



St. Mary's Bell

Mission Statement: St. Mary's Catholic School is a parish ministry that actively assists families by fostering community while providing Catholic formation within a strong academic program.

Prayer of the Week:

"Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven." *Luke 6:37*

February 25, 2010

"Week at a Peek"
2/28/10



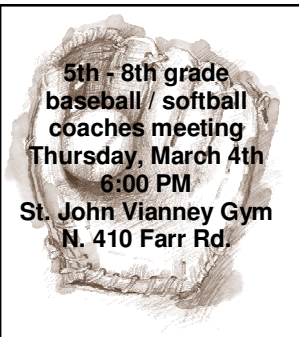
Wed, 3/3
SAC mtg. 5pm

Thu, 3/4
Mass 8:15

Fri, 3/5
School Prayer Service &
Awards 8:15 a.m.

6th gr Meals on Wheels
7 & 8 gr Community Svc

Knights of Columbus
Fish Fry 5:00 to 6:45 p
Stations of the Cross 7pm



Dear Families,

NAUDITT'S NOTES:

I can't believe how quickly the month of February has sped by! The dusting of snow on Wednesday reminded me that we have certainly had an easy winter as far as snow removal and hazardous driving were concerned! It has also been a year where I have had very few snowball related discipline issues ...

I was in Northern California earlier this week for a pre-visit to a school whose Accreditation team I am chairing. I was just at the school for part of one day, but I was struck with the similarities between their school and ours. The day that I was there, the principal was dealing with some issues involving uniform policy enforcement and bullying. That caused me to do some thinking about those issues at St. Mary's.

The uniform code is always a challenge. If you make it complete enough to cover ANY contingency (that you have thought of) it will be so long that no one will take the time to read it! We have tried to make our policy readable and enforceable. The main goal of the policy is, not surprisingly, to provide guidelines for families in how to dress their students for school so that they are in compliance with the stated standards of dress for the school, as well as being safe, neat, clean and (well) uniformed. I didn't write the uniform (school dress) code. It was here long before me, and will probably outlast me as well. There have been refinements to the code during my tenure - the addition of hunter green polos, navy jumpers and skorts, but by and large it is a document that bears great similarity to the document of a decade (or two) ago. The teachers and staff are on the front lines of enforcing the uniform code. The degree that it is enforced does vary from teacher to teacher and even on how busy the teacher may be. Sometimes, especially in the junior high, teachers might not notice a particular infraction on the first day that it occurs, for various reasons. One issue that we are seeing a little more of is the use of makeup (especially mascara) in grades younger than 7th. The code is very clear in this area - no makeup of any kind before grade 7, and no nail polish or tatoos in any grade. The code is intended to provide a guideline for families, but if you are in doubt of a garment or a detail, please call , or stop by the office for clarification.

The other area that I wanted to address is that of bullying. A more precise term for bullying is really harassment. Harassment can take many forms. Sometimes it is very overt and noticeable by adults (i.e. hitting, name calling), sometimes it is far more subtle (shunning and quiet campaigns that intimidate). Often the harasser (bully) will say that they were, "Just joking," or they were responding to a behavior by the other person. The thing that distinguishes harassment is that it is deliberate (intentional) and repeated. It is hard to detect and stop as it often occurs 'out of earshot' of a staff member. It is also a hard thing as a parent. If your child is on the receiving end of harassment, it is very hurtful that another child could be so cruel to the person whom you dearly love. If your child is the harasser, it is embarrassing to think that your child, who you dearly love, could be so unkind. As a result, no one is ever satisfied with the consequences meted out when such behavior occurs. For the victim, the consequences are never quite harsh enough, and for the harasser, the consequences seem too severe for the action. What is important, from my perspective, is that issues are addressed and acknowledged and that we come up with a plan for moving forward.

Don't forget to get those auction reservations and registration packets turned in!
Peace,

Lauri Nauditt

Reserve your seat for the Auction now! Invite family, friends co-workers! Don't miss out on the fun of the Auction!

