



# 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.

**Feb 19, 09**

**Week at a Peek**  
2/22/09



**Mon, 2/23**  
1st Reconciliation Family Event  
@ 7pm

**Tue, 2/24**  
Tri-Parish Pancake Dinner  
@ 5pm @ Episcopal Church

**Wed, 2/25**  
ASH WEDNESDAY  
Mass @ 8:15am

**Fri, 2/27**  
Auction Free Dress with "7"  
slips turned in by 2/20/09  
Parent/Teacher Conference  
sign-up due **TODAY!**  
In-School Registration paperwork  
due **TODAY!**  
**PROGRESS REPORTS TODAY!**  
Fish Fry @ 5:30pm in Gym  
Stations of the Cross @ 7pm

## PUPPY!!

We would like to have a puppy for the Auction. If you know a breeder or have connections with someone who has a dog expecting puppies, please let the Auction Chairs know!

Dan & Colleen Kinney  
979-3659

## 2009-10 SCHOOL REGISTRATION



Registration deadline,  
**Fri, 2/27/09.**  
Get those papers in!

### Prayer of the Week:

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."  
*Mark 8:34*

### NAUDITT'S NOTES:

Dear Parents,

I am very pleased to let you know that Kendra O'Dea, our wonderful science teacher for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade wrote and received a grant from Toyota Tapestry. The idea behind the grant was to increase Science literacy by purchasing books that students could use to do research in preparation for the OPI (Olympic Peninsula Institute) field experience. The students do a great deal of research prior to this field experience in order to make what they see and do there more educationally meaningful. The materials that we are able to purchase through this grant will be valuable resources for many students in coming years as they learn about this important (and unique) ecosystem in our very own state.

I would like to share with you a little bit about our tuition increase for next year. As you know, tuition went up \$215 from the previous year. Almost all of these additional funds will be used to pay an increase in health insurance premiums for our staff. We are budgeting for a 35% increase in health insurance premiums due to the change in health insurance rating (up 16%) for the Spokane area, and the fact that our group coverage has had, and is anticipating some costly claims. I think it is important to note that our teachers and staff will not receive even a cost of living raise for next year. Because of the raise that public school teachers received this year, this will put our teachers at 75% of the salary of their public school counterparts. I just thought it was important for you to know that the cost of the increase in tuition is not because of a raise in pay for our staff.

I would like to share some of the work that our staff did on our in-service day on Tuesday. We spent the morning localizing the Diocesan Literacy Curriculum. Literacy is the 'new' catch all term for Reading, Writing and Communication. Teachers looked at specific skills that were to be taught in each grade level and reworked sections to make them clearer and more reflective of the needs of students in this community. Teachers then worked together with each other to ensure a good continuity of skills from grade to grade. Teachers also worked to align each Literacy objective with our St. Mary's Schoolwide Learning Expectations. I will type the changes from each grade into a document that we will then use to evaluate text books to see which ones best support our curriculum. In the afternoon we had 2 presenters from Central Valley who spoke to the staff regarding ways to help students gain more language proficiency.

Peace,

Lauri Nauditt

"Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God"

**MARCH CONFERENCES:**

Parent/Teacher Conferences are coming. Sign-up slips went home with your student Wed, 2/18. Please return your sign-up sheet to the office no later than Fri, 2/27.



**ALL DIOCESE BAND CONCERT:**

There will be an all Diocese Band Concert on Wed, March 4 at G-Prep. Band students need to arrive for rehearsal by 6:30pm and the concert begins at 7pm. Hope to see you there!



**CATALDO CATHOLIC SCHOOL DRAMA PRESENTS...WILLY WONKA!**

A musical production featuring the songs from the classic family film, "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory". Feb. 27 & 28 at 7pm @ University High School Theatre in the Spokane Valley. Admission is \$3.00 at the door. Come and support fellow diocesan students and families while enjoying an evening of music, humor and heart!



**CONGRATULATIONS:**

Congratulations goes out to Malory Payne, Wendy Gregory, and Justin Blatner. Each of their teams played in the AAU Basketball championship game last weekend and won! Great job!

**CONGRATULATIONS SEAN:**

Sean Self won the KC District Free Throw contest with a completion of 17 of 25! Way to go Sean!



**CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING for PARENT VOLUNTEERS:**

Parents, you must attend a Code of Conduct training session before you can volunteer. This is a Diocese policy. If you have already attended a class in the past, you only need to update the training once a year via the internet. If you need to attend a class, here are some dates:

- Diocese Offices Mar 5th 1pm
- Diocese Offices Apr 9th 1pm
- Diocese Offices May 7th 1pm
- Diocese Offices Jun 4th 1pm

Please be sure to pre-register by calling the appropriate school or Diocese office.

**BLOOD DRIVE:**

Knights of Columbus and St Mary's Catholic Church are having a Blood Drive on Friday, Feb 27th from 4-7pm in the Gym. **BE A HERO, donate blood!**



**FOOD ITEMS CHURCH IS COLLECTING FOR ST VINCENT DePAUL:**

Please help out the church in collecting these food items for St Vincent DePaul each month. You can send the items with your student to church on Thursday's:

**February-Bar Soap & Toothpaste**

**LENT**

- March 1-Cereal & Crackers
- March 8-Canned Fruits & Vegetables
- March 15-Pasta & Rice
- March 22-Peanut Butter & Jelly
- March 29-Macaroni & Cheese
- April 5-Ramen Noodles & Soups
- April 12-Mayonnaise & Tuna

- Rest of April-Ketchup & Mustard
- May-Cereal & Crackers
- June-Canned Fruits & Vegetables

*Ash Wednesday, 2/25/09*



**Attention at Home Volunteers!**

The Auction Ads Committee is in need of one or two people to help make follow up calls to businesses to inquire about renewing their ad in the Auction Catalog. (no cold calls—just asking for their continued support). This is a great at home volunteer opportunity. If you are interested in helping, please contact Susan Flerchinger at 891-1368 or stop in to the Development Office.

**Auction Most Wanted List**

- Gas Scrip Gift Cards
- Fred Meyer Scrip Gift Cards
- Puppy
- Use of a Family Cabin
- Girls Night Out Party
- Tickets to Sporting Events

**Erin Go Bragh**

**Auction Free Dress Days**

Turn in 7 Donation slips by Feb 20th and your kids have **FREE DRESS** on February 27th.

**Erin Go Bragh**

Donations are arriving daily! Here are a few items that have come in so far...

- Irish Chain Quilt
- Canoe
- Bulldog Basketball Backboard
- Summer Week at Big Mountain
- Winter Weekend at Big Mountain
- Walla Walla Wine Weekend Package
- Orthodontics Certificate



## 2010 US Figure Skating Championship

Spokane will host the US Figure Skating Championship in January 2010. This is an exciting event and a boost for the City of Spokane. The Auction Committee would like to offer tickets to one or more of the skating performances. Do you know anyone or work for a company that has ordered a ticket package to the event and would be willing to donate a pair of tickets to our Auction? If so, please contact Colleen Kinney, Auction Chair at 891-9251 or the Dev Office.

### **Dessert Extravaganza**

Back again this year by popular demand is the **Dessert Extravaganza!**

We are in need of **5** more volunteers to provide a homemade dessert to the lucky bid winner! If you have a special dessert you would like to share, please contact Peggy in the Development Office.

Spend the night at the Mirabeau Park Hotel the night of the auction. Make your reservation by calling 924-9000 or online at [www.mirabeauparkhotel.com](http://www.mirabeauparkhotel.com). Use group code **STMA** and get a special rate of \$85 for the night of April 25th.

Auction Class Projects are underway! Please consider donating to your child's class project. Turn your donation slip and donation in to the Development Office.

### **An Auction Favorite...Dinner A Month!!**

We are in need of **5** volunteers to provide a homemade dinner to the lucky bid winner! Please contact Peggy in the Dev. Office if you are interesting in helping.

The Auction Basket Committee is busy putting together baskets for the Auction. They are looking for the following items to complete a few baskets:

- Tea Gift Card
- Coffee Press
- White and Red Wine
- Brown, Royal Blue and Pink Shreds
- Family board games
- DVD's and movie candy
- Fun drink Mixes
- WSU t-shirt, hat, water bottle
- Hunting and camping gear
- Scout survival gear
- Spring gardening items
- Guy Stuff (car wash supplies, car accessories, small hand tools)
- Children's outside toys
- Scrip for Baskets

### Attention FUN St. Mary's Parents!

We are looking for a group of parents to host a Pig Roast that we would like to offer as part of the Live Auction! We have received the pig (that will feed up to 50 people) as a donation ~ we just need a group of fun, energetic parents to host it! If you are interested, please contact Grace or Peggy in the Development Office.



# HUSKIES SPORTS RAP:



## 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th GRADE BASKETBALL SCHEDULES:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>School(visitor)</u>	<u>vs. School(home)</u>	<u>Location</u>
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### 5th Gr Girls:

2/26/09	BYE			
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### 6th Gr Boys:

2/26/09	4pm	St Thomas More	St Mary's	St Al's
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### 7th/8th Gr Girls:

(2/21 and 2/22 Tournament-see below)

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(2/21 and 2/22 Tournament-see pg 6)

### Girls 8th Gr Tournament

Seed #5 St Charles/Assumption

NWC Main 10:20 Sat. Feb 21

Seed #4 Trinity

GP Main 3:30 Sat, Feb 21

Seed #1 Valley

Prep Main  
Sun. Feb 22 3:45 pm  
Championship

Seed #6 NWC

NWC Main 11:30 Sat, Feb 21

Seed #3 St. Al's

GP Aux 3:30 Sat, Feb 21

Seed #2 Cataldo/All Saints

Highest seed is home



**DEADLINE: Fri, Feb. 27th**  
**Registration Fee: \$35.00**

# SPOKANE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS LEAGUE

## Baseball/Softball Registration, Spring 2009 Grades 5-8

**PRACTICES** – Practices may begin Monday, March 9, 2009. 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 the week of April 6th for all grades.

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

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (08/09 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 2009. He/She will play at the (Check one box) \_\_\_\_\_ 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> level; \_\_\_\_\_ 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> level.

I have enclosed the \$35.00 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

**A NEW and EASY way to order SCRIP GIFT CARDS!!  
SCRIP GIFT CARD COMBO PACKAGES**

Filled or Partial Fill: Check # _____ Cash _____
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Order Date: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Scrip for Every Day #1**

Groceries: Fred Meyer (\$50)

Gas: Fred Meyer (\$25)

Coffee: Starbucks (\$25)

Total per package: **\$100.00**

**Scrip for Every Day #2**

Groceries: Safeway (\$50)

Gas: Shell (\$25)

Coffee: Starbucks (\$25)

#1 _____ X \$100= \$ _____
#2 _____ X \$100= \$ _____
Total above = \$ _____

**Entertainment #1**

Movie: Regal Cinemas (\$25)

Dinner: Red Robin (\$25)

Total per package: **\$50.00**

**Entertainment #2**

Movie: AMC Theaters (\$25)

Dinner: Olive Garden (\$25)

#1 _____ X \$50= \$ _____
#2 _____ X \$50= \$ _____
Total above = \$ _____

**Pizza & Movie #1**

Movie: Regal Cinemas (\$25)

Pizza: Pizza Hut (\$20)

Package Total: **\$45.00**

#1 _____ X \$45= \$ _____
Total above = \$ _____

**Dinner On The Run #1**

McDonald's (\$10)

Subway (\$10)

Dairy Queen (\$10)

Total per package: **\$30.00**

**Dinner On The Run #2**

Wendy's (\$10)

Arby's (\$10)

Burger King (\$10)

#1 _____ X \$30= \$ _____
#2 _____ X \$30= \$ _____
Total above = \$ _____

**Birthday/Holiday Gifts For Her #1**

Bath & Body (\$25)

Macy's (\$25)

JC Penney (\$25)

**Birthday/Holiday Gifts For Him #2**

Cabelas (\$25)

Lowe's (\$25)

Best Buy (\$25)

**Birthday/Holiday Gifts for the Kids/Family #3**

Hastings (\$30)

Toys R Us (\$20)

Barnes & Noble (\$25)

Total per package **\$75.00**

#1 _____ X \$75= \$ _____
#2 _____ X \$75= \$ _____
#3 _____ X \$75= \$ _____
Total above = \$ _____

**Grand Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

I will pick up my order: \_\_\_\_\_ in Office \_\_\_\_\_ in Educare (Contact Scrip office)



\*Return Orders  
to the Development  
Office \*

## **Join The Pampered Chef in support of St. Mary's Catholic School's 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction!**

We are filling baskets for the silent auction with timesaving kitchen tools by using the host benefits from any purchases of Pampered Chef products during our 2-week fundraiser.

**Beginning Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup> through Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009.**

You are invited to shop for high quality, versatile Pampered Chef Kitchen products. Cooking with The Pampered Chef makes mealtime easier, enjoyable and economical.

Purchase some products for yourself or purchase a couple of products to go directly into the silent auction baskets.

Need gift ideas... How about a \$25 Pampered Chef Gift Certificate?

**Pick up a catalog from the school office or you can go directly to the website at [www.pamperedchef.biz/michelleking](http://www.pamperedchef.biz/michelleking) to place your order.**

From the website, click on: Order Products. Then enter St. Mary's Catholic School in the Host's First Name/Organization field.

**Thank you for making this fundraiser a success for St. Mary's students!**

**Michelle King, Independent Consultant**  
**[mkingchef@comcast.net](mailto:mkingchef@comcast.net)**  
**509-385-8330**

### Reading is the Ticket - Silverwood Passes

On or about January 21<sup>st</sup>, all students K - 8th grade received a reading log for this **very fun and rewarding program**. By reading 600 minutes between now and March 26 students can receive a free Silverwood Pass. For students 7 and older this is a \$41 value. For every 15 students that participate, we also receive a free pass for a teacher.

Students can read themselves or parents can read to or with them. Simply log the date; book, newspaper or magazine; and minutes on their reading log and parent initial their reading time. They need to log each reading session - please do not make bulk entries. We cannot award passes unless the students complete the logs properly. The program also requires that the reading may not be part of homework or in-class assigned reading. This works out to about ten minutes per day of reading if the student started when the logs were made available so it doesn't require a lot of extra time spent reading daily. Extra log forms are available in the Development Office if students need additional forms. Completed reading logs must be turned in to the student's teacher the morning of March 27. The school submits the names of students who have completed their reading to the program and we receive the passes on or before May 5. They may be used from June 9 to September 28 this year. Happy Reading!

# COME SING WITH US!



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A CAPPELLA HARMONY



RiversEdge Chorus  
of Sweet Adelines

Invites Women Who Sing to our  
Special Guest Rehearsal

February 24 - 7:00 p.m.

Millwood  
Presbyterian Church  
3223 N. Marguerite Rd.  
Spokane Valley, WA

***Be prepared to Have Fun!!***



For More Information  
**Call 323-9059**  
[www.riversedgechorus.org](http://www.riversedgechorus.org)