

St. Mary's



BLUE NOTES

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

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Dates to Remember:



Fri., 4/30: 7th & 8th grade class trip to Nashville (all day)

Fri., 5/7: May Crowning at 11:00 a.m., followed by family picnic on front lawn

Tues., 5/11: Sports Banquet, 6:00 p.m., Columbus Hall

(New) Wed., 5/12: Spanish high school placement exam for 8th graders

Fri., 5/14: Field Day and Lap the Map fun run, followed by all-school cookout

Tues., 5/18: 8th Grade Graduation, 6:00 p.m.

Thurs., 5/27: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL, NOON DISMISSAL

Principal's Corner

Dear Families & Friends,



*May the peoples praise you, O God;
may all the peoples praise you!*
Psalm 67

As the Mass readings from the Acts of the Apostles continue, the excitement is almost palpable as the Good News of Jesus Christ is taken to more and more people throughout the ancient world. Although many of us have been born and raised in the faith and can often "take it for granted," let us, too, continue to rejoice in our salvation from sin and death through the sacrifice of our Risen Lord!

In Christ,

Sister Andrea Marie, O.P.
Principal

Congratulations to 1st Holy Communicants



Congratulations to all of St. Mary's students who made their First Holy Communion this past weekend: Mya Holloway, Virginia Sances, Luci Carson, Ethan Chou, Mary Grace Cottrell, Dane Deming, McKenna Garibay, Kacie Kress, Catelyn Krings, Carrie Lyza, Ian McKenna, Joey Motto, Ashlyn Riikola, Lauren Robson, Meghan Smith, Marigrace Tidwell, and Henry Waltman.



Spring Musical/ Grandparents' Day

Many thanks to all the teachers, students, and many parent volunteers who made this year's spring musical and Grandparents' Day so wonderful! No contribution was too small: from conducting all the practices, supervising students, making sets & breakfast, and setting up tables, all was greatly appreciated!

TMTA High School Math Contest Winners!



The Tennessee Math Teachers Association-sponsored High School Math Contest last week included four St. Mary's

8th graders who competed very well. Congratulations to Anna Flickinger (2nd place), Elizabeth Sloop (3rd place), Kate Longaker (6th place), and Juliana Statile!



Garden Club Plant Sale THANKS!

Many thanks to all who supported the school's plant sale during Grandparents' Day; more than \$1,000 was raised!

Calling All SPIRIT CLUB Members!

Having fun yet?! Let's do it again then! Come to the planning meetings for our next pep rally - **Wednesday, 5/5** - to kick off the Lap the Map for the Endowment fundraiser! Looking for some new cheers and some new ideas for a pep routine! **Please attend our last meeting, Monday, 5/3.** All meetings will be held in the gym or breezeway next to gym immediately after school until 4:30. Questions - please contact Jenny Hansen at 719-9534.

Send in Items for TerraCycle!



We are 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!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



St. Mary's School will host a Scholastic Book Fair in the School Library from May 13 - May 19 from 8:00-4:30 Monday-Thursday, 8:00-6:00 Friday, and after all Weekend Masses. This is a great time to buy books for summer reading and to benefit the school and library at the same time.

Books on the schools summer reading list will be marked on the cases. Not all books on the list will be available, but we work with Scholastic to bring in as many as they have available! Attendees can also help the school build classroom libraries by purchasing books for teachers through the Classroom Wish List program. Please plan to attend!

Parent and Parishioner Information Meeting: How to Talk to Your Children Regarding Sexual Abuse

The Diocese of Knoxville will be sponsoring 4 informational meetings to help us process the news about the abuse of a child by a member of the clergy. There will also be information about how to address this sensitive topic with your children. A counselor from Catholic Charities who has expertise in this particular area, Kim Cook, will facilitate the meetings along with representatives from the diocese. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. The meeting times and locations are as follows:

May 3: Notre Dame, Greeneville, 7p.m., Parish Hall
May 6: St. Dominic, Kingsport, 7p.m., Parish Hall
May 12: St. Stephen, Chattanooga, 7p.m., Downstairs Parish Hall
May 13: St. John Neumann, Knoxville, 7p.m., Gym

For more information please contact Peggy Humphreys at 584-3307.



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/>)