



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:

"I the Lord, your God, teach you what is for your good, and lead you on the way you should go."

Isaiah 48:17

Dec 15, 2011

Weeks at a Peek
12/18/11-1/1/12



CHRISTMAS BREAK
DEC 19-JAN 2

Mon, 1/2
CHRISTMAS BREAK

Tue, 1/3
School Resumes

Wed, 1/4
SAC Mtg @ 5:30pm
Auction Comm. Mtg @ 6:30pm

Thur, 1/5
Mass @ 8:15am

Fri, 1/6
Epiphany Prayer Service
@ 8:15am

**TO ALL OUR
FAMILIES**

*Have a blessed and
safe holiday season.
See you on January
3rd.*

**FROM ST MARYS
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
TEACHERS AND
STAFF**

NAUDITT'S NOTES:

Dear Families,

As I write this letter we are in the final stages of preparation of the Christmas program. This has been a real labor of love for the entire staff for several months. Each teacher has worked on the songs in his/her classroom. Mr. Heath, our band teacher, has worked with the band classes in grades 5-8 on the band music. The junior high students who are acting in the program have been rehearsing (after school) two – three times a week since early November. Mrs. Cooley has been at every rehearsal with them. Mr. Schultz has been at all the afterschool rehearsals coaching the actors and directing the performance. Mrs. Clift and Mrs. Ray choreographed the opening song, provided costuming, and helped at all of the afterschool rehearsals in December. Ms. Thomas has worked with each music class in helping prepare them for the performance. Mr. Van Driel has worked with the stage crew in putting together the stages and risers and positioning and repositioning them, and repositioning them again! Even Terri Matsch has been working on the program as she recuperates from knee surgery. I am incredibly grateful to the school staff, not only for their work on the Christmas program but each and every day with the students!

Thank you for your efforts in supporting the school's service projects this Advent season. We were able to provide Christmas gifts for several families and will have a nice load of toys and supplies for the Connell's to take for the mission in Guatemala later this month. The generosity of this community is overwhelming!

As I mentioned in the last Bell, we have begun a new tradition of gathering for weekly prayer on the first school day of each week. I think it is important to start each week with prayer together. We are also focusing on one of our SLE components. This week our focus is on J (Jesus) 1.2 – Making choices based on the teachings of Jesus. All of the SLEs are important, but this is one that may have the most impact on students' lives in everyday situations.

A few final notes about the Christmas program – The church doors will not open until 6:00 PM. Your children who are performing in band or singing in the choir should be in 'Sunday best' clothing. (If a child in band is also an actor in the program, he/she will need to wear appropriate clothing for the band part of the program and then change into costume.) Band students in grades 5 and 6 and students in grades 7 and 8 who are not actors, lights, sound, props, or stage crew will need to sit in the 'reserved' section in the blue chairs in the back of the church. This will enable them to come up for the song they are singing in the program. If you have any questions about the program, please contact your child's teacher or me.

Since this will be the last Bell before we break for Christmas, know that all the families and students in St. Mary's School will be in my prayers and that I sincerely wish you all the best in the coming new year!

Peace,

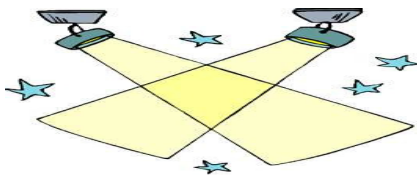
Lauri Nauditt

"Rejoice in the Fruits of the Spirit"

St. Mary's Catholic School



THE SCHOOL HOUSE THAT GIFT CARDS BUILT!!!



This week we are featuring **SAFEWAY** and **Black Angus** cards... **SAFEWAY** is available in \$20 & \$10 cards. **Black Angus** is available in \$10 cards. Both cards make great gifts for the ones you love!

YES, it's TRUE!
CHRISTMAS IS COMING...



We have **Cabelas & Regal Cinemas**



gift cards for the family and friends in your life! Stop by the office to order/pick-up yours. They come in \$25 cards.

GIFT CARD CORNER:

*Don't forget to **set up** your **STANDING ORDER** for the school year. Forms are available online and in the Office* If every family purchased \$200 total, a month, for groceries and gas, the school would receive approximately \$10,000 in profit a year!



GIFT CARD BLITZ!!!

