

St. Mary's



BLUE NOTES

Wednesday, February 17, 2010

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Dates to Remember:



Sun., 2/28: Open House (rescheduled from 1/31), 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Mon., 3/8 – Fri., 3/12:
ITBS testing; be sure your children have plenty of rest and a nutritious breakfast.



Wed., 3/17: Kindergarten screening, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Fri., 3/19: Wellness Day/St. Joseph's Table (more details to come).

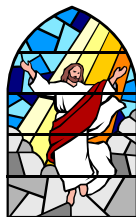
Wed., 3/24: Kindergarten screening, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.



Fri., 3/26: St. Mary's Stations of the Cross, performed by the 8th grade, 7:00 p.m., St. Mary's Church.

Thurs., 4/1: Holy Thursday, noon dismissal.

Fri., 4/2 – Sun., 4/11:
Easter break.



Mon., 4/12: School resumes.

Principal's Corner



Dear Families & Friends,

For his Lenten message this year, our Holy Father Pope Benedict focused on the Christian practice of fasting, or giving up material goods and pleasures for the sake of growing in love of God:

"Denying material food, which nourishes our body, nurtures an interior disposition to listen to Christ and be fed by His saving word. Through fasting and praying, we allow Him to come and satisfy the deepest hunger that we experience in the depths of our being: the hunger and thirst for God....Fasting represents an important ascetical practice, a spiritual arm to do battle against every possible disordered attachment to ourselves. Freely chosen detachment from the pleasure of food and other material goods helps the disciple of Christ to control the appetites of nature, weakened by original sin, whose negative effects impact the entire human person....An ancient hymn of the Lenten liturgy exhorts: 'Let us use sparingly words, food and drink, sleep and amusements. May we be more alert in the custody of our senses.'"

As we begin our Lenten season today, these words can provide good direction in the efforts we will make to overcome "attachment to ourselves" in order to be more closely conformed to Jesus our Savior.

In Christ,

Sister Andrea Marie, O.P.

Principal

Price of Gym Clothes CHANGE

The school is now selling the new shirt and shorts that will be the gym uniform for next school year. (The current uniform is acceptable for the remainder of this year and next.) Please note that the price has increased from \$17 to \$20. The gym uniform will no longer be available at Educational Outfitters but only through St. Mary's School.

Varsity Soccer



Varsity coed soccer is beginning Tuesday, 2/16, from 4:45 to 6:15 and Thursday (tomorrow), 2/18, from 3:00 - 5:00. We will practice in the field by the playground. If you have questions, please call Rick or Stacy Riikola at 482-0333.

SCOUTING for Food



St. Mary's Cub Scouts will be collecting canned goods and non-perishable items to be donated to the St. Joseph's Food Pantry.

Scouts will be in the pickup line each afternoon on Monday-Wednesday (February 8-10) to collect food, or you can bring items and place in the collection box next to the office. The need has increased over this past year as the economy has slowed. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Call Lynda Vinyard at 556-1355 or Micheria Dick at 789-9013 with questions.



Receiving Home & School Updates

If you would like to receive e-mail reminders on upcoming Home & School events and/or *Blue Note* reminders, please e-mail Carolyn Krings at kringsk@aol.com.

Second Dose of H1N1 Vaccine



If you have a child UNDER 10 who received the H1N1 flu shot at St. Mary's on 1/27, the second dose will be given on Wednesday, 3/10. The March date allows the required amount of time between the two doses. Please note: the consent form you already signed is still in effect for the second shot.

Returning Students Application

Your children's application packets will be sent home this week. Please fill out the forms completely and return to the school office with the \$100 application fee. Reminder to Catholic families: please have the stewardship forgiven by your Pastor. St. Mary Parishioners: if additional financial assistance is needed, you may go to www.factstuitionaid.com to apply online (we are no longer using Princeton Plan), or you may pick up forms at the school office. Catholic families from other parishes that may need additional tuition assistance may also pick up Catholic Charities forms at the school office. **The due date for all forms is February 26, 2010.**

New Pre-K or Kindergarten Student Application

If you have a child who will be starting Pre-K or Kindergarten next year, please call or stop by the office for a registration packet.

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/>)