"We are Called..."

Important Dates to Remember

- Feb. 26 Invitation RSVP Deadline
- March 2 Auction Spotters Meeting
5:30 in the Library
- MARCH 20 38th Annual Auction at
the Mirabeau Park Hotel**
- May 14 Family Fun Night!

Thank you Auction
Silver Table Sponsors

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RPC; Rock Placing Company
Mega Wash Express
Wolf - Majeskey - Rapp

Stay the night at the Mirabeau Park Hotel on March 20th! Mention code STM or St. Mary's School Auction when making your reservation and get a special rate of \$92.

St. Mary's Catholic School




38th Annual Auction
March 20, 2010

<http://stmarysspokane.maestroweb.com/>
Click here to view our awesome auction items or to donate/register on line. There is something for everyone at the St. Mary's Auction!


Bulletin Attachments:

- **Baseball/Softball Registration**

RECYCLE: Recycle your ink cartridges, toner cartridges and cell phones through St. Mary's. The school earns money on each cartridge & cell phone!

Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled for March 9--11. Volunteers are needed to help with sales and organizing on those days. The book sales will run during the school day on those dates and continue after our 11:00 a.m. dismissal until conferences are over each day. This is a great way to get some volunteer hours in! Contact Librarian Margaret Myhre via e mail at: mmyhre@stmarysspokane.org



Did you know that you can volunteer at the Auction even if you are not attending? It's a great way to experience the Auction **AND** get credit for your volunteer hours! Contact the Development Office for Auction Volunteer Opportunities.

R U Spring Cleaning?

If you have any gently worn crib sheets that are looking for a new home, please bring them to Educare. It would be greatly appreciated!



It's time for a **Box Top Contest!!** The class that brings in the most Box Tops between Feb. 1—March 26th wins a Snack Party! Drop your Box Tops in the container in your classroom.

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38th Annual Auction
March 20, 2010

COME TO THE AUCTION!!!

Reserve your seat for the Auction! Invite family, friends and co-workers and fill a table of 10! Don't miss out on all the fun!

- Silent Auction
- 50/50 Cash Raffle
- Raffle Table with 5 FANTASTIC items
 - Cut the Deck Raffle
- Don't Miss the Bus!! Sign up for a WSU football bus trip!
 - Arbor Crest Sunset & Wine Tasting sign up!
- Live Auction that is full of **AWESOME** Dinners, overnight get- a- ways, GU Basketball packages, trips to Mexico, Napa Valley and Fairmont Hot Springs, beautiful jewelry and much more!

Auction Donation Corner

“Live, Learn & Grow”

Look at what we have received so far:

- Exterior House Painting Package
- 2 GU Tickets & Dinner at Anthony's
- \$200 Tire Rama Gift Certificate
- 2 U of W Football Tickets
- Special Mother's Day Package
- Father's Day with the Mariners Package

See all of the wonderful auction donations at <http://stmarysspokane.maestroweb.com/>

Auction Basket Most Wanted List:

- Gift Cards for Michaels, Wal-Mart & VISA
- Wine and Wine accessories
- Kids outdoor games & toys

 * The Runner's & Clerks Auction Committee is in need of **2** volunteers to help the
 * night of the auction. What does a Runner & Clerk do you ask? They work in
 * shifts during the Live auction. They "run" the bid slip to the bid winner to sign
 * and then "run" it out to the data input volunteers. It is one of the most fun jobs
 * the night of the auction! You don't have to attend the auction to help! Just ar-
 * rive in time for your shift—then head home when you're done!
 * Interested? Contact Larry Chermak (Runner's & Clerk Chair) @ 892-3938 or
 * larrychermak@comcast.net.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

If you haven't signed up yet to help with the auction- now is the time!!! We are in need in these areas:

AUCTION COMPUTERS AND CASHIERING: There are various shifts available! Training is usually conducted prior to the auction, so don't worry if you have never done it before! Please contact Stacie Bays at stacie.bays@yahoo.com for more information.

