

St. Mary's

BLUE NOTES



Wednesday, February 2, 2011

St. Mary's School

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Dates to Remember:



Mon., 2/1 – Fri., 2/5: Catholic Schools Week concluding with Faith Rally on Friday; please see Resource Documents in RenWeb for a complete schedule of Catholic Schools Week



Thurs., 2/10: Science Fair in school gym, beginning at 6:00 p.m.



Fri., 2/18 – Tues., 2/22: NO SCHOOL, Presidents' Day & Bishop's Day holidays

Fri., 2/25: Mardi Gras Family Dinner & Dance, 6:00 P.M. (see article, opposite)

Reminder About Snow Days



Please note that St. Mary's School has used five of its seven "stockpiled" inclement weather days so far.

Should future inclement weather days go beyond the two days left, the school will have to consider cancelling the February 22nd (Bishop's Day), April 25th (Easter Monday), and/or remaining Wednesday early dismissals for the year.

Principal's Corner

Dear Families & Friends,



Today on the Church's calendar is the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. During the time of Christ, it was the practice for Jewish parents to bring their first-born son to the Temple in Jerusalem 40 days after his birth to present him to God and "redeem" him with a sacrificial offering—which, in the case of Joseph and Mary, was two doves, the offering of the poor.

For centuries, this feast was also known as "Candlemas" (the Mass of Candles), as it was the day on which the candles used at church were blessed for the coming year. The connection between the Presentation and candles was the declaration of the prophet Simeon as he beheld the Christ Child for the first time and declared Him "a light for revelation to the Gentiles"—the Messiah Who was come into the world to lead all peoples to God.

Please consider joining us this Friday for our 3rd annual Faith Rally to close Catholic Schools Week as we honor Jesus in His Eucharistic Presence, adoring Him Who is "the Light of the world."

In Christ,

Sister Andrea Marie, O.P.
Principal

MARDI GRAS FAMILY DINNER & DANCE, Friday, February 25th!



Join us in the gym on **Friday, February 25th, from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M.** to enjoy a Mardi Gras Family Dinner & Dance to benefit the St. Mary's School Endowment Fund! In addition to a genuine New Orleans menu—including shrimp & crab

gumbo, chicken & sausage jambalaya, and King Cake—there will be a DJ, karaoke, a silent auction, dancing, and a Mardi Gras King & Queen presentation! Advance ticket prices are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. \$200 will reserve a table for 8 and include two "party packs" of hats, beads, and other Mardi Gras decorations. The reservation form is available in the Resource Documents section of RenWeb. **Please return your reservations to the office by Wednesday, February 17th**, to get the discounted prices. **This is a tax-deductible donation—all proceeds to benefit the school's Endowment Fund!**

Welcome New Counselor

In addition to Ms. Laura Maddux, we are now pleased to welcome Mr. Jamie Ahern to assist with student counseling on Fridays. Please see the letter of introduction in the Resource Documents section of RenWeb.

Basketball & Volleyball Clubs at St. Mary's

Beginning next week, St. Mary's School will offer students the opportunity to hone their basketball and/or volleyball skills once a week after school. Please contact the office or Mrs. Hair for permission slips.



Volleyball Club: every Monday, beginning February 7, the gym will be open from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. for 4th

through 7th grade girls to work on skills and conditioning for next year's volleyball season.



Basketball Club: every Tuesday, beginning February 8, the gym will be open from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. for 4th through

7th grade boys and girls to work on skills and conditioning for next year's basketball season.

Returning Students Application

Please fill out the forms completely that were sent home and return to the school office with the \$100 application fee.

Reminder to Catholic families: please have the stewardship form signed by your Pastor. St. Mary Parishioners: if additional financial assistance is needed, you may go to www.factstuitionaid.com to apply online. 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 24, 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/>)