From **Nov. 7th—Dec 16th**, we will be having a **GIFT CARD BLITZ!** 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, buy **GIFT CARDS!!!**

- Donate Gift Cards to the Auction Basket Committee.
- Buy food for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner.
- Gift Cards make great presents and they're also perfect to use for buying gifts.
- Start a Standing Order—it will count towards the **"BLITZ"** total.

FUN RUN T-SHIRTS:

There are Fun Run T-shirts still available for \$5.00...sizes are limited. Contact the Development Office if you are interested in purchasing an extra.

EVENT PICTURES:

If you have pictures (digital only, please) from the **Fun Run, Halloween Carnival, Auction Kick Off or Grandparents/Special Friends Day** that you are willing to share please email them to Nicole in the Development Office at nheimbigner@stmarysspokane.org. Thank you.

SORRY FOR THE DELAY:

The winners from the **Halloween Carnival** for the best car were the Martin Family and the Schwiertert Family. The 8th grade class won for the best decorations in the gym. Thanks to all of you for coming and making the carnival a success.



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

IMPORTANT SCHOOL CLOSURE INFORMATION



Parents, now with the snow falling, we would like to remind you about school closures. If or when we have to close the school due to weather, emergency alerts, etc, we will notify you in several ways. First, it will be listed on our website under the "News and Events" tab. Second, we will have it announced on the news channels, KHQ, KREM and KXLY. Finally, we have the "IRIS" emergency notification system which will notify you by email unless you do not have one. All of our notifications will be posted by 6am in the morning. **Please note: We are listed on the news stations as "St. Mary's Catholic School in Spokane Valley", not in Idaho.**

Fun Run Awards

Top Laps by Class



Gr.	Boy	Girl
PK3	Wyatt Broach Benjamin Race	Tearstin Adamson Catherine Gibbs Kate Larson Alexandra Turnbow
PK4	Hunter Lloyd	Addison Reidt
K	Emiliano Torres	Abigail Itveldt Anabelle Frazier
1	Giovanni Ferraro	Trinity Frazier
2	Isaac Waxman	Haley Urbaniak
3	Trevor Ray	Kiah Thorson
4	Maria Jose Torres	Kolbe Cammack Jack Findlater Virgil Bays
5	Mathew Holden	Kayla Swavely
6	Cameron Cavanaugh	Kaitlin White
7	Patrick Parelius	Abigail Horton
8	Brant Schultz	Emily Bahr

"Over 25" Laps Club

Addison Reidt
Kate Mulligan
Emiliano Torres
Abigail Itveldt
Anabelle Frazier
Josh Willard



Ryan O'Dea Award Winners:

Bill Bays
Virgil Bays
*They wrote 246 letters each,
thank you for your hard
work!*

"Over 40" Laps Club

Trinity Frazier
Giovanni Ferraro
Owen Valdez
Ian Kennar
Haley Urbaniak
Tyler Newcomb
Kiah Thorson
Genevieve Kienbaum
Ethan Bays
Clemson Thomas
Abby Fried
Kaden Kautzman
Julio Sanchez
Riley Savage
Cyrus Cannon
Maria Jose Torres
Kolbe Cammack
Carson Judd
Jordan Boehm
Spencer Curnow
Nicholas Horton
Virgil Bays
Madelyn Newcomb
Joseph Thomas
Katelyn Bahr
Nathan Ness
Malia Carlson
Athlyn Hose
Noemia Correia
Mitchell Kolb
Larkin McLean
Nathan Huettl
Kayla Swavely
Jesse Warnecke
Andrew Kautzman
Noah Waxman
Grace Kienbaum
Maria Carter
Brogan Clemson
Trevor Dumais



Blake Gibson
Kailee Kinney
MacKenzie VanZyverden
Sydney Fergen
Christopher Walsh
Zachary Godfrey
Lindsey Chermak
Ryan Malarkey
Bill Bays
Olivia Miranda
Trevor VanDriel
Sofia Shaurette
Grant Geil
Eva Kennar
Christopher Tamayo
Zachary Thorson
Daniel Wadhvani
Katherine Joy
Abigail Horton
Scott Brown
Mathew Brown
Kellie O'Dea
Samantha Cook
Sean Self
Rafe Rector
Cole Dolsby
Samuel Carter
Olivia Fielding
Jacob Ness
Brayden Fergen
Dylan McGillen
Gorky Gonzalez
Joshuae Borja
Mary Kienbaum
Andrew Ullrich
Nathaniel Burrington
Erin Kinney
Annie Clark



