

St. Mary's



BLUE NOTES

Wednesday, October 27, 2010

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Dates to Remember:



TODAY, 10/27: the Living Rosary in the **church**, 1:00 p.m.

Mon., 11/1: all-school Mass (All Saints' Day)

Wed., 11/3: **1:00 P.M. dismissal** for parent-teacher conferences; Scholastic Book Fair **begins**

Wed., 11/10: **1:00 P.M. dismissal** for parent-teacher conferences; Scholastic Book Fair **ends**

Fri., 11/19: "**Blue Ribbon Celebration**" (TBA)

Tues., 11/23: Alumni Memorial/Benefactor Appreciation Mass

Wed., 11/24 - Fri., 11/26: NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

Mon., 12/1: Class, absentee, & sports pictures



Wed., 12/8: all-school Mass (Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary)

Thurs., 12/16: Advent Family Mass, St. Mary's Church; Prelude begins at 5:30

Fri., 12/17: Last (full) day before Christmas break

Principal's Corner

Dear Families & Friends,

It is hard to believe that our month focusing on the virtue of reverence and devotion to Our Lady's Rosary is about to end, and the month honoring all the saints and the virtue of stewardship is about to begin.



Speaking of saints, our 4th graders will present in full "saint regalia" at our all-school Mass this coming Monday, November 1st, the Solemnity of All Saints. They have been preparing well to be questioned by Dean Joe Armento about their chosen saints—and will probably be more than happy to tell anyone else who happens to ask! Seeing their enthusiasm to imitate their holy friends is a good example for all of us to remember that our brothers and sisters in Heaven *always* have our best interests in mind. After all, they know—firsthand—the joys that await all of us who "labor here below."

In Christ,

Sister Andrea Marie, O.P.

Principal

"PENNY WARS" Have Begun!



Keep bringing all of your loose change for our school-wide fund-raising competition going on **all this week until October 29**. Don't forget that this is a charity drive. The students from each class will use the money they received to select books for children in need. They will directly select the books from the Scholastic Book Fair and place them in a box to be delivered to those students. Please see the "Silver Coin Challenge" document in Resource Documents for details.



VIRTUS Information

The Diocese of Knoxville requires all volunteers, parents, grandparents, scout leaders, coaches, and any adults who will spend time with the children to be certified through VIRTUS, the child protection program.

If you still need to take the VIRTUS training, please register ahead for the **VIRTUS class being offered at St. Mary's on Thursday, November 18, at 7:00 P.M. in the Youth Building.** To begin the registration process go to www.virtus.org and select the link labeled "Registration" on the left hand side. Choose the name of your organizations from the pull-down menu by clicking the Knoxville, TN Diocese. Then follow the steps to register for the class offered at St. Mary's. Registration is required before you attend the session. **If you have any questions about the registration process, please call Karen Wilkins-Butz in the St. Mary's Church office @ 482-2875.**

Please note: If you attend a session that is not at St. Mary's please take the certificate you receive from the session you attend and bring it to Karen Wilkins-Butz at the St. Mary's Church office, to complete your Virtus certification.

Parents—Last week you should have received an important letter and brochure regarding the "Protecting God's Children Program," which is required by the Diocese of Knoxville. The material outlined in the brochure will be presented to students in their religion classes next Friday, November 5th. If you do not wish your children to be present for this lesson, please return the signed portion of the brochure to the office no later than next Monday, November 1st.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR is Coming!

Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the School Library from November 3rd through November 10th. We will be open during parent/teacher conferences as well as after school and weekend Masses. This is a great time to buy Christmas gifts and teacher gifts!



SHOPPING REWARDS for St. Mary's School

Don't forget to take advantage of helping out the school when you do your regular grocery shopping!



Food City's School Bucks program allows you raise money for St. Mary's School by linking your Food City Value Card to their website at:

http://www.foodcity.com/community/school_bucks/



Ingles' Tools for Schools program operates in the same way as Food City. Simply link your Ingles Advantage card to the following website:

<http://www.ingles-markets.com/toolsforschools/>



And don't forget to collect General Mills Box Tops for Education! This year, Home & School is sponsoring a Box Tops Contest among all the homerooms to see who can bring in the most. Please see the flyer that will be coming home with your children and is also posted in Resource Documents on RenWeb.

Posting Announcements in RenWeb & Blue Notes

All general/school-wide announcements must be submitted to Bettie Johnson at 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/>)

