

# St. Mary's



## BLUE NOTES

Wednesday, January 27, 2010

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### Dates to Remember:



**Sun., 1/31 – Friday, 2/5: Catholic Schools Week!**

- Sun., 1/31: Open House at St. Mary's School from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Mon., 2/1: Priest Appreciation Day
- Tues., 2/2: Student Appreciation Day
- Wed., 2/3: Blue & White/Spirit Day and Faculty Appreciation Luncheon; all-school Mass for feast of St. Blaise and blessing of throats
- Thurs., 2/4: Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day
- Fri., 2/5: Faith Rally/Family Faith Day

**Wed., 2/10**: All-school Mass for the week.

**Thurs., 2/11**: **School closed**—Bishop's Day off!

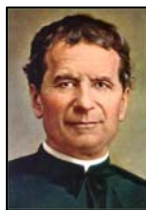


**Fri., 2/12 – Mon. 2/15**: **School closed Friday through Monday** for Presidents' Day Weekend.



**Wed., 2/17**: **Lent begins**; all-school Mass for Ash Wednesday.

### Principal's Corner



Dear Families & Friends,

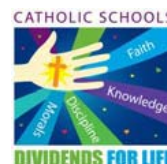
With the end of the month—and the beginning of Catholic Schools Week—just days away, this is a good time to highlight our priest saint of the month, St. John Bosco, whose feast day falls this Sunday, 1/31. The virtue for January has been *friendship*, something St. John Bosco epitomized throughout his life, from childhood to old age.

From the beginning of his priestly life, St. John was called to the poor and outcast boys who roamed the streets of Turin, Italy, eventually establishing a religious order of priests and brothers—the Salesians—dedicated to this ministry. Because of his great ability to teach through the example of love and to touch the hearts and souls of so many children, he is considered an ideal patron of both teachers and students—and Catholic Schools Week!

Be sure to see the complete listing of events for Catholic Schools Week in the document titled “CSW Plan,” which can be found in the Resource Documents section of RenWeb.

In Christ,

Sister Andrea Marie, O.P.  
Principal



### Coming Soon: SCHOOL-GENERATED E-MAIL!

Please watch your e-mail for a school-generated message from [stmarysschooladmin@smcor.org](mailto:stmarysschooladmin@smcor.org). We will be testing this new one-way communication with St. Mary's School families in the near future. This e-mail is intended to communicate important notices and calendar changes and will not be able to receive replies.

**NOTE: Your e-mail account may tag this as junk e-mail and send to your spam folder, so be sure to add this e-mail address to your “Safe Recipients” list!**

## ATTENTION: All Spirited Crusaders!

Catholic Schools week is just around the corner, and Spirit Club will be having several meetings to prepare a pep rally cheer, a spirit routine, and spirited banners to decorate the gym. Please take note of the following meeting dates and plan to attend. Attendance at at least 2 meetings will be required to participate in the pep rally cheer and routine.

Please call Jenny Hansen if you have any questions 719-9534. Meeting dates and times are as follows: Thursday (tomorrow), 1/28 from 3 - 4:30 and next Tuesday, 2/2 from 3 - 4:30. We will meet in the breezeway between the gym and classrooms or in the gym if not already occupied.

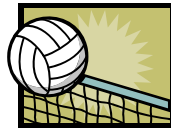


### Crazy Hat, Socks, & Slippers Day, February 4<sup>th</sup>!

It's time once again for St. Mary's Crazy Hat/Sock/Slipper Day! Find your silliest, craziest, wackiest hats, socks, and slippers and wear them to school, Thursday, February 4th. You can wear one item or all three items that day! Be creative! This year, we will be judging on participation. Classes with 100% participation including teachers, will receive a special treat at snack time. EVERYONE can be a winner!

## Masses at All Parishes, 1/31: Show Your SMS Spirit

We will be kicking off Catholic Schools Week **this Sunday, January 31st.** Let's all unite and show our school pride by wearing our school sweatshirt with uniform bottoms to the Masses we attend at our parishes!



## FREE Volleyball Clinic

There is a FREE youth volleyball clinic sponsored by the Oak Ridge Recreation and Parks Department for girls in grades 5-8. It will be held on Tuesdays, February 2 - February 23, from 4:00-5:30 in the Civic Center Gym. All athletes MUST preregister at the front desk of the civic center. The clinic is limited to the first thirty athletes signed up, so please register soon.

## Returning Students Application

Your children's application packets will be sent home this week. Please fill out the forms completely and return to the school office with the \$100 application fee. Reminder to Catholic families: please have the stewardship form signed by your Pastor. St. Mary Parishioners: if additional financial assistance is needed, you may go to [www.factstuitionaid.com](http://www.factstuitionaid.com) to apply online (we are no longer using Princeton Plan), or you may pick up forms at the school office. Catholic families from other parishes that may need additional tuition assistance may also pick up Catholic Charities forms at the school office. **The due date for all forms is February 26, 2010.**

## New Pre-K or Kindergarten Student Application

If you have a child who will be starting Pre-K or Kindergarten next year, please call or stop by the office for a registration packet.

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### Posting Announcements in RenWeb & Blue Notes

All general/school-wide announcements must be submitted to Bettie Johnson at [bjohnson@smcor.org](mailto:bjohnson@smcor.org) by **3 p.m. on Tuesday** to be posted by Wednesday in RenWeb and/or Blue Notes. RenWeb and Blue Notes will only be posted/updated by noon on Wednesdays. Be sure you have Adobe Reader 9 to read/download the Blue Notes (available as a free download at <http://get.adobe.com/reader/>)