

St. Mary's



BLUE NOTES

Thursday, February 4, 2010

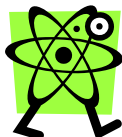
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Dates to Remember:

Sun., 1/31 – Friday, 2/5: **Catholic Schools Week!**

- **Today (Thurs.), 2/4:** Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day; faculty vs. 8th grade volleyball game @ 1:45
- **Fri., 2/5:** Faith Rally/Family Faith Day—in the gym, following 8:00 a.m. Mass until dismissal



Tues., 2/9: Science Fair, 6th – 8th grades; judging during the day, **open to families at 6:00 p.m.**

Wed., 2/10: All-school Mass for the week.

Thurs., 2/11: **School closed**—Bishop's Day off!



Fri., 2/12 – Mon. 2/15: **School closed Friday through Monday** for Presidents' Day Weekend.



Wed., 2/17: **Lent begins;** all-school Mass for Ash Wednesday, 8:00 a.m.

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

Principal's Corner

Dear Families & Friends,

“Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.”

With the 2010 Faith Rally—the spiritual culmination of Catholic Schools Week—less than a day away, it is good to recall these words from St. Mark's Gospel that are the theme for our whole year. If we had had many visitors during this week, they certainly would have heard and seen the proclamation of the Gospel, and St. Mary's School spirit, loud and clear:

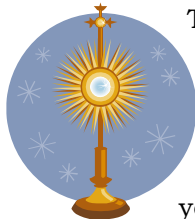
- Our priests enjoyed a lovely lunch and many prayers and good wishes from all of us
- Students displayed their incredible talents and cheered one another on at the Talent Show
- Blue & White, bowling, and a spirited pep rally left everyone cheering—and faculty and staff enjoyed a delicious kick-off to their special day today
- Creative headgear & footwear are all over the hallways as this is being written...and expectation is high for the faculty/8th grade volleyball game

Many, many thanks to all the students, faculty, staff, and families who have made this Catholic Schools Week such a wonderful one!

In Christ,

Sister Andrea Marie, O.P.
Principal

FAITH RALLY TOMORROW!

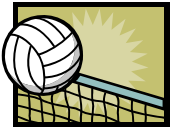


The final event of Catholic Schools Week at St. Mary's will be tomorrow's Faith Rally, beginning with the procession of the Eucharist to the gym after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and concluding at dismissal. Please join us for this spiritually uplifting day of praise, worship, and adoration! If you would also like to help out during the day,

please call Carolyn Krings at 386-1459 or 966-3187

kringsk@aol.com.

FREE Volleyball Clinic



There is a FREE youth volleyball clinic sponsored by the Oak Ridge Recreation and Parks Department for girls in grades 5-8. It will be held on Tuesdays, February 2 - February 23, from 4:00-5:30 in the Civic Center Gym. All athletes MUST preregister at the front desk of the civic center. The clinic is limited to the first thirty athletes signed up, so please register soon.

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 form signed 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.

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.

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/>)