

St. Mary's



BLUE NOTES

Wednesday, March 24, 2010

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Dates to Remember:



Today, 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

Thurs., 4/22: Spring Musical at 6:00 p.m. in the gym

Fri., 4/23: Grandparents' Day; Spring Musical at 10:00 in the gym



Sat., 4/24: St. Mary's School and Church First Holy Communion at 5:30 p.m.



Principal's Corner

Dear Families & Friends,



*"Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you...
Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,
and you shall name him Jesus."
Gospel of Luke (Solemnity of the Annunciation)*

Back when he was still Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, Pope Benedict XVI wrote of this momentous event that

Mary, saying Yes to the birth of the Son of God from her womb by the power of the Holy Spirit, places her body, her entire self at God's disposal as a place for His presence. In her Yes, then, Mary's will coincides with her Son's.

As we commemorate the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord tomorrow, let us join our "yes" with that of the Blessed Virgin Mary so that we, too, may be a place for God's presence in the world.

In Christ,

Sister Andrea Marie, O.P.
Principal



SPRING MUSICAL Info on RenWeb

Please check for important information and practice resources for the Spring Musical/Grandparents' Day under the "Music/Liturgy" link in the Student Information section on RenWeb.

WELLNESS DAY THANKS!



A BIG “thank-you” to parents Nancy Howard and Julie Hubbard for organizing this year’s Wellness Day and Caramia Milloway

for designing and setting up our St. Joseph Altar—all of which were enjoyed by students, staff, and families alike! It took several car trips to carry all the donated food items to the St. Joseph Food Pantry. Many thanks also to the parents and other guest speakers who made the day so special, and to the Home and School Association for sponsoring the whole event! A great time was had by all!

Pinewood Derby Results



St. Mary’s Cub Scouts held their pinewood derby on Saturday, March 20, in the school gymnasium. Twenty-five Scouts entered cars in the derby. Each Scout is given a block of wood, wheels, and axel pins and then must design and build a car. Each car was run a total of six times, and the top nine cars were run three more times each to determine the winners. The winners of this year’s derby were: 1st place, Austin Vinyard; 2nd place, Matthew Puryear; and 3rd place, Brendon Hansen. The top three Scouts from each pack get to go on and compete in the Pellissippi District race that will be held on Saturday, March 27, in Norris. Congratulations to the winners, parents, leaders, and all the Scouts for a job well done!



Send in Items for TerraCycle!

We are now collecting packaging and/or containers for drink pouches, lunch kits, chips, and many other items to divert them from landfills and earn money! Please see the RenWeb Resource Documents section for the “TerraCycle Letter” with more details!

PARENT PERCEPTION SURVEY Now Open on RenWeb



The St. Mary’s School Parent Perception Survey is now open! To access, please click on the “Survey” tab under the School Information section on the left side of the Home page in ParentsWeb. Please note that **the survey is comprised of three separate sections**, so be sure to complete all three. We value your input and look forward to

sharing the results with you.

This survey is anonymous, and all answers are confidential. Be sure to **click the “SUBMIT” button** to save your answers!



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/>)