

St. Mary's

BLUE NOTES



Wednesday, December 2, 2009

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Dates to Remember:

Thursday, 12/4 (new): St. Mary's Parish Penance Service at 7:00 p.m. in the church.



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. Mass will be a regular daily Mass (also an all-school 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,

"On that day it will be said:

*'Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us!
This is the LORD for whom we looked;
let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!'"*



These words from the prophet Isaiah, part of today's reading at Mass, should remind us that the mighty king the Israelites hoped for chose instead to come "in hidden guise": the newborn Child of Mary, Who would save us from our sins. During this holy time of Advent, I encourage you and your family to take advantage of any opportunities offered by our parishes to deepen your appreciation of the Incarnation and Nativity of Jesus, including the parish Penance Service that will be offered here at St. Mary's tomorrow (Thursday) at 7:00 p.m. in the main church.

Some of you may remember Mrs. Jennifer Landon who was counselor with Catholic Charities here at St. Mary's several years ago. Mrs. Landon passed away last weekend after suffering from cancer. I know her family would appreciate your prayers.

In Christ,

Sister Andrea Marie, O.P.

Principal



Oak Ridge CHRISTMAS PARADE

This year's Oak Ridge Christmas Parade will be on Saturday, December 12th at 7:00 pm. The theme is "Christmas Around the World." Come dressed in your native costume, or we will have shepherd/angel costumes available the 12th at the float. Decorating the float will be on Friday, December 11, starting at 4:00 pm in front of the Youth Center. There will be clean-up immediately after the parade. Candy donations are needed and can be dropped off at St. Mary's School or the Ministry Center. Questions? Please call Laura Wolfe @ 463-7428!

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.



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 next Monday, December 7.** Please see the flyer posted on RenWeb for more details.

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!

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/>)