"Over 50" Laps Club

Isaac Waxman
Trevor Ray
Mathew Holden
Cameron Cavanaugh
Rachel Valdez
Jacqueline Ullrich
Kaitlin White
Brodie Savage
Cal French
Joseph Campanella

Aurelio Correia
Sophia Esquivel
Timothy VanDriel
Patrick Parelius
Conner Giannini
Griffen Thorson
Emily Bahr
Elijah Waxman
Brant Schultz

Creativity Awards

Ryan Findlater
Oliva Jolie
Madison Jolie
Annabella Mueller

Elizabeth Persons
Colleen Talkington
Lindsey Chermak
Aurelio Correia

**We have collected \$33,400 so far...thank you
to all who helped make this event a success!**

Auction Update: December 15th



40th ANNUAL ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL AUCTION | MARCH 24, 2012

Volunteers Needed:

Ads Committee Chair
Graphics Chair
Procurement Chair



\$CRIP/GIFT CARDS:

Please consider donating \$crip/Gift Cards to the Auction. The forms are available online and in the main office. They provide much needed materials for our Basket Committee and count toward donations for free dress passes.



HELP:

We need some help organizing the Backpacks for our upcoming auction. Please contact the development office if you can sort thru what we have, make a list of what we need and put together the Backpacks.

FACEBOOK:

Please "Like" us on FaceBook for all the latest announcements about our school.
<http://www.facebook.com/stmarysspokane>

Upcoming Auction Meetings:

January 4 All Committee Chairs at 6:30 pm
January 11 All Committee Chairs at 6:30 pm
January 18 All Committee Chairs at 6:30 pm
January 25 All Committee Chairs at 6:30pm

These meetings will be held in the school basement.

Auction Wish List

Items:

Autographed Sports Ball
GU, WSU, EWU, John
Stockton
Disney on Ice Tickets
Best of Broadway Tickets
Guided Hunting Trip
Winter Ski Weekend
New Set of Tires
RV Winter Storage

Gift Cards:

Home Improvement
Restaurants
Movie Passes
Costco
TJ Maxx
Pier One

"Reflections of God's Children" Auction Free Dress

Turn in **5** Auction Donation slips by Jan. 10th and your kids get **FREE DRESS** on Wed, Jan. 11th.

Questions?

Contact the Development Office at:
development@stmarysspokane.org
509 / 924-4300, ext. 206

Gonzaga Prep Winter Hip Hop Camp 2010

Calling all students (girls AND boys!) grades 1st-8th: are you looking for a fun way to spend your winter break? Don't feel like being dragged around town on last minute Christmas shopping errands? Come to the Gonzaga Prep Hip Hop Camp and brush up on your hip hop dancing skills! Students will meet for a 4 hour workshop and learn a short routine to the popular hit, "We Are Who We Are" by Keshia. Students will then have the option of performing this routine at the December 21st G-Prep Varsity Boys Basketball game at half time (the performance is optional). Students will work with members of the Gonzaga Prep Dance Team and will receive instruction from award-winning choreographer Patricia McArdle. Ms. McArdle is currently serving as Gonzaga Prep's Dance Team coach and is a dance instructor at both Whitworth and Gonzaga University. The workshop cost is \$25 (with discounts available for families with multiple students) and includes a t-shirt (which students will wear at the half time performance), a copy of the song on CD and a nutritious snack.

What: Gonzaga Prep Dance Camp

Where: Start: Barbieri Student Center and
Finish: Scarpelli Gym,
Gonzaga Preparatory School, 1224 E. Euclid

When: Monday, December 20, 2010 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Cost: \$25 per student with proceeds going to help the Gonzaga Prep Dance Team (family discount = \$20 per student)

Reg. Deadline: December 17, 2010 (any late registrations may not receive a t-shirt *in time for the performance.*)

Email Coach Patricia McArdle at pmcardle@gprep.com for a registration form or pick one up at the Gonzaga Prep Treasurer's Office. Please mail all registration forms (***one per student***, please) and payment to Gonzaga Preparatory School, Attn: Patricia McArdle, 1224 E. Euclid, Spokane, WA 99207. Please make checks payable to the Gonzaga Prep Dance Team. There are a limited number of spots available so get your registration in today!