OTHER ITEMS:

The Development Office is still looking for someone who would be willing to change the **READER BOARD** as needed. Please, please, consider assisting with this item!

Theresa Amble

991-8583

tiaamble@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER HOURS RECORDING SHEET:

The school is keeping track of the 20 required Volunteer Hours per family, per school year. Please fill out this form, sign and date it, have the event coordinator/teacher sign for the hours provided, and turn it into the Office. Thank you!

Volunteer Name: _____

Date of Event	Hours/Times	Event / Activity	Contact



Basketball Schedules

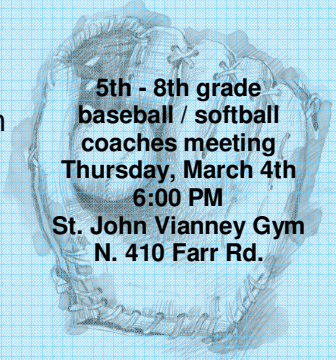
HUSKIES SPORTS RAP:

SCHEDULES ON THE WEBSITE AT
<http://school.stmarysspokane.com/sportsschedules>

Spokane Catholic Schools League Baseball/Softball Registration, Spring 2010 Grades 5-8

PRACTICES – Practices may begin Monday, March 8, 2010. Your coach will contact you about practice times and location. Students are required to complete 10 practices prior to playing in any games.

GAMES – Games will begin after Spring Break



5th - 8th grade
baseball / softball
coaches meeting
Thursday, March 4th
6:00 PM
St. John Vianney Gym
N. 410 Farr Rd.

**Deadline for registration
Friday, Feb. 26th**

Registration form attached to this bulletin and posted on the school website at <http://school.stmarysspokane.com/events>

Auction Preview!!

Look for this item at the Auction on
March 20th!!

Arbor Crest Sunset Wine Tasting,
Dinner, and Concert

Be one of 50 people to enjoy a sunset concert and wine tasting at beautiful Arbor Crest Winery on Sunday, July 18th. A gazebo has been reserved especially for us to enjoy dinner, a decadent dessert and wonderful wine all while watching the sunset and listening to soothing jazz music. The cost is \$50 per person and is open to anyone 21 years and older. Look for the sign-up at the Auction!

**DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION
FRIDAY, FEB. 26TH**

SPOKANE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS LEAGUE

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REGISTRATION FORM: *Please complete this form and return it to your school.*

First Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____ Grade *(09/10 School Year)* _____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Date of Birth _____ School _____

Mother's Name _____ Employer _____ Work Phone _____

Father's Name _____ Employer _____ Work Phone _____

My son / daughter , _____ has permission to register for
Baseball / Softball for the year 2010. He/She will play at the (Check one box) _____ 5th & 6th level;
_____ 7th & 8th level.

I have enclosed the \$50.00 registration fee and have signed to verify my permission and commitment to play.

Signature of Parent

_____ I am interested in coaching or helping coach this team.

Contact phone # _____

Email _____

JUKEBOX YESTERDAY NITE

Come to our Cabaret Dinner Show

An evening of Nostalgia and Barbershop
It doesn't get much better than that!

Proceeds to
Benefit Our
Scholarship Fund

St. Mary's Parish Hall

4th & Adams ~ Spokane Valley

Saturday ~ March 13, 2010

Doors Open ~ 6:30 p.m.

Dinner ~ 6:45 ★ Show Begins ~ 8:00

Lasagna & all the trimmings

Beer ~ Wine ~ Soft Drinks

Tickets ~ \$20.00 ~ Advance Tickets Only

Tickets Not Available at the Door

Deadline March 5th ~ Limited Seating

For more info & tickets:

509.953.9536 or 208.687.0783

Cheryl Branz ~ Emcee

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