

# St. Mary's



## BLUE NOTES

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

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### Dates to Remember:

**Fri., 2/26:** The due date for all school application forms is **THIS FRIDAY, February 26, 2010.** See second page for details.

**Sat., 3/6:** First Penance at 10:00 a.m., St. Mary's Church.

**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.; out-of-uniform for Haiti

**Fri., 3/19:** Wellness Day; out-of-uniform for St. Joseph's Food Pantry.

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



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

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

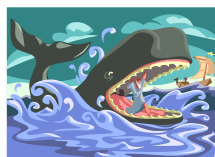
**Fri., 4/2 – Sun., 4/11:** Easter break.

**Mon., 4/12:** School resumes.



### Principal's Corner

Dear Families & Friends,



There is a definite "Jonah" theme in the reading and Gospel for today's Mass. First, we are made aware of how readily Jonah's message of repentance was received by the inhabitants of Nineveh—even though they did not know the true God. Then we are reminded by Jesus that those of us who have been given the great gift of the Messiah Himself would do well to be as humbly repentant as the Ninevites.

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us be grateful for the gift of our salvation through the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ and ask Him for the grace of true repentance.

In Christ,

Sister Andrea Marie, O.P.  
Principal

### Principal's Corner CORRECTION!

Last week it was mentioned erroneously that Pope Benedict's Lenten message for 2010 focused on *fasting*. The actual text of his 2010 message—which focuses on *justice*—can be accessed at: [http://www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/benedict\\_xvi/messages/lent/documents/hf\\_ben-xvi\\_mes\\_20091030\\_lent-2010\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/messages/lent/documents/hf_ben-xvi_mes_20091030_lent-2010_en.html) Our apologies for any confusion!



### Wear Green for Haiti!

Students may come out of uniform on Wednesday, March 17—St. Patrick's Day—if they wear something green and bring at least \$1 to be donated to the Haiti Earthquake Relief collection! (All other out-of-uniform guidelines in the *Student/Parent Handbook* apply.)

## WELLNESS DAY, 3/19



St. Mary's Home & School Association will be hosting Wellness Day on Friday, March 19, 2010, celebrating wellness through mind, body & spirit! The day will begin with Mass at 8 a.m. and then follow with fun, interactive learning stations for the kids to visit from 9:00 to noon. Parents are encouraged and invited to come help set up and view the visiting speakers throughout the day. If you would like to help or would like more information, please call Julie Hubbard at 483-2864 or e-mail [dhubbard107@comcast.net](mailto:dhubbard107@comcast.net)

## Wear “Italian Colors” for St. Joseph’s Food Pantry!



Students may come out of uniform on Friday, March 19—the Solemnity of St. Joseph—if they **wear something green, red, and/or white and bring at least one food item** for St. Joseph’s Food Pantry! (All other out-of-uniform guidelines in the *Student/Parent Handbook* apply.)

## 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.



## JV Soccer Practice

The junior varsity co-ed soccer team is practicing on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. at the field by the playground. We are still accepting new players. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Tony Ferré at 386-0575.



## 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](mailto:kringsk@aol.com).

## Returning Students Application

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](http://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—including Facts Grant & Aid Assessment (St. Mary’s families) or Catholic Charities tuition assistance (families from other parishes)— is THIS FRIDAY, 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.

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## Posting Announcements in RenWeb & Blue Notes

All general/school-wide announcements must be submitted to Bettie Johnson at [bjohnson@smcor.org](mailto: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/>)