

St. Mary's



BLUE NOTES

Wednesday, December 9, 2009

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Dates to Remember:

TOMORROW, Thursday, 12/10 (new):
Class, absentee, and sports pictures will be taken tomorrow in the gym.

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; **(addition)** 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



Monday, 12/21 (new): 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! 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,



In his reflections for the season of Advent, our Holy Father Pope Benedict has called us to be thankful for all the blessings, from the simple to the profound, that God bestows on us every day.

Mindful of this request, what follows is a perfect opportunity to give thanks for the gift of special people in our lives. With this week's *Blue Notes* comes some bittersweet news: Sister Maria Sarradet, who has been teaching our middle school religion and 6th grade language arts for the last three years, will begin teaching in the nursing program of our congregation's college, Aquinas College in Nashville, starting in January. The college is in urgent need of qualified, experienced teachers for the student nurses, and Sister Maria fits the bill perfectly...happily for them, but not so happily for us! The good news is that Sister Mary Celeste D'Souza, who so much enjoyed teaching here about 10 years ago, will be coming to take Sister Maria's place for the remainder of this school year.

Both Sisters will be leaving behind cherished friends and memories but are also looking forward to making many new ones! I know they would appreciate your prayers during this time of transition.

In Christ,

Sister Andrea Marie, O.P.
Principal

Oak Ridge CHRISTMAS PARADE



The parade is **this Saturday, December 12th, at 7:00 p.m.** The float number is **(3)40**, and you should arrive at the ORHS parking lot (facing the Turnpike) by 4:30 p.m. if you plan to be with the float. 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 **this Friday, December 11, starting at 4:00 pm in front of the Youth Center.** There will be clean-up immediately after the parade. 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.

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!

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 near the end of January to administer this service free. More details coming in next week's *Blue Notes*!

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/>)