Note: students performing at the varsity game should report to the G-Prep Student Center by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 21. They should wear their G-Prep Dance Camp shirt, jeans or a pair of dark colored long pants and girls should have hair pulled up and out of their face. G-Prep Dance Team members will be 'making up' the girls with glitter and lip gloss – if you do not want your child to be made up, please let us know.

We hope to see you there!

2010 Gonzaga Prep Winter Hip Hop Camp Registration Form

Name of Student: _____ Grade: _____

School: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____

Mother: _____ Phone #: (____) _____

Father: _____ Phone #: (____) _____

Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact (best person to contact if mother/father/guardian cannot be reached)

Name: _____ Phone #: (____) _____

Relationship to student: _____

Student t-shirt size (tee shirts are youth sizes – if your child would like an adult size, please indicate what size in the space provided below) - Circle one: Small Med. Large XL

I would like to order an adult size: _____

Will your child be performing at the G-Prep Prep Basketball game on Tuesday, December 21, 2010? _____ (this is NOT required!)

Any health concerns, allergies etc...we should be aware of: _____

Did you learn about this from a G-Prep Dance Team member? Please write his/her name here: _____

Please read and sign below:

I, the undersigned parent/guardian of the individual named above, a minor, do hereby agree to allow the individual named herein to participate in the aforementioned activities and authorize the program director and/or adult instructors as Agents for the undersigned to consent to Medical, Surgical and/or Dental Examination, in addition to any and all other Treatments that may be deemed necessary by medical personnel. It is understood that this activity involves an element of risk and a danger of accidents and knowing those risks, I hereby assume those risks. In addition, I understand that by signing this agreement, I hereby discharge Gonzaga Preparatory School from any and all liability resulting in injury associated with the participant's participation in this activity. In the absence of a parent/guardian's signature below, payment of fees and participation in the program shall constitute acceptance set forth in this release. Gonzaga Preparatory School will not provide health and/or accident insurance for program participants. As the undersigned parent/guardian, I understand that no confirmations will be mailed.

Parent/Guardian signature

date

For office use only:

Payment received: _____

Date: _____

Cash or Check? _____



HUSKIES SPORTS RAP:

2011 BASKETBALL PRACTICE SCHEDULES



ALL PRACTICES START THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 5th

Girls

5/6 Gr will practice Mon, Tues, Thurs from 6-7:30pm at St Mary's. The coach is Allen Laird.

7th Gr will practice Mon 3-4:30pm, Tues & Thurs 4:30-6pm at St Mary's. The coach is Tom Metzger.

8th Gr will practice Mon, Wed, 4:30-6pm at St Mary's, Thurs 4:30-6pm at St John's and Friday 3-4:30pm at St Mary's. The coach is Robert Bahr.

Boys

5th Gr we have a coach and six players and are looking for 2 more to make a team. We will practice Wed and Fri, 3-4:30pm at St John's. The coach is Jim Carter

6th Gr will practice Mon and Tues, 6-7:30pm at St John's and Fri, 4:30-6pm at St Mary's. The coach is Steve Sebert.

7th Gr—none

8th Gr will practice Tues, Wed and Thurs 3-4:30pm at St Mary's (during Christmas play practices the Wed time will be 4:30-6pm. The coach is Lynnae McGillen.



Still looking for that perfect little stocking stuffer or hostess gift? **See's** chocolates are the ideal surprise for that special someone! Plus, you will be helping the St. Mary's 8th grader's fund their OPI trip.



See's chocolates will be available after every Mass on Dec. 10th, 11th and Dec. 17th and 18th. They also will be sold at the Knights of Columbus breakfast.

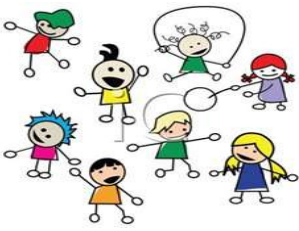
Go ahead. Indulge your sweet tooth. Buy **See's** chocolates.

