available. Here is a little more information.

Camp Ondessonk
Catholic Diocese of Belleville
3760 Ondessonk Road
Ozark, IL 62972
618-695-2489
Fax 618-695-3593
www.ondessonk.com

You can get more information about opportunities for growth and summer fun on the website. Send in registration forms soon to ensure a spot for the week of your choice.

There are two financial assistance programs. The Camp Ondessonk Campership Fund Program offers partial assistance and requires parents to complete and return a confidential Campership application form. The state of Illinois also offers Title XX monies to Illinois residents on public aid. This program will cover the total cost of a session at Camp. Parents can obtain information about either program by contacting Becky Jennings at 618-695-2489, ext. 109.

Fish Fry for Friday March 5th 2010

Questions about scheduling contact Raymond Alvarado 309-661-0378 or ray6578@comcast.net

<p>Baking 6:00pm – 9:00pm Thursday Lori Kiley Lisa Falasz Dawn Terven Staci Whitaker Ann Jackson</p> <p>Fish Prep 7:30am – 12:00pm Friday Jason Stephens Mike Sapp Need Volunteers</p> <p>Cutting Cakes 8:00am – 11:00am Friday Karrie Ruestman Mary Jo Hull Rosa Vega Jose Vega Tricia Bosquez Quinn Whitaker Jamie Hartrich</p> <p>Setup 1:00pm -4:00pm Friday Billy Adelman Jason Barnes Brian Davie Bob DeLorenzo John DeLorenzo</p> <p>Kitchen 1:00pm – 8:00pm Friday Adrian Vargas April Vargas Jim Wall</p> <p>Hospitality 4:00pm – 8:00pm Friday Kelly Spencer Shannon O'Donnell Linda Drane Christine Brueske</p> <p>Serving 4:00pm – 8:00pm Friday Brian Falasz Sarah Bischoff Chrslynn Schraufnagel Jose Correa Carol Csanda Jenny Madison Joe White Gina Collings Gabriela Ceron</p> <p>Kitchen Clean-up 7:30pm – 8:00pm Friday NEED VOLUNTEERS</p>	<p>Dining Area 4:00pm – 8:00pm Friday Gloria Avogo Olga Vasquez Bracale Flynn Carol Ketter Victoria Ketter Caitlin Ketter Tammy Vaughn Martha Hilmer Anna Jackson Mikie Means Margaret Kelly John Beemsterboer Logan Friedrich Bill Friedrich Taylor Friedrich NEED VOLUNTEERS</p> <p>Ticket Table 4:00pm – 8:00pm Friday BJ Chapman Quinn Whitaker</p> <p>Childcare 3:00pm – 8:00pm Friday Amy Cupples 6-8pm Erin Carpenter Lisa Chapman 3-6pm NEED VOLUNTEERS</p> <p>Raffle Ticket Sales 4:00pm – 8:00pm Friday Carri Tullier Amber McClellan Kelly Uszcienski Linda Drane Suzette Hawkins Tersea Klage</p> <p>Fish Frying 3:30pm – 9:00pm Friday Tom Keim Rick Collings Jason Stephens Allison Kroesch John Madison Marc Fishman Charlie Ely</p> <p>Clean-up 7:30pm – 10:00pm Lindsay Veselak Bob DeLorenzo John DeLorenzo</p> <p>Mass Ticket Sales Tom & Leslie Peterson - Saturday</p>
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Tuition and Enrollment: 2010-2011

Kindergarten through 8th Grade

Enrollment Reservation Fee (non-refundable)	before March 18 th	\$100 per child
	after March 18 th	\$125 per child
Tuition for Parish Members	for one child	\$2840
	for two children	\$4680
	for three or more	\$6020

Participation Requirements: Active and Contributing Parishioner
 Regular Mass Attendance
 Participation in School and Parish Fundraisers
 25 Hours of School Service

Tuition for Non-Members \$4700 per child
 (based on 2009-2010 approximate cost per pupil)

Payment Options:

A. Payment in full at August Registration

or

B. Enroll in FACTS Tuition Payment Plan

1. Automatic, prescheduled payments from a checking or savings account.
2. Automatic, prescheduled credit card payments (additional fee required for this service).
3. Paper invoice permitting payment by check, money order, call in payment or on-line options.

