

# St. Mary's



## BLUE NOTES

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

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### Dates to Remember:

**Wednesday, 11/4 (1:00 p.m. dismissal):** Home & School meeting at 11:30 a.m. in Columbus Hall; **Scholastic Book Fair begins;** Parent/Teacher Conferences from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, 11/11 (1:00 p.m. dismissal):** Parent/Teacher Conferences from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.; **Scholastic Book Fair ends**

**Friday, 11/13:** All-school Veterans' Day Mass at 8:00 a.m., followed by light reception in the cafeteria

**Wednesday, 11/25 (noon dismissal):** 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.

**Thursday, 12/11:** Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass at 8:00 a.m.

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

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

### Principal's Corner

Dear Families & Friends,



*"If we wish to make any progress in the service of God we must begin every day of our life with new eagerness. We must keep ourselves in the presence of God as much as possible and have no other view or end in all our actions but the divine honor."*

Wise words from the man honored by the Church on this day, St. Charles Borromeo (1538 – 1584), who was born into a family of great wealth and privilege but who then spent his life at the service of Christ, leading by example. St. Charles held many positions of authority in the Church—he was a cardinal at 22!—but is best remembered for his tireless efforts in teaching the faith following the Protestant Reformation and his care for the poor and sick wherever he was assigned.

Another saint to remember throughout the month of November is Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, our priestly patron for the virtue of *fortitude* (please see "November Virtue" under Resource Documents). His sense of humor and love of life only added to his zeal as a priest, ending with his martyrdom in Mexico in 1927.



Let us remember to ask for their holy intercession as we carry out God's will in our own lives.

In Christ,

Sister Andrea Marie, O.P.  
Principal

### Sewing Classes



Need a Christmas gift for Mom or Grandmom? Sewing classes will be offered for 6th - 12th graders on 11/11 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., 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.

## SPORTS



**JV Girls Basketball for 5th and 6th grade girls** practices on Sundays from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. The season begins 11/9 and lasts through the end of January. Any girl interested can come to practice this Thursday or call Rick Riikola at 482-0333.

## 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 in the coming months to begin the planning for this historic time in St. Mary's history!



### FUN RUN UPDATE & MEETING

This spring event to benefit the Endowment Fund will have a group meeting **this Friday,**

**November 6** in the boardroom off the cafeteria at 9:30 a.m. Join us with your ideas for coffee and pastries. Questions? Please contact Dawn Garibay in the Development office at school.

## Summary of Parents' Feedback on RenWeb

Coming in next week's *Blue Notes* will be a summary of the feedback on RenWeb collected from parents in October.

## Father/Daughter Costume Ball



The Girl Scouts of St. Mary's School are sponsoring a Father/Daughter Costume Ball, scheduled for Saturday, November 7, 2009, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm in the St. Mary's gym. Costumes are optional but are encouraged. The cost is \$12 for a father and daughter and \$2 for each additional daughter; a donation of

canned food to benefit St. Joseph's Food Pantry would be greatly appreciated. Pizza, dessert, and soft drinks are included. Reservations are due by November 5. The registration form can be found under the Resource Documents in RenWeb; forms are also available in the back of the church and at the school office and ministry center. A framed souvenir photograph will be available. Please call Yvonne Bishop at 742-9447 with questions. **Due to low registration as of this date, the event may be canceled. Please turn in registrations by tomorrow, 11/5, if you plan to attend!**

## Advent Wreath Workshop



St. Lucy's Guild is sponsoring an Advent Wreath Workshop on Thursday, 11/19, from 12:30 to 2:45 p.m. in Columbus Hall. All parents are invited to attend. The workshop is intended for you to learn the history and the meaning behind the Advent Wreath so that you may pass along God's peace and blessings of Advent to your children or to the children of God around you. Workshop attendees will receive a wreath, candles, and all the trimmings. **There is no cost to attend!** Donations are greatly appreciated but not expected. Spots are filling up fast with only 10 left. To register, or for more information, please call Carolyn Krings at 865-966-3187, or e-mail [kringsk@aol.com](mailto:kringsk@aol.com). If you are interested in attending an evening Advent Wreath Workshop on Wednesday, 11/18, during R.E. classes, please call or e-mail Carolyn as well. If there is interest, a workshop will be held and information will follow in next week's *Blue Notes* concerning the time and place.

## 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/>)