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:

"Our help is in the name of the Lord" *Psalm 124:8*

Oct 15, 2009

Individual School Pictures

Friday, October 16 -

Remember to send your order envelopes and payment to class.

NAUDITT'S NOTES:

Dear Parents,

We have been working through some e-mail issues over the course of the last few weeks. If you have e-mailed me, or any of the school staff, and we have not responded in a timely way (or at all), it would be safe to assume that we didn't receive your e-mail. We have had our mail hosted on the Diocesan server for several years, but the volume of mail received by the schools has increased, and we have been asked to host our own e-mail. We have a domain, but the two domains dioceseofspokane.org and stmarysspokane.org do not seem to be playing well together. Please address any new e-mails that you send to the school or school staff with the first initial and last name of the person followed by @stmarysspokane.org. We have tried several ways to get the systems to work together, but I am sure that we are missing some e-mails along the way. Thank you for your patience. Technology is a wonderful tool, when it's working!

Did you know that there is a long range plan for the school? The plan is divided into 9 sections and each year 3 sections are addressed, so that in 3 years all nine sections are examined. The point of our long range plan is to acknowledge the strengths of the school and determine a prudent course of future actions. At our meeting last week, the SAC board began working on the Staffing section of the long range plan. We started on the narrative section which gives an overview of the entire section. I would like to share the draft form of this narrative and ask for your input on the draft before we move on to the assumptions and recommendation sections of the Staffing section of the plan.

St Mary's Catholic School will continue to enhance the existing school programs by maintaining certified classroom teachers and providing classroom aides for grades as needed.

Retention of staff is seen as a key ingredient to the quality academic program and the stability of the school community.

With gratitude for the positive role that the religious sisters imparted to St. Mary's Catholic School in the past and recognition that the presence of religious sisters and priests can have a positive influence on future vocations, St Mary's will endeavor to maintain that presence whenever possible, and will invite the pastor and associates to be involved in our school program. In order to preserve the Catholicity of the school, teachers of religion in grades K-8 will be practicing, active Catholics and will be expected to work toward developing their knowledge of Catholic teachings and faith by attaining and maintaining Diocesan Catechist Certification.

The school will offer teachers opportunities for professional development by participation in both diocesan and 'in house' in-services, offering payment or partial payment of workshop fees, (utilizing Title funding from Central Valley School District whenever possible) and providing substitutes for teachers who are attending professional workshops.

St. Mary's will continue to be aware of the changes in the school population in regards to special needs of families and students. The school administration will continue to work with Central Valley School District in order to avail students of services provided by the district that they might be entitled to receive. The school also hopes to seek funding in order to reinstate the school's own learning support program to better meet the academic needs of St. Mary's students.

St. Mary's will strive to utilize shared staff with other diocesan schools whenever practicable and will also utilize the talents of volunteers in concert with certified personnel.

When hiring school staff, experience and education will be considered, and teachers will be sought with training (endorsements) or experience in specific areas.

Peace,

Lauri Nauditt

"We are Called..."

"Week at a Peek"
10/18/09

Wed10/21
Make up Fun Run!

Thu 10/22
Mass @ 8:15am

Fri, 10/23
K & 1 Field trip to Carver Farms

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"St. Mary's Catholic School is an equal opportunity provider."

Gift Card Corner

Check out the **Gift Card Corner** each month to see what Gift Card we are featuring. Guaranteed to be in stock!

October Gift Card:
Wal-Mart

Important Dates to Remember

Oct.17	Auction Kick-Off Party!!
Oct. 19	Family Auction Packets sent home.
Oct. 21	Fun Run Make-up Day
Nov. 3	McTeacher Night 4:30-7:30
Nov. 4	Fun Run Awards Assembly 10:15

The IRIS emergency system is a robotic voice. Please listen to the message and not hang up.

Attention 2nd Grade Parents!

We are in need of an Auction Class Project Coordinator for the 2nd grade! If you are interested in helping or have questions, see Peggy in the Development Office.

Volunteer Opportunity

We are currently seeking a volunteer to chair MCT (Missoula Children's Theater). If you are interested, contact Terri in the Development Office at 924-4300 ext. 206.

RECYCLE:

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

SCHOOL DIRECTORIES:

The school directories were sent home this week with your bulletin student..

NEW Gift Card Promotion…

Place a $100 Gift Card order* each month and your name will go into a drawing for a Gift Card basket! Those with monthly standing orders of $100 or more will automatically be included in the drawing.

- **Order must be one single order of $100 to qualify for drawing.**

Look for the Gift Basket on display in the office.

Sign up for a Gift Card (previously known as Scrip) Standing Order before Oct. 30th and your name will be put in a drawing for a $25 Gift Card of your choice! Order forms are in the office.

We are in need of a parent or two to help with the 7th grade auction class project. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Peggy at 924-4300 ext. 205 in the Development Office.

Fun Run Make Up Day has been changed to **Wednesday, Oct. 21.**

Attachments to this Bulletin are:

- Guess the Pumpkin Contest Information flyer
- Accident and Health Insurance Information
- Auction Kick off Flyer
- 8th Grade Entertainment book flyer
- Winterswap flyer

FUN RUN * FUN RUN * FUN RUN * FUN RUN * FUN RUN

The 2009 FUN RUN "Lead the Pack" was a huge success!!

We are on track to reaching our goal of $30,000….we have brought in over **$24,000** already! **Thank you** to all of our awesome volunteers! We couldn't do it without you!

Fun Run Awards Assembly

Wednesday, Nov. 4th @ 10:15

We are in need of a parent or two to help with the 7th grade auction class project. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Peggy at 924-4300 ext. 205 in the Development Office.

The **3rd Annual Holiday Raffle** will be held on Grandparents/Special Persons Day (Nov. 25th) and the weekend of Nov. 28 &29th. If you have any holiday decorations/items that could be used in a basket, please drop them off in the Development Office.

AUCTION KICK-OFF PARTY

Saturday, October 17th

6:30pm

David and Dalyn Boehm

2806 S. Man O' War Lane

Mark your calendar and come help us kick-off the 38th Annual Auction!!

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!

Date of Event	Event AND Hours	Event Coordinator/Teacher Signature
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Auction News!

Planning has begun for the 38th Annual Auction! We are looking for a few of St. Mary's finest to help with the following committees:

*** Family Night Silent Chair ***

*** 3 –4 more volunteers are needed for the Procurement Committee ***

If you are interested in helping or have questions, contact Peggy in the Development Office at 924-4300 ext. 205 or pclark@dioceseofspokane.org.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR GREAT VOLUNTEERS THAT HELPED MAKE FUN RUN A SUCCESS!

Here are the latest volunteer needs:

We still need a 7th grade class project coordinator for auction

Auction committee needs about 4 more people to assist with **Procurement**- what is procurement?! It is the committee that makes phone calls to local businesses that have typically donated items in the past (and calls to new businesses) to ask for a donation towards this years' auction. It is a great way to help with auction from home.

Gift card sales: We would really like to have a few volunteers who would be willing to sell gift cards after the masses once a month.

Thank you for your time!

Theresa Amble

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991-8583

HUSKIES SPORTS RAP:

St. Mary's 5th grade volleyball team under the coaching of parent Mike Self is having a great season so far. They are now 3-0 with their recent win over Cataldo 25-21, 25-17.

If you have sports schedules or results you would like to tell us about call the school office.

Sports schedules are posted on the website. Www.school.stmarysspokane.com

Pumpkin Guessing Contest

Who? The eighth grade.

What? A pumpkin guessing contest will be held to see who can guess the right weight of Mrs. O'Dea's pumpkin. The person who guesses the closest to the right weight will win a prize.

How Much? You can buy tickets to make guesses for 25 cents each, or 4 for a dollar. Plus, you get a piece of candy with each guess.

When? Sales begin Thursday, October 1st and End Thursday, October 27th.

Where? Visit the table at the front of the school to buy tickets to make your guess.

Why? To raise money for the eighth grade OPI (Olympic Park Institute) trip, so donations are always welcome.

A name drawing will be held in the case of a tie.

AUCTION KICK-OFF PARTY

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Saturday, October 17th
6:30
David & Dalyn Boehm
2806 S. Man O'War Lane
879-6895

Join us as we kick off the 2010 Auction!!

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Directions from St. Mary's

From 4th, head south on Sullivan.
Turn left at Saltese Rd.
Turn left in to Remington Hills housing development
onto Man O' War Lane.
Follow Man O' War Lane to the fork -
follow to the right.
2nd house on the left.

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Everyone is invited!!

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DINE. SHOP. TRAVEL. SAVE.®

Until October 28, Our 8th graders are selling the new 2009-2010 entertainment books to help earn money for their OPI trip this spring.

The books are full of coupons that will save you money on things you use everyday. A sample book is available in the office. Books are $30. Contact any 8th grader to buy your book. Checks should be made out to St. Mary's Catholic School.

WINTER SWAP
NOV. 7 - SAT - 9AM
CDA FAIRGROUNDS

LOOKOUT PASS &SILVER MOUNTAIN SKI PATROLS

www.winterswap.org

The Lookout Pass and Silver Mountain volunteer ski patrols are hosting the eleventh annual **Winter Swap at the Kootenai County Fairgrounds on Saturday, November 7th, from 9 AM to 3 PM**. Items for sale will include new and used skiing equipment, snowboarding gear, accessories, as well as all types of winter clothing. This is an excellent time to pick-up equipment or clothing that you need for the upcoming season or clear out the closets of stuff that you or the kids have outgrown. Admission fee is $4 per person; children, 12 years and under, are free with a paying adult. Your paid admission also gets you a chance to enter our "Grand Prize Drawing" with prizes that include a season ski pass and lots of other door prizes.

Please **bring Items to sell to the fairgrounds on Friday, November 6th from 3 PM to 8 PM**.