

St. Mary's



BLUE NOTES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

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Dates to Remember:



Fri., 5/14: Field Day and Lap the Map fun run, followed by all-school cookout, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., rain or shine!

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



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

Tues., 6/1: Final grades posted to RenWeb by 5:00 p.m.; report cards and end-of-year mailing sent out

Tues., 8/17: First day of school/Family welcome in gym, beginning at 9:00 a.m. with 12:45 dismissal

Wed., 8/18: First full day of school

Principal's Corner

Dear Families & Friends,



*“Jesus said to His disciples:
“I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now.
But when He comes, the Spirit of truth,
He will guide you to all truth.”*

John 16

In these Easter days leading up to the great feast of Pentecost, Our Lord reminds us of the Holy Spirit's vital role in declaring the Truths of God to all who would believe. The One Who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life would not leave us without a clear path to follow or an unfailing light to guide us through the darkness of this world to our true home in Heaven. As we look forward to the culmination of the Easter Season, let us pray to be of one heart and mind with the Holy Spirit so that God's will can be carried out in all that we do.

In Christ,

Sister Andrea Marie, O.P.
Principal



Sports Banquet THANKS!

Many thanks to athletic director Mrs. Ashley Powell, vice principal Mrs. Anne Garrett, and the 7th grade parents for hosting a wonderful sports banquet for the 5th through 8th grade athletes and their families!

Many thanks also to our devoted parent coaches for their time and talent all year: Mr. Rick Riikola (varsity boys basketball & soccer and JV girls basketball), Mrs. Teresa Rizk (JV girls basketball), Mr. Todd Wright (varsity boys basketball), Mr. Ghazi Rizk and Mr. Antonio Ferre (JV soccer), Mrs. Laura McKenna (varsity volleyball), Ms. Jill Mushett (JV volleyball), and Mr. Dennis Miller and Mrs. Susie Allen (cross country)!



“Shoebox” Madonna Contest Winners

Congratulations to Mirabella Booth, Caitlyn Krings, Stephanie Romanoski, and Erin & Amelia Van Berkel for their prize-winning entries! Many thanks to all who participated in this lovely way to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary during the month of May.

Field Day & Lap the Map, Walk for the Endowment Fun!



More details coming to you soon about Lap the Map, but save the date: **this Friday, May 14!** We need

volunteers to help during the day with Field Day Activities to help set up the games in the morning, blow up balloons, set up/clean up, serve lunch to the children, be runners to help with needs that arise. The grown-ups get to have playtime too!

And don't forget the great **cookout planned at 3:30 p.m.** following the Lap the Map, Walk for the Endowment, for all the families of St. Mary's to come and enjoy at Columbus Hall!



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

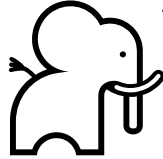
St. Mary's School will host a Scholastic Book Fair in the School Library from May 13 - May 19 from 8:00-4:30 Monday-Thursday, 8:00-6:00 Friday, and after all Weekend Masses. This is a great time to buy books for summer reading and to benefit the school and library at the same time. Books on the schools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

Kids Walk for Columbus Home

Catholic Charities of East Tennessee will be holding its annual Kids Walk for Columbus Home on **this Sunday, May 16.** Columbus Home supports the needs of children who have been abandoned, abused, and/or neglected. Please see the "Kids Walk Catholic Charities Brochure" under RenWeb's Resource Documents for more information!



White Elephant: HELP NEEDED!



The White Elephant at St. Mary's Church is in need of a volunteer to coordinate this ministry. Times needed are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please contact Karen Butz at 482-2875 if you can help!

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. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. The meeting times and locations are as follows:

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.

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/>)