

St. Mary's



BLUE NOTES

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

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Dates to Remember:



TODAY., 3/17: Kindergarten screening, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.; out-of-uniform for Haiti (wear green & bring at least \$1)

Fri., 3/19: Wellness Day; out-of-uniform if you wear red, white, and/or green & bring food for St. Joseph's Food Pantry; St. Joseph's Altar in the gym foyer

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,



I arise today through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity, through belief in the Threeness, through confession of the Oneness of the Creator of creation. Salvation is of the Lord. Salvation is of the Lord. Salvation is of Christ.

May Thy Salvation, O Lord, be ever with us.

These beautiful words from “St. Patrick’s Breastplate” prayer are a powerful reminder of how God’s grace can wonders in and through us—if we allow Him! Kidnapped by slave dealers from his family home in Britain as a young boy and sent to herd sheep among the pagan Celts of Ireland, the devout St. Patrick grew to love his adopted home and people, vowing to bring them to Christ.

Through the first teachings and example of this one great saint, the Irish went on to become missionaries of the Gospel throughout the world. May we also ask St. Patrick to help us follow his example and “proclaim the Gospel to every creature”!

In Christ,

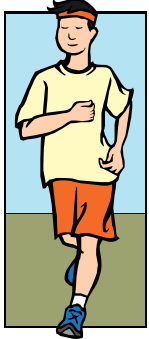
Sister Andrea Marie, O.P.
Principal

Spiritual Gift for SMS Families!

As some of you may know, our Congregation of Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia is celebrating its 150th Jubilee this year. In honor of this event, Pope Benedict XVI has granted spiritual gift of a plenary indulgence, in which our school families may also participate! Please see the RenWeb Resource Documents section for more information.

WELLNESS DAY EVENTS THIS FRIDAY:

Activities in the Gym



St. Mary's Home & School Association will be hosting Wellness Day **this 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

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



Students may come out of uniform **this 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.)

St. Joseph’s Altar



Italians around the world celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Friday, March 19, with specially built altars. The

tradition dates back to the middle ages when, according to legend, there was a severe drought in Sicily. Sicilians prayed to St. Joseph, asking for his intercession and they promised to prepare a feast in his honor if he answered their prayers.

As part of the feast, the people built a tri-level altar, which represented the Holy Trinity. The altar reminds us to share with those who are in need.

St. Mary's School will honor St. Joseph with an altar this Friday, which will be **located in the foyer between the school and the gym and will be open from 9 am till 2 pm.** All the donations of food and money will go to the St. Joseph Food pantry. Students will have an out of uniform day for bringing at least one item of food for the altar and wearing red, white and/or green. Please send items that will be used to fill Easter boxes for Pantry clients: canned green vegetables, canned fruit, boxed or bagged potato/noodle/rice side dishes, or baking mixes.



TERRACYCLE

is Coming to St. Mary’s! We have an exciting new recycling program to tell you about! We are now participating in the **TerraCycle® Brigade™ program**, which means we are collecting packaging and/or containers for the following items to divert them from landfills and earn money! Please see the RenWeb Resource Documents section for the “TerraCycle Letter.”



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.

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/>)