



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.

Nov. 19, 2009

"Week at a Peek"
11/22/09



Mon 11/23

Basketball Coaches Mtg
6:00 pm St. Mary's
Teacher's Lounge

Wed 11/24

Grandparents/Special
Persons Day Celebration
Mass 8:45 a.m.
Classroom visits after
Mass/Program

Early dismissal 11:00 am

Educare open - pre sign
up required.

Thu 11/26

Happy Thanksgiving!

Fri, 11/27

No School -
Educare closed

Sun 11/28

Advent Begins
Tree of Sharing at Church

Prayer of the Week:

"Blessed is your holy and glorious name...." *Daniel 3:52*

NAUDITT'S NOTES:

Dear Families,

It has been another busy week here at St. Mary's! I am looking forward to the Missoula Children's Theater (MCT) production of *Robinson Crusoe* this weekend. The directors came to school on Monday and cast the roles for the production. They have been working with the students all during the week and the completed show will be staged on Friday (7:00 PM) and Saturday (6:00 PM) evenings at Adams Elementary. Even if your child is not a part of the show, I encourage you to attend one of the performances with your family. The shows are always enjoyable, and it is a good way to celebrate the budding talent in our school community. We have been able to offer this program at St. Mary's for 11 seasons. Several of our former alums at St. Mary's (who were very active in the MCT productions) have gone on to excel in drama in high school. Bridget Pretz, Nina Wizner and Tom Mealey (who are now high school students) are starring this week in Prep's production of *The Miracle Worker*.

It is also conference week. I know that some of you will have already had your conference before you read this article, but for those of you who still haven't had the chance to meet with your child's teacher, here are some questions that you might want to ask in order to get a perspective on how your child is doing this year.

- Is my child prepared for class?*
- What does he/she add to the classroom?*
- Is he/she an active participant in the class?*
- Who are his/her friends?*
- Do you feel that they're a good match?*
- How does my child behave with his/her peers?*
- How does my child respond to adults?*
- What can I do at home to help my child be more successful?*
- Where are some areas where my child could improve?*

I know the goal of both teachers and parents is the success of each child, and this time for conferencing is a real gift of sharing information about your child's progress. Both the parent and the teacher have valuable insight into the child and their progress.

I am also in the process of putting together a PowerPoint presentation of pictures of students with their grandparents for our Grandparents' Day Mass next week. Please get those pictures to me as soon as possible (no later than Monday, November 23) for inclusion in the presentation. If you sent me pictures last year, I still have those saved, so you do not have to send in new ones, unless you have newer pictures you want included. (Please limit your pictures to 2 per family.)

Peace,

Lauri Nauditt

Attention: See page 2 for important info about this year's MCT production!

"We are Called..."

**Grandparents/
Special Persons Day**

Wednesday, Nov. 25th

Refreshments in the
gym at 8:00.

Mass at 8:45.

Back to the classrooms
for cookies & juice.

Lookout Pass Corporate Tickets
are back! Details page 3.



Basketball Coaches meeting
→ 6:00 pm
Monday, November 23,
Teachers Lounge, St. Mary's
We need your help!
See page 4!



VOLUNTEER CORNER

GRANDPARENT'S/SPECIAL PERSON'S DAY is November 25th.

We could use a few volunteers for set up after school on the 24th and for take down after the festivities on the 25th. Please consider doing this. Everyone is in a hurry to start their turkey holiday, even our faculty and staff and with a little help with take down, everyone can get going!

COOKIES! Yes, again we could use all you bakers to make a dozen or so cookies that will be distributed to the individual classrooms for the special people and kids to enjoy. Please deliver your goodies on the 24th. There is a sign up sheet on the office door, or you can email me!

Thanks!

Theresa Amble

Volunteer Coordinator

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Discount tickets for Lookout Pass are available through the school office.

The price is \$21.20 (including tax) when you pay cash or \$22 when you use your credit card (MasterCard & Visa only). This is a \$10 savings on an adult ticket! Please order by December 10th so that we can have your tickets before the Christmas break.

Turn in last year's unused tickets and pay only the difference, \$1.00 per ticket.

GIFT CARD BLITZ

From **November 2 thru December 18**, we will have a **Gift Card Blitz** to increase the awareness and use of Gift Cards! The class with Gift Card orders totaling the most dollars during the Blitz will receive a **Snack Party**. If we reach \$1000 in profit, the whole school will have **FREE DRESS!** So, before you go shopping, stop in the office and buy **GIFT CARDS!**

- Donate Gift Cards to the Auction Basket Committee.
- Buy all the makings for Thanksgiving & Christmas dinner.
- Christmas is coming...not only do **Gift Cards** make great gifts, you can use them to purchase gifts for those on your list!