Thank you to all who supported the 8th grade students in their efforts to raise money for their outdoor schooling adventure, OPI, by purchasing our "Plant Farm" poinsettia plants, Mary Kay makeup, Mega Wash car booklets, or scrip gift cards! We appreciate your help and wish you a very Merry Christmas and enjoyable holiday break!



Stocking Stuffers? Contact an 8th grade student for your holiday gift needs as they are also selling Megawash car wash booklets for \$25





KIDS PAGE

CHRISTIAN CHRISTMAS

Match these clues from the bible about Jesus' birth to the answers.



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| 1 ____ Third gift presented by Magi | A. Jesus |
| 2 ____ King at the time Jesus was born? | B. Incense |
| 3 ____ Jesus was found lying in a what? | C. Magi |
| 4 ____ What town was Jesus born in? | D. Joseph |
| 5 ____ This has a pleasant scent when burned | E. Myrth |
| 6 ____ "_____ on Earth" | F. Bethlehem |
| 7 ____ "O Come All Ye _____" | G. Angel |
| 8 ____ Where Holy Family fled to after Jesus birth? | H. Faithful |
| 9 ____ Precious metal given as a gift to Jesus | I. Gold |
| 10 ____ He is the reason! | J. Mary |
| 11 ____ Human father of Jesus | K. Dream |
| 12 ____ An angel appeared to Joseph in a _____ | L. Peace |
| 13 ____ The birth of Jesus | M. Nativity |
| 14 ____ Jesus' mother | N. Herod |
| 15 ____ The three Kings | O. Egypt |
| 16 ____ Announced His birth to shepherds | P. Manger |

Answers Above: 1.E, 2.N, 3.P, 4.F, 5.B, 6.L, 7.H, 8.O, 9.I, 10.A, 11.D, 12.K, 13.M, 14.J, 15.C, 16.G

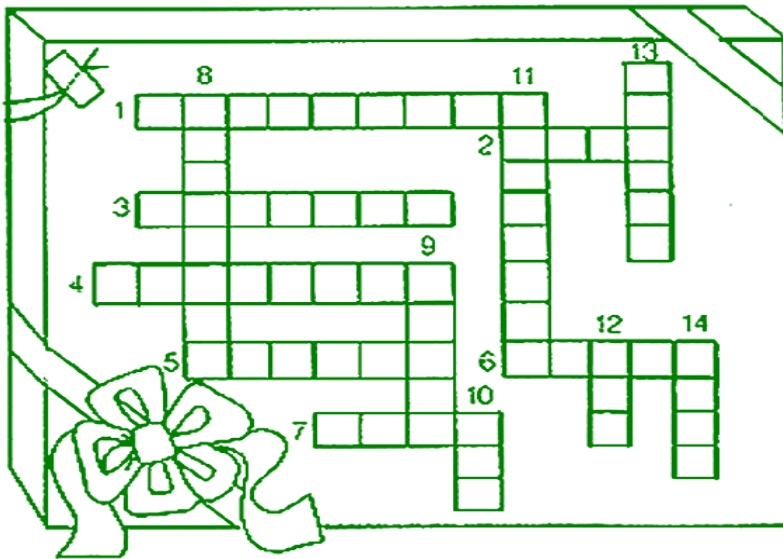
Prayer of the Week:

My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.
Isaiah 56:7

FAMILY ACTIVITY...BINGO:

Bethlehem	Star	Manager	Son	Joseph
Faithful	Holiday	Gold	Worship	Prophecy
Angels	Child	FREE	Mary	Emmanuel
Myrth	Jesus	Shepherds	Nativity	Birth
Peace	Father	Baby	Joyful	Magi

Christmas Crossword



Across

- Hang these on the tree
- Evergreen or pine
- Frosty is one
- You give and receive these
- Tie this on your package
- A Christmas color
- For the top of the tree

Down

- Rudolph
- Jolly toymaker
- Color of Santa's suit
- Hang this from the mantle
- Santa's Helper
- Santa's transportation
- Christmas carol

Answers Above: 1. ornaments, 2. tree, 3. snowman, 4. presents, 5. ribbon, 6. green, 7. star, 8. reindeer, 9. santa, 10. red, 11. stocking, 12. elf, 13. sleigh, 14. noel

Color Me ?

