



ST. MARY SCHOOL

Week of 9-22-2011

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September 22, 2011

Hello St. Mary Families!

I know many of us are having a difficult time finding information here on the web-page and getting the Thursday information. As everyone knows, change is hard and soon it will be like you've never done it any other way, so be patient with us and yourselves, and this too shall pass. We have spoken to several IT personnel, and they agree that the timing of the downloads is more a result of your internet speed at home than anything we are doing here, so again, be patient we are doing what we can.

“A lot of people get impatient with the pace of change.“

James Levine

Faculty News to Share!

Last Friday we had a half day of school for the children and a full day for our teachers! We were fortunate to have Mrs. Layng stop in and share with us the information regarding the Cultural Arts Program which is now reaching our 6th graders!! The teachers are truly student centered this year, so we want to incorporate the curriculum from the cultural arts program with our core subject areas, reading, writing, math, social studies, science, art, music, Spanish, and P.E.... This way the students see the greater value in the program and recognize how every subject crosses lines and nothing stands alone! We also started work on our vision statement for the school ... we will share with you what we come up with!

Mrs. Veverka opens every school year with Technological Awareness/Computer Literacy which covers bullying, behavior, and future ramifications of what they do at this age on social networking sights in her September curriculum. Handout sheets went home with the junior high students regarding this, so please ask your children about this, as bullying is NOT acceptable in any form, and least of all on the world-wide-web, where everyone, including strangers become involved in this nasty behavior. Thanks Mrs. Veverka for taking the time to do this with our students!

We are almost finished testing our 1st through 3rd graders

in reading, Mrs. Atwood and Mrs. Rose remain vigilant with our students, testing them every moment they can. When the tests are completed and scored, we will be sending the results home with our recommendations as to how we want to move forward in teaching them in a small group instruction format. More to come!

Information:

- When coming to pick up your children or drop them off, please do NOT park in the Salon parking lot adjacent to the Burlington Street lot. We must be considerate of our neighbors as they are running a business and need to keep their lot open to customers.
- Progress reports will be on Edline this week on Friday, tomorrow, please be sure to check them. Our students are working hard and studying harder.
- All 8th grade parents are invited to attend an informational program on Monday, October 17, 2011 from 8:40 AM until 11:00 AM. See flyer for information. It is an informational meeting about the local Catholic High Schools.
- Picture day is coming!! School pictures will be taken Monday, October 3, 2011, so shine your shoes, comb your hair and get ready to smile for the

camera!!!! Please return the order form (one for each child) directly to your teacher on Oct. 3rd. Any student without an order form will still be photographed; however, additional pictures can not be ordered. As we all want these photos to turn out fantastic, please be sure to have the children dressed in their Sunday best! If they forget, then they will be photographed in their school uniform, so please remember, as it is a lot of fun for the children to get dressed up.

- An altar server training flyer can be found on the website, so please check out our web page under “Activities” and then Altar Servers, and you will find the dates, times, and training information there to print and hand in.

Reminders:

- Last day to order World's Finest Chocolate is Friday, September 23, so get your orders in!
- Innisbrook gift wrap fundraiser is going on now and runs through September 30th, so get your wrapping paper here, it really is beautiful!

On a side note, I want to thank P.I.E. for purchasing our Children's Daily Prayer books for each classroom. The prayers and readings are so beautiful and we are able to use them every day. Thank you P.I.E. for your kindness we will add a prayer of thanksgiving for you and your generosity!

Also, the money from the tailgating fundraiser will be used to purchase dictionaries for our 2nd graders, and the Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark Assessment Systems I & II --- we will use these to connect our assessments to direct instruction in determining independent and instructional reading levels. This will be of great benefit to our students so they can be challenged and supported at every level. I look forward to getting started with this. Again, more to come!

As I drive to and from school every day I say a prayer of thanksgiving for all my students and families here at St. Mary School. Your passion and dedication to your children and all of the faculty continues to inspire me to want to do more, be better, and be thankful. Tomorrow is the last official day of summer, so let's welcome Fall, my favorite season!

Peace,

Ms. Diane M. Simonaitis
Principal
St. Mary School

Altar Server Training!

- **OPEN TO ALL WANTING TO BECOME ALTAR SERVERS AT ST. MARY'S RIVERSIDE (INCLUDING ADULTS!)**
- **MUST BE 5TH GRADE OR OLDER**
- **EXISTING SERVERS TOO BUT NOT REQUIRED**
- **TWO SEPARATE SESSIONS OFFERED**
- **NEED ONLY COME TO ONE SESSION**
- **MUST RSVP TO:**

ALTARSERVERS.SCHEDULE@GMAIL.COM

OR

708.214.5470

**DATES ARE SATURDAYS:
OCT. 8TH OR OCT. 15TH**

- **ARRIVE IN TIME FOR 830AM MASS**
 - **STAY UNTIL NOON**
 - **SNACK PROVIDED**
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- **MUST BRING THE SIGNED PERMISSION SLIP AVAILABLE THROUGH ABOVE EMAIL OR TEACHERS**
 - **CALL OR EMAIL DAN JONES AT ABOVE CONTACTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR ANY QUESTIONS**

ALTAR SERVER PERMISSION SLIP

This permission slip must be signed by your parents. It gives you their permission to be an altar server at St. Mary Catholic Church (Riverside, IL) and lets them know that you intend to be available when you are assigned to serve Mass, funerals, weddings, or other church functions. If you are unable to serve when scheduled, find a replacement and inform the ministry director at altarservers.schedule@gmail.com or 708-214-5470.

Name: _____

Address: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Have you served Mass at a Catholic Parish before? If so, where?

_____ Yes _____

_____ No

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

Please return this permission slip to Dan Jones directly or the rectory office.

Scheduling Needs

On this page, please respond with specific scheduling needs. Understand that the greater the limitations placed upon your schedule, the less frequency of assignments you will receive. I will make every effort to schedule around preferences, but also know that preferences cannot always be met. Please note, email is the ministry's primary method of contact. Schedules are published on the 15th of the prior month and emailed unless other delivery requested. Schedule requests should be submitted prior to the 15th. If you have any questions about this, please email or phone me directly. - Dan Jones

Altar server's name/grade/school _____

Max. num of assignments per month? _____

Can server funerals assuming no school conflict (y/n)? _____

Can never serve.....(specific dates/days/times)? _____

Prefers to serve..... (specific dates/days/times)? _____

List family members who also serve or are otherwise liturgical volunteers (Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Cantors, Choir, Children's Liturgist, Usher, etc...)

8TH GRADE Only

Archdiocese High School Presentation Program

All 8th grade parents are invited to attend this informational program on Monday, October 17, 2011 from 8:40 AM until 11:00 AM. The high schools and times are:

8:40 St. Ignatius

9:00 Nazareth

9:20 Fenwick

9:40 St. Joseph

10:00 St. Patrick

10:20 Queen of Peace/Brother Rice

10:40 Trinity/St. Laurence

11:00 Mt. Carmel

Feel free to attend all or part of the morning program. Questions? Call or email Michelle Cronin (708)447-2712 or mcronin@ameritech.net.

SCORE SHEET

St. Mary's CCW
presents
Ladies Night Out
Bunco
Wednesday, October 5th
7PM

St. Mary's Oak Room
\$20 Admission
(BYOB & appetizer/dessert to share)
For info contact Debbie Jensen
708-442-5884

jiensendjri@att.net

You heard about it last time.
Experience it this time!!!

