

# St. Mary's



## BLUE NOTES

Wednesday, April 13, 2011

### St. Mary's School

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### Dates to Remember:



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



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

**Fri., 5/6:** Grandparents' Day, Spring Musical, & May Crowning, followed by family picnic on the

lawn; please note that **the cafeteria is closed this day**, so you must provide lunch for your child(ren)

**Sat., 5/7:** First Holy Communion, St. Mary's Church, 5:30 P.M.



**Friday, 5/13:** Field Day

**Wed. 5/18 – Tues., 5/24:** Scholastic Book Fair in the Library

**Fri., 5/20:** Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast (Location & time TBA)

**Sat., 5/21:** End-of-School cookout at St. Mary's, 6:30 P.M. (details TBA)

## Principal's Corner

Dear Families & Friends,

This morning as I put together this week's *Blue Notes*, the 8<sup>th</sup> graders are enjoying a "day apart with the Lord," right here at St.



Mary's. As a special spiritual gift to them in this, their last year together as a class, they are spending the day with one another in Eucharistic Adoration, reflection, and fellowship, culminating with Mass in the convent chapel.

As the Lenten season comes to a close and we enter the most sacred time of the year—Holy Week—what a great example our students have given us of how to prepare in the best way possible: by taking the time to be with the Lord in prayer, offering Him our deepest gratitude for the gift of eternal life.

In Christ,

Sister Andrea Marie, O.P.  
Principal

## Garden Club PLANT SALE



The St. Mary's School student Garden Club's annual plant sale will be held next Monday and Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, from 2:30-4:00 P.M. in the gym. Some of this year's plants include a variety of tomatoes such as Jelly Bean Hybrid, Roma VF, and Rutgers! California Wonder Bell Peppers and Cayenne Peppers will also be available. There will be a nice selection of herbs to choose from including five different basil varieties, parsley, tarragon, thyme, parsley, cilantro, lavender, and sage. Please come visit us and shop for your vegetable garden plants. All proceeds benefit St. Mary's Science Department!



## Night TOMORROW!

From 5:00 to 8:00 P.M. this Thursday, April 16, the SONIC drive-in on Illinois Ave. in Oak Ridge will donate 10% of all sales during this time to St. Mary's School. At the last SONIC Night in March we were given a check in the amount of \$94.87. Thank you to all those that supported the school during this fundraising event, and be sure to stop by the SONIC tomorrow evening!

## Catholic Charities “Kids Helping Kids” FUN WALK THANKS!

Thanks to all the students and their families who came out last Sunday to the campus of All Saints’ Catholic Church to support the Columbus Home FunWalk! Art teacher Mrs. Karen Maston also submitted the artwork below, which was worked on by every student in the school:



## Vacation Bible School:

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Mary’s Parish will host its annual Vacation Bible School this year the week of June 6<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Karen Wilkens-Butz at the Ministry Center, 766-8435, if you can help. Still needed: help with music, crafts, and childcare!



## 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 4<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls to work on skills and conditioning for next year’s basketball season.



## Mary Shrine Contest

St. Mary’s School is once again sponsoring the Shoe Box Madonna Contest to promote devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary in the family home during the month of May. The homemade shrines are a beautiful reminder to pray the Rosary together as a family!



Rules:

1. Size of shrine should be no larger than a basic shoebox
2. Any materials may be used to decorate the shrine, inside and out
3. Inside of shrine must contain an appropriate image of the Blessed Mother
4. Shrines must be designed and constructed by students, although parents can help

Due date: Wednesday, April 27 (Wednesday after Easter). 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will receive a prize!

## Parenting Resources in St. Mary’s Library

The school library now has some great books for Catholic parents! Stop by and check out titles such as:

- *Discipline That Lasts a Lifetime*, by Dr. Ray Guarendi, Catholic psychologist, husband, and father of 10
- *Strong Fathers, Strong Daughters*, by Dr. Meg Meeker, MD, pediatrician, wife, and mother
- *Parenting on Purpose: 7 Ways to Raise Terrific Christian Kids*, by Jason Free, former general manager of the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy, husband, and father of eight
- *Do I Have to Go? 101 Questions About the Mass, the Eucharist, and Your Spiritual Life*, by Matthew Pinto and Chris Stefanick, Catholic authors
- *Boys to Men: The Transforming Power of Virtue*, by Tim Gray and Curtis Martin

## 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/>)