

November 7, 2011

Hello Eighth Grade Parents!

I hope you were able to join us at the auction kick-off party last Friday. It was a lot of fun! This weekend also brought us to an end of the football season for our eighth grade. They had a wonderful year and performed admirably in the All-Star game for eighth graders. Many thanks to our coaches this year.

I have received two names for male chaperones for our Olympic Park trip. If