

St. Mary's



BLUE NOTES

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

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Dates to Remember:

No Chess Club on Tuesday, 11/24; Chess Club will resume on Tuesday, 12/1.

Wednesday, 11/25 (noon dismissal): all-school Mass at 8:00 a.m.; Thanksgiving Holiday begins; school resumes on Monday, 11/30



Tuesday, 12/8: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (holy day of obligation) all-school Mass at 8:00 a.m.

Friday, 12/11: the 8:00 a.m. will be a regular daily Mass; the vigil of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m.



Thursday, 12/17: Family Advent Mass, celebrated by Bishop Richard Stika—heavy hors d'oeuvres beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the gym; prelude begins at 6:00 p.m. in church, followed by Mass at 6:30 p.m. and a light reception after Mass

Tuesday, 12/22 (noon dismissal): Christmas holidays begin; school resumes Thursday, 1/7/10

Principal's Corner

Dear Families & Friends,



Although she was not born and raised in America, the saint honored in the United States today spent her life as a religious Sister ministering to both the immigrant and native children of this country. St. Rose Philippine Duchesne came from France to Louisiana Territory in 1849 and traveled up the Mississippi to St. Charles, Missouri, to establish the first free school west of that river. She eventually founded six other houses in America, which included schools and orphanages among them.

St. Rose Philippine had a particular love for the Native Americans and spent the last years of her life ministering to their needs—even though she never mastered their language. Her example of constant prayer earned her the tribal name of “Woman-Who-Prays-Always.” In a world that often seems pressed for time, let us call to mind the example of this holy, hardworking woman who managed to put God first...and “pray always.”

In Christ,

Sister Andrea Marie, O.P.
Principal



Playground Help Needed!

Anyone interested in helping spread mulch (again!) in the playground area next to the Oak Ridge turnpike this Saturday, November 21, at 9:00 a.m. is welcome to come. Shovels, steel rakes, and wheel barrels are needed—please bring them with you if you are able to help!



Sewing Classes

Need a Christmas gift for Mom or Grandmom? Sewing classes will be offered for 6th - 12th graders **today**, 11/18, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 12/2 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Youth Building. Cost: \$2.00 for the project; no other supplies needed. Register by calling Kathleen Cooksey at 919-7047.

Walk/Run for the Endowment: Lap the Map!



Planning has begun for this event that will be held in conjunction with Field Day activities on May 14th. Anyone interested in helping to plan and prepare for this event is invited to attend the next planning meeting Wednesday, December 2nd at 11:30 a.m. If you would like more information about how you can get involved please contact Karen Zebroski at 482-1547 or Kathryn James at 466-2419.

Endowment Dinner & Dance 2010



St. Mary's School looks forward to hosting a Dinner & Dance to benefit the Endowment Fund in the Fall of 2010 in celebration of 60 years of educating

children both academically and spiritually. If you are interested in brainstorming and/or volunteering for this event, please call or e-mail any of your Home & School board members or Dawn Garibay in Development at the school office. Dates and times of upcoming meetings will be announced.

Advent Wreath Workshop



St. Lucys Guild is sponsoring an Advent Wreath Workshop **today, November 18**, during Religious Ed Classes (6-7:30 p.m.) in Columbus Hall and tomorrow, Nov. 19, 12:30- 2:45 p.m, meet in Columbus Hall. All Parents are invited to attend. Workshop attendees will receive a wreath, candles and all the trimmings. There is no cost to attend. Donations are greatly appreciated but not expected. To register or for more information, please call Carolyn Krings at 865-966-3187 or e-mail kringsk@aol.com. If you are interested in attending an evening Advent Wreath Workshop on Wed. Nov. 18, during R.E. classes, please call or e-mail Carolyn as well.

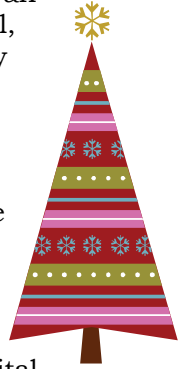


FANTASY OF TREES

A HUGE holiday thank you to all the members of St. Mary's After School Art Club! Your devotion, time, and talent are much appreciated: Sarah Seiber, Katie Cotrell, Erin Van Berkel, Jordan Perry, Charlotte Daigle, Haley Howard, Kate Cacopardo, Kathryn

Sturner, Megan Garner, Janani Dhandapani, and Piper Halcrow.

Over the last seven weeks each member created beautiful decorations for our "Sweet Treat Tree." The seven foot sugar-frosted evergreen will be displayed in the annual "Fantasy of Trees" at the Knoxville Convention Center, Wednesday, November 25 through Sunday, November 29. All proceeds for this event go to the East Tennessee Children's Hospital.



Crazy Quilt Giving Tree

Gifts for the Crazy Quilt Friendship Center, serving rural Appalachia, are collected by the 8th graders as a service project every year at St. Mary's School. Unwrapped gifts will need to be brought to school by December 7. Please see the flyer posted on RenWeb for more details.



ORHS Turkey Trot

Oak Ridge High School Cross Country Booster Club is sponsoring the annual Turkey Trot on Tuesday, 11/24, at Robertsville Middle School. There is no entry fee for this event. Please see the flyer posted on RenWeb for more details.

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/>)