

St. Mary's



BLUE NOTES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009


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Dates to Remember:

TOMORROW (Thursday), 12/17:

Family Advent Mass,

 celebrated by Bishop Richard Stika—heavy hors d'oeuvres beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the gym; Vespers sung at 5:30 p.m. in church, followed by prelude at 6:00 p.m.; **Mass begins at 6:30 p.m.**; there will be a light reception after Mass, also in the gym



Monday, 12/2: Basketball "Blue & White Night"—

JV girls at 4:30, JV boys at 5:30, and Varsity at 6:30, all against St. Joe's

in St. Mary's gym! Chick-Fil-A will be served in addition to other goodies in our concession stand! Make plans to dress in blue and attend this annual Crusader event! Admission is \$3.00 for Adults and \$1.00 for Students—come show your SMS spirit!



Tuesday, 12/22 (noon

dismissal): Christmas holidays begin; school resumes Thursday, 1/7/10

Principal's Corner

Dear Families & Friends,

Back before he became Pope Benedict XVI, Cardinal Ratzinger wrote eloquently of the profound hope that fills the Advent season:



In these weeks of Advent, the Holy Virgin Mary stands before us as the woman who carries the hope of the world in her womb and thus walks ahead of us on our way as the sign of hope. She stands before us as the woman in whom the humanly impossible has been made possible through God's saving mercy. And thus she becomes a sign for us all. (Co-Workers in the Truth, p. 385)

Even in the midst of personal sorrows and burdens and the difficulties of a stressful economic time, we have the profound hope of our salvation and fulfillment in Christ—which began in the womb of the humble Virgin and was born for us in Bethlehem, “at midnight calm and still.”



A blessed and joyful Christmas to all,

Sister Andrea Marie, O.P.
Principal

No Blue Notes Next Week!

There will be no issue of *Blue Notes* next week. *Blue Notes* will resume on Thursday, January 7, 2010. Please continue to check ParentsWeb for any announcements next week!

Part-Time Position Available

There is a part-time position available in St. Mary's After-School Care, starting in mid-January. If you are interested, please stop by the Ministry Center to fill out an application form.

FREE H1N1 Flu Shot



Coming to St. Mary's in January!

For those of you who are interested in having your children receive an H1N1 ("swine") flu shot/nasal mist, the Anderson County Health Department will be here on **Wednesday, January 27**, to administer this service free. Please see the Resource Documents section of ParentsWeb to for the appropriate permission form. This form must be presented—completed and signed—on January 27 in order for your child to receive the flu shot/mist.

B-Ball Jerseys for Sale



St. Mary's old JV basketball uniforms are up for sale for \$5.00 per top. Great for wearing during practice—or just as a keepsake! Proceeds will go into the booster club fund and be used for future equipment and uniforms!

Food City & Box Tops 4 Education

Don't forget that you can support the school when you shop during the holiday season by signing up for "Food City Bucks for Education" at Food City stores and using the Marketplace at www.boxtops4educatin.com.

60th Anniversary Dinner & Dance 2010



St. Mary's School looks forward to hosting a Dinner and Dance to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of St. Mary's Catholic School. If you are interested in planning this event, please contact Kathryn Chou at 685-5703.

Planning of this historic time in history will begin in January 2010—not too far away!

Faith Rally T-Shirt Contest



Please see the Resource Documents for the handout on this year's Faith Rally T-Shirt Contest, open to all students! Deadline for submission is Tuesday, January 19!

Geography Bee is Coming!



Students and families, start studying your atlases! St. Mary's School will participate in the National Geographic Society's Geography Bee again this year. Sponsored by the National Geographic Society, the Bee is for students in the fourth through eighth grades. Each class will participate in a class competition. This will be held during Social Studies or Geography classes, **Tuesday, January 12, 2010**. The top ten scorers from this competition will then compete in a school competition to be held after school on Thursday, January 14, 2010. Families and friends will be invited to the school competition. The school winner will then take a written test to see if he or she qualifies for the state competition to be held in Nashville. State winners then compete at the national level for a \$25,000 college scholarship at a competition hosted by Alex Trebek from *Jeopardy*. If you want to start working on some practice questions, go to www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee/

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/>)