Pre-Kindergarten

Enrollment Reservation Fee	before March 18 th	\$100 per child
	after March 18 th	\$125 per child

<u>Tuition:</u>	<u>Parish Member</u>	<u>Non-Member</u>
2 day	\$700	\$1000
3 day	\$1000	\$1300
4 day	\$1300	\$1600
5 day	\$1600	\$1900

(Multiple child discounts do not apply to the Pre-K program. Monthly payment options are available.)

If you'd like to purchase tickets in advance for the second fish fry, please return this form no later than Thursday, March 4. Tickets will be sent home with your child unless otherwise requested.

If you decide on Friday the day of the fish fry that you want tickets, call me, Shirleen at 275-5187 & you may pick up your advanced tickets at the door. Tickets should also be available in the office.

FISH FRY TICKETS
ADVANCE SALE ORDER FORM
Friday, March 5, 2010

Parents Name: _____

Students Name: _____ Students Grade _____

Phone number _____ (in case of questions)

of adult tickets (advance \$7.00) _____ # of child tickets (\$6.00 in advance) _____
(child 10 & under)

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

*Tickets at the door are \$8.00 for adults and \$6.00 for child

Childcare

We will have childcare available for each fish fry. If you wish to take advantage of the childcare we offer, please fill out the sheet below so we can make sure we accommodate for all the children.

Thank you to Erin Carpenter for volunteering her time in this area.

Important: You must fill out a name tag for your child and check in with an adult in the room.

Daycare slip for Fish Fry #2

Name of Parent working _____

Area Parent is working _____

Name of Child _____ age _____

Name of Child _____ age _____

Parent cell number if need to be reached _____

Date working _____

St. Mary's School

Intent to Enroll

2010-2011

Parent Name: _____ **Ph.:** _____

I intend to enroll my child(ren) in St. Mary's School for the 2010-2011 school year.
I am enclosing the non-refundable Enrollment Fee.

Student Name	Birth Date	Grade

Enrollment Fee: \$100 per child due by March 18, 2010.
After March 19, 2009, the enrollment fee will be \$125 per child.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please mark the program your child(ren) will attend:

Pre-Kindergarten

- _____ 3 year old
_____ 4 year old

<u>Tuition:</u>	<u>Parish Member</u>	<u>Non-Member</u>
2 day	\$700	\$1000
3 day	\$1000	\$1300
4 day	\$1300	\$1600
5 day	\$1600	\$1900

Pre-K Schedule to be determined. Enrollment fee will hold your spot; will be refunded if schedule does not meet your family needs. Multiple child discounts do not apply to the Pre-K program. Monthly payment options are available.

K – 8 In-Parish

- _____ one child \$2840
_____ two children \$4680
_____ three or more \$6020

K – 8 Out of Parish

- _____ \$4700 per student _____ # students

Office Use Only	
Amount Pd.	
Pmt Method	
Date	
Received by	

Language Arts News

5th Grade

The 5th grade class has had a large number of absences lately (both the kids and I). Because of this we are taking a “catch-up” week. Tuesday your child received a printout of their current Language Arts and Religion grades with any missing work highlighted. If work missing was a worksheet or a Religion Test, those were also attached. We will be working in Language Arts this week on getting all students caught up with test. Students may turn in *any* missing assignment from this quarter for full credit by Thursday, March 4.

In addition to catching up, we will be finalizing our Persuasive Essay. Students got their rough drafts back today and will need to type their final draft which will due Friday, March 5.

6th Grade

6th Graders are about ½ through reading *Tuck Everlasting*, which is a fantasy-fiction story about a boy who never ages and a girl who discovers the “secret”. Each section of reading (about 5 chapters) has vocabulary words and a quiz. We will finish the unit with a book project and will watch the movie the week of Spring Break.

7th Grade

7th Grade has just finished writing their research paper. I look to have these graded in about a week. We are going to try a different approach to the remaining 6 units of grammar. Look for more information to come home with your student in the next day or two.

8th Grade

8th Graders will be presenting their book talks of the novels they read in pairs. We will be trying a different approach to the remaining units of grammar as well. Like with 7th Grade, look for more information to come home next week.

