

St. Mary's



BLUE NOTES

Wednesday, March 9, 2011

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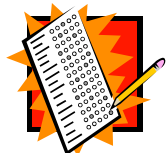
Dates to Remember:



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*

Thurs., 4/21: Holy
Thursday, **11:30 dismissal**
(not noon)



Fri., 4/22 –
Mon., 4/25: NO
SCHOOL, Good Friday
through Easter Monday



Principal's Corner

Dear Families & Friends,

For his Lenten message this year, our Holy Father Pope



Benedict takes as his theme the passage from
St. Paul's letter to the Colossians, "You were
buried with Him in baptism, in which you were
also raised with Him" (cf. Col 2: 12):

*Dear Brothers and Sisters, through
the personal encounter with our
Redeemer and through fasting,
almsgiving, and prayer, the journey*

*of conversion towards Easter leads us to rediscover
our Baptism. This Lent, let us renew our acceptance
of the Grace that God bestowed upon us at that
moment, so that it may illuminate and guide all of
our actions. What the Sacrament signifies and
realizes, we are called to experience every day by
following Christ in an ever more generous and
authentic manner. In this our itinerary, let us entrust
ourselves to the Virgin Mary, who generated the
Word of God in faith and in the flesh, so that we may
immerse ourselves – just as she did – in the Death
and Resurrection of her Son Jesus, and possess
eternal life.*

As we begin the Lenten season of 2011 today, please know of
my prayers for all of you that this holy time be one of peace, joy, and
"rediscovery" of the Cross of Christ—which is "love in its most
extreme form."

In Christ,

Sister Andrea Marie, O.P.
Principal

WELLNESS DAY: Wear **Red**, **White**, and/or **Green** for Food Donation!

For this year's Wellness Day on Friday, March 25th, come out of
uniform wearing red, white, and/or green in honor of St. Joseph and
bring AT LEAST ONE food item for St. Joseph's Food Pantry!
Collection baskets will be located in the gym foyer, underneath the
St. Joseph Altar.



Returning Students Application Forms DUE

Many thanks to those families who have returned their application forms for next year. **If you have misplaced the forms or are not coming back to St. Mary's next year**, please contact the school office. Registration is now being opened for new families.



THE WOMEN OF COURAGE Invite you to Come Bloom with Us!



An invitation to an 8-week Bible study lead by Jeff Cavins!

What: "A Quick Journey Through The Bible"—30 min. DVD/ 30 min. discussion. (To see an overview, Google this title)

Who: Men and women who would like to grow in faith and understanding of Bible history

When: **Tuesday afternoons from 1 - 2 P.M.**, March 29 through May 17

Cost: \$23.00 to cover the cost of the workbook

FREE: Childcare and refreshments!

If you can, please respond by March 11, so that your workbook can be ordered in time for the first session. Please contact either Christy Robson at christyrobson@hotmail.com or Margaret Merrill at mmerrill@smcor.org.

Endowment Fund UPDATE

The Mardi Gras Dinner and Dance for the Endowment Dance raised \$7,100. **The Endowment Fund has reached \$501,791.72 as of January 31, 2011.**

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.

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/>)