Start a standing order—it will count towards the "Blitz" total!

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



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Live, Learn & GROW

38th Annual Auction
March 20, 2010

The Procurement Committee is always looking for new donations and Live Auction ideas. If you have an idea, know someone who has tickets to a sporting event, has a vacation home or timeshare that they might be willing to donate, please let us know by contacting Peggy in the Development Office.

Auction Donation Corner

“Live, Learn & Grow”

Look at what we have received so far:

- Fairmont Hot Springs 7 Day Ski Package
- Hotel Lusso Overnight Package
- Winter Weekend at Big Mountain
- Summer Week at Big Mountain
- Spiny Ray Fishing Trip
- Palouse Ridge Golf Overnight Package
- Day at Coeur d'Alene Lake Party
- Week in sunny Puerto Vallarta
- Autographed GU Basketball
- Dining Certificates

• The Basket Committee needs **BIG** baskets to fill for the auction. Drop them off in the Development Office.

“Live, Learn & Grow”

Auction Free Dress Days

Turn in 5 Auction Donation slips by December 4th and your kids get **FREE DRESS** on Friday, December 11th.

Turn in 7 Auction Donation slips by January 22nd and your kids get **FREE DRESS** on Friday, January 29th.

HUSKIES SPORTS RAP:

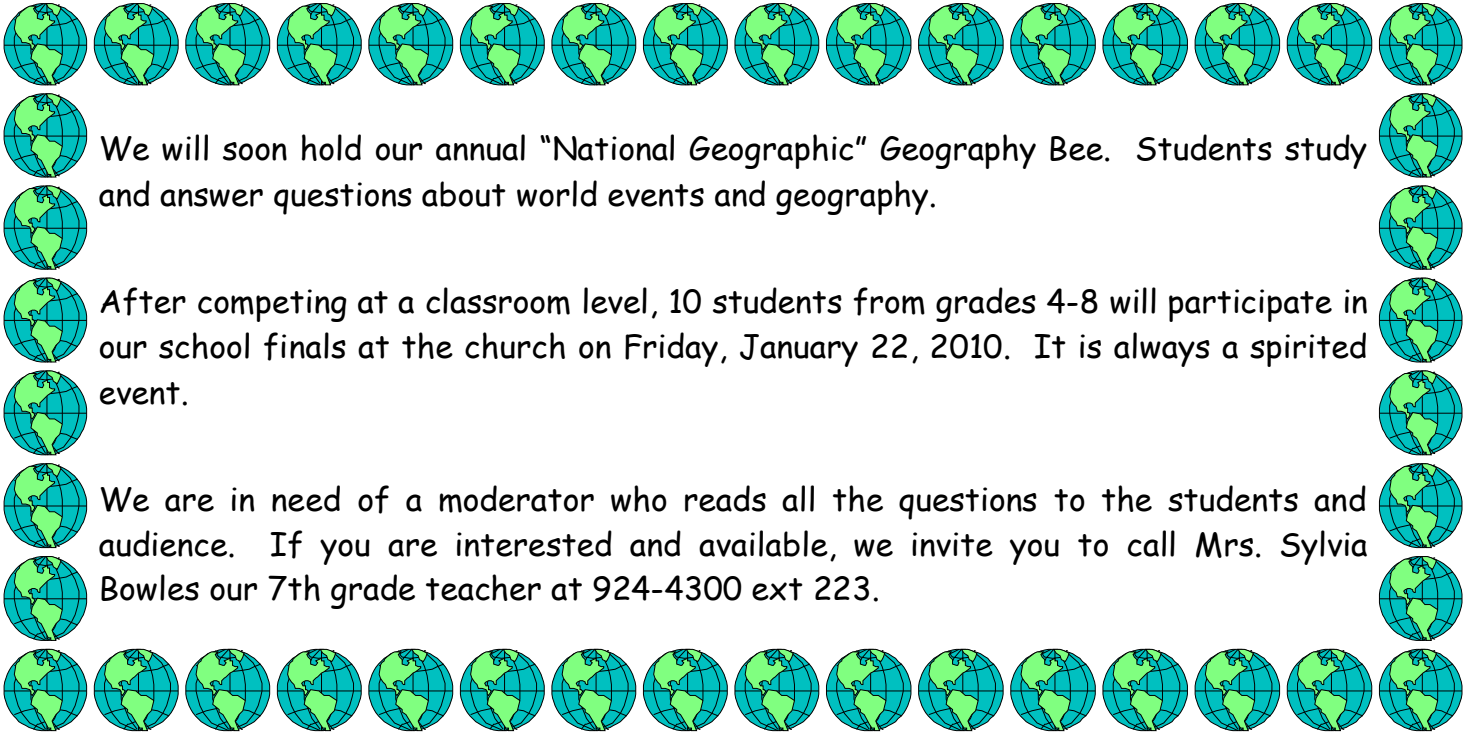


Attention Coaches: There will be a coaches meeting for anyone who is coaching a school basketball team in grades 5 to 8 at St. Mary's Faculty Room (west side of gym) at 6:00 PM on Monday the 23rd of Nov, if they cannot attend they must send a representative for the team to pick up their roster AND choose their practice times !

Sports Uniform & Equipment Turn in: If your student has not turned in their football equipment and uniform or volleyball uniform to their coach please bring it to Ms. Lafferty, Friday morning, November 20, 7:45 to 8:00 am. for check in.

HELP!

We need a volunteer to coach 7th and 8th grade boys basketball. The volunteer must be at least 21 years of age. We have some youthful helpers to assist! Contact Lorie Lafferty 924-4300



We will soon hold our annual "National Geographic" Geography Bee. Students study and answer questions about world events and geography.

After competing at a classroom level, 10 students from grades 4-8 will participate in our school finals at the church on Friday, January 22, 2010. It is always a spirited event.

We are in need of a moderator who reads all the questions to the students and audience. If you are interested and available, we invite you to call Mrs. Sylvia Bowles our 7th grade teacher at 924-4300 ext 223.

Hot Lunch Happenings!

The menu for Monday November 30 was inadvertently omitted from the calendar. You can enjoy a hearty meal of Turkey Gravy, Mashed potatoes, peaches and a wheat roll!

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



