

St. Mary's



BLUE NOTES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

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Dates to Remember:



Fri., 5/7: May Crowning at 11:00 a.m., followed by family picnic on front lawn & volunteer reception from 1 – 3 p.m.; **please note—the cafeteria is closed Friday, so you must provide a lunch for your child**

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

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

Sports Banquet

Tuesday May 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the gymnasium, St. Mary's will hold its annual Sports Banquet. If your child (grades 5-8) participated in a sport this year, please make plans to join us for this special event. Students are asked to wear their Sunday best! Cost is \$6.50 per person. This money is due by **today, May 5th**, to Mrs. Garrett.



Principal's Corner

Dear Families & Friends,



*O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today;
Queen of the angels, Queen of the May...
O thus shall we prove thee
how truly we love thee;
How dark without Mary
life's journey would be!*

Why the Blessed Virgin Mary in May?
Because this month is traditionally

associated with new life, what better time to honor the Mother of the One through Whom new life was given to all of creation by His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Among other devotions to Mary during this month, the practice of crowning her image with a wreath of flowers representing her virtues (virtues the faithful are called to imitate) became very popular in the United States—and we are happy to carry on the tradition! Please join us for our May Crowning ceremony this Friday at 11:00 a.m. in the church, followed by a family picnic with your children on the front lawn.

In Christ,

Sister Andrea Marie, O.P.
Principal

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION RECEPTION



Immediately following the family picnic **this Friday, May 7**, there will be a volunteer appreciation reception for all those who have volunteered in any way at the school throughout the year. St. Mary's School faculty and staff would like to take this opportunity to thank all volunteers for their tremendous support!

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Courtyard between the church and school

“Shoebox” Madonna Contest



In honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the month of May, all students are invited to participate in this contest!

Rules:

1. Shrines may not exceed the size of a shoe box but can be made of any kind of

material.

2. Inside of shrine must include appropriate image of the Blessed Mother (drawing, figurine, etc.) and decorations.
2. Students must design and construct the shrines, although parents may assist with hot glue guns if necessary.

Shrines are due in homerooms by Monday, May 10, for judging, and may be taken home after that. The finished shrines are a wonderful way to promote devotion to Our Lady in the home by providing a focal point for the praying of the family Rosary.

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



More details coming to you soon about Lap the Map, but save the date: **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!

Vocations Website

The U.S. Bishops' Secretariat of Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations is initiating a new website on April 25 to be a resource for both laity and clergy in the promotion of vocations. The launch date is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations and Good Shepherd Sunday. The site has two goals: To help individuals hear and respond to the call by God to the priesthood or consecrated life, and to educate all Catholics on the importance of encouraging others through prayer and activities to promote vocations. The Vocations Website can be found at www.ForYourVocation.org.

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 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.

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/>)