



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:

"Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Here is a true Israelite. There is no duplicity in him."
John 1:47

Sept 29, 2011

Week at a Peek
10/2/11



Mon, 10/3

8th Gr Retreat @ Cathedral
8:15am-2pm

Tue, 10/4

Wed, 10/5

FUN RUN TODAY!!!

Progress Reports on Web
SAC Mtg @ 5:30pm

Thur, 10/6

Mass @ 8:15am
K/1st Gr F.T. @ Carver
Farms 12:40-2:45pm

Fri, 10/7

SCHOOL CLOSED
Diocese In-Service
EDUCARE OPEN

NAUDITT'S NOTES:

Dear Families,

Fun Run is less than a week away! This fund raiser is extremely important to our school. The funds raised at the Fun Run (along with money raised at our other fundraisers – auction, Scrip, and annual fund) affect the bottom line of cost for each student in the school. Let me put this in other terms, whether you are on full pay or Stewardship tuition **WITHOUT THESE FUNDRAISERS EVERY CHILD IN THE SCHOOL** (prek – 8TH) **WOULD NEED TO PAY OVER \$800 A YEAR IN ADDITIONAL TUITION.** Participation in the fundraisers is expected of every family in the school. This year we have had a few families choose not to support the Fun Run by not having their child(ren) write letters. There has always been the option to opt out of letter writing, but the cost to each family is \$100. I will assume that if you have chosen not to have your children write letters that you have chosen to pay the \$100 and Sharon will bill your family accordingly. I feel that it is extremely detrimental to the school community to not fully support the school in this effort. When my children attended (another) Catholic school we also had a Fun Run. Each of my daughters had to write 10 letters in order to earn her shirt. There were no labels of parishioners available so we had to come up with 20 names of sponsors on our own, and we had to pay for the postage to mail the letters. Even though it was a challenge, we did it (for 10 years). We did it to do our part to support the school. I ask you to do the same. I encourage you to use the Fun Run as a teachable time to let your child know that their efforts, when combined with the efforts of the other students in the school, make a lasting impact. Did you know that the funds raised at Fun Run each year roughly cover the salary of 1 teacher? Participation is vital!!!

There is a new face in the junior high. We have a student from G.U., Nik Ptolemedis who will be helping out in the 6th -8th grade classrooms on Tuesdays and Thursdays until the end of January. He is a student in the Masters in Teaching (MIT) program and he is interested in observing lessons in Social Studies and Religion. Nik is not a student teacher. His role will be to observe and to help students (under the direction of the classroom teacher).

There is great news to report about the junior high band. Record numbers of 5th and 6th graders have signed up to take band this year at St. Mary's from Mr. Jim Heath, the band director at Gonzaga Prep. We were able to arrange the schedule this year so that students can take band without having to miss recess or lunch time (as they had to for 6-8th grade last year). With this many burgeoning musicians, we have a need for instruments. You may have a clarinet, flute, trumpet, or saxophone sitting in your garage or basement from your own days in band as a youth. I would ask that you consider donating your instrument. It would be a fully tax deductible donation, and you could be launching the career of a great musician. Send any donations to the office, and we will be sure to get you a letter for tax purposes.

One last note, Fr. Vic will be blessing animals in honor of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4, at 2:00 PM in the school courtyard. If you would like to bring an animal for a blessing, please come at that time, with your animal on a leash, or appropriate container. We will gather in the courtyard (weather permitting), have a short prayer service, and then there will be the opportunity for a blessing of your pets. Hopefully, the timing will coincide nicely with the end of the day. Please mark your calendars for this fun event!

Blessings,

Lauri Nauditt

FUN RUN
WED, OCT 5
See the schedule
on page 3



“Rejoice in the Fruits of the Spirit”

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!

This week we are featuring **Target** and **Starbucks** cards...



Target is available in \$25 & \$100 cards.



Starbucks is available in \$10 & \$25 cards.

Both cards make great gifts for the ones you love!

AUCTION BACKPACKS:

Again, this year we will have backpacks filled with supplies for the following school year available to bid on at the Auction. If you have extra school supplies at home and want to get a head start on your Auction donations, drop them off in your child's classroom or the Development Office! Don't forget to fill out a auction donation slip. Extra supply lists are available in the office.



Girl Scouts:

Please join us as we start a new year of exciting journeys! All girls in grades K thru 7 are welcome to participate.

Place: St. Mary's Adult Center

Date: Thursday, September 29th

Time: 6:00 pm Orientation for new Girl Scouts and their parents
6:30 – 8:00 Combined level troop meeting

New families please RSVP.

Contact Julie Laird (891-5842) or jlwallscorp@aol.com if you have any questions.



SCHOOL/EDUCARE HANDBOOK:



Parents, each year you and your student(s) need to read the handbook we have on the website, sign the signature page and turn it into the Office. This years **deadline is Friday, Oct. 21st**. You can locate the handbook on the website under the "About" tab, then click on "Admissions", then click on "Handbooks" and then click into the handbook for your student(s) grade level(s). The first page of the handbook is the signature page. Print the signature page off, sign and return to the Office. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Office. Thank you!

PARKING LOT TRAFFIC:

Parents, we really need your cooperation in this area.



1. We are seeing parents walking their students across the parking lot in between, behind and in front of cars and **NOT** using the crosswalk. This is extremely dangerous. When you park and choose to walk your children to class, please stay on the grassy parking strip until you reach the crosswalk area. Then use the crosswalk to cross through the parking lot and drive through area.
2. Please do **NOT** park in the drive thru lane parallel to the school sidewalk. This is a drive thru lane **ONLY**.
3. When using the drive thru lane, please remember to look for students and parents crossing in the crosswalk. They have the right of way.

LET'S KEEP EVERYONE SAFE!



Fun Run Race Day

OCTOBER 5

Please support our t-shirt sponsors:

Casa De Oro Mexican Restaurant

Alliant Securities, Inc

Payne Financial Group

Tony Ferraro's Burgers & Italian Bistro

Acme Concrete Paving, Inc

Rock Placing Company



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Contact the Volunteer Office
to help with Fun Run

Here are current needs:

- *Fun Run Data Entry
- *Fun Run Lap Counters (after 11:15am)
- *Fun Run Take Down (after last heat, 3 to 4pm)

Fun Run Schedule



All heats are 15 minutes unless marked as otherwise.

TIME	GRADE	HEATS	GRADE	TIME	HEATS
8:15 - 8:25	PK3	1 (5 min.)	PK3	8:15 - 8:25	1 (5 min.)
8:25 - 8:50	PK4	2 (10 min.)	PK4	8:25 - 8:50	2 (10 min.)
8:50 - 9:15	K	2 (10 min.)	K	8:50 - 9:15	2 (10 min.)
9:15 - 9:55	1	2	1	9:15 - 9:55	2
9:55 - 10:35	2	1	2	9:55 - 10:35	1
10:35 - 11:15	3	1	3	10:35 - 11:15	1
11:15 - 11:30	5	1	4	12:00 - 12:35	2
11:30 - 11:55	LUNCH		5	11:15 - 11:30	1
12:00 - 12:35	4	2	6	1:35 - 2:05	2
12:55 - 1:35	7	2	7	12:55 - 1:35	2
1:35 - 2:05	6	2	8	2:05 - 2:45	2
2:05 - 2:45	8	2	LUNCH	11:30-11:55	LUNCH

Fun Run Award Update

**Fun Run Race Day
Wednesday, October 5**

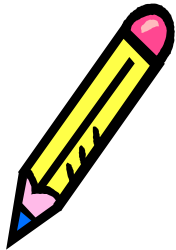
Awards for the week of
September 19th to 23rd



Grade

PK3	Emily Swavely	
PK4	Addison Bowen	\$ 0.63
K	Melia Ferraro	\$ 0.78
1	Zachary Thompson	\$ 0.62
2	Jenna Majesky	\$ 0.95
3	Shannon Kinney	\$ 1.17
4	Luke Benson	\$ 1.41
5	Kayla Swavely	\$ 1.24
6	Bill Bays	\$ 2.53
7	Chelia Rector	\$ 1.82
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PENNY GRAB



CLASS WITH THE HIGHEST % OF STUDENTS WITH T-SHIRTS

1ST GRADE 100%

EXCELLENT PENMANSHIP

Josh Willard	K
Natalie Perrier	Gr. 3
Madelyn Newcomb	Gr. 4
Noah Waxman	Gr. 5
Dylan McGillen	Gr. 8

**% of
Class with
T-shirts**

PK3	93%
PK4	91%
K	96%
1st Grade	100%
2nd Grade	92.5%
3rd Grade	92%
4th Grade	91%
5th Grade	77%
6th Grade	93%
7th Grade	81%
8th Grade	86%



As of 9/26/11