LASERQUEST OVERNIGHTER

6 PM, Friday, December 4 to
8 AM, Saturday, December 5

\$25 PER PERSON FOR 3 Games
at LQ and Snacks at St. Mary's

We will meet in the Youth Room at St. Mary's to depart for LaserQuest, with first game being at about 7 PM.

Jeanette needs to know who is attending by
Monday, November 30th.

Parental Permission and Liability Release Form

Event and Date: LaserQuest Overnighter;
6:00 PM, Friday, December 4 to 9 AM December 5, 2009
Cost: \$25 per child
Location: LaserQuest in Spokane, WA and St. Mary's Church in Spokane Valley
Parish Sponsoring and Individual in Charge: St. Mary's, Jeanette Benson
Mode of Transportation: Parent Drivers

To whom it may concern:

The undersigned parent{s}/legal guardian give permission for our {my} child _____ to attend and participate in the above described event. We {I} understand that this event will take place at a location away from the parish grounds, that the above described mode of transportation will be used, and that our {my} child will be under the supervision of the above designated individual. In case of medical or dental emergency, we {I} give our {our} consent and authorization for any necessary treatment, to include treatment by a licensed physician or dentist and transfer to any hospital reasonably accessible.

The following information is provided for any licensed physician, dentist, or hospital not having access to our {my} child's medical history.

Allergies: _____
Date of Last Tetanus Shot: _____
Medications Being Taken: _____
Family Physician and Phone #: _____
Medical Insurance Company: _____
Policy Number: _____
Other Pertinent Information: _____

In case of emergency we {I} can be reached by phone at

(H) _____ (W) _____ (Other) _____

We {I} shall be liable for and agree to pay all costs and expenses incurred in connection with any medical or dental treatment rendered pursuant to this authorization. Further, should it be necessary for our {my} child to return home due to medical reasons, disciplinary action or otherwise, we {I} agree to pay transportation costs. Finally, in consideration for our {my} child's participation in this event, we {I} release, discharge and agree to hold harmless the Catholic Bishop of Spokane, his agents and employees from any and all liability, claim or demands for personal injury, illness or death, as well as property damage and expenses, of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred by us and/or our {my} child while our {my} child is participating in the event {including transportation to and from the event}, hereby assuming all risk of personal injury, illness, death, damage and expense as a result of participation in this event.

We {I} have fully read this form and sign voluntarily with knowledge of its terms and conditions.

Signature: Mother/Father/Legal Guardian

Date

Print Name: Mother/Father/Legal Guardian