

St. Mary's



BLUE NOTES

Wednesday, February 23, 2011

St. Mary's School

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Dates to Remember:



THIS Fri., 2/25: Mardi Gras Family Dinner & Dance, 6:00 P.M.



Sat., 3/5: First Penance, St. Mary's Church, 10:00 A.M.

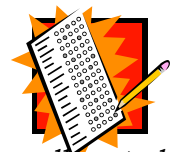


Wed., 3/9: Lent begins; all-school Mass for Ash Wednesday, 8:00 A.M.

Mon., 3/14 – Fri., 3/18: NO SCHOOL, Spring Break



Fri., 3/25: Solemnity of the Annunciation, all-school Mass at 8:00 A.M.; Wellness Day & St. Joseph's Altar in the school gym (more details to come).



Mon., 4/4 – Fri., 4/8: ITBS testing, grades 1 through 8; *please make sure your children are well rested and receive a good breakfast each morning*

Principal's Corner

Dear Families & Friends,

Yesterday our faculty and staff had the privilege of hearing an "abridged version" of a recent forum on Pope Benedict XVI, first presented at Aquinas College in Nashville. Sister Mary Michael, O.P., and Joan Watson traveled east to give us a taste of this two-day, multi-speaker forum dedicated to the writings and teachings of our current Holy Father. For those of us who are Catholic—and for those of us who are not—this allowed us a glimpse into the life and mind of the man who is responsible for over 1 billion Catholics, who is the face of the Church to civil governments around the world, and yet who speaks the truth gently and faithfully to all—a "humble worker in the vineyard of the Lord." To benefit from the complete version of the talks given at Aquinas College, log on to



http://web.me.com/accatechetics/aquinascollege/2011_Forum.html, where you can download each talk in mp3 format.

On this day when the Church commemorates St. Polycarp, a bishop of the early Church who laid down his life rather than betray God and the people entrusted to his care, let us commend to his intercession our own Bishop Stika and Pope Benedict, that they, too, will be faithful shepherds of the flock.

In Christ,

Sister Andrea Marie, O.P.
Principal

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

Join us in the gym **this 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! **This is a tax-deductible donation—**

all proceeds to benefit the school's Endowment Fund!

City of Oak Ridge SCIENCE FAIR



The City of Oak Ridge is hosting its second annual Science Fair for 3rd through 5th grades next weekend at the New Hope Center.

Judging will take place on Saturday, February 26, and the fair will be open to public viewing **this Sunday, February 27, from 2:30 to 4:00 P.M.** St. Mary's School has six students competing in the ORSF: Jacob Burbar, Lindsey Butis-Fuller, and Olivia Milloway (5th grade), and Nathan Kidder, Logan Mitchel, and Erin Van Berkel (4th grade)!

Basketball & Volleyball Clubs at St. Mary's

St. Mary's School is now offering 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, 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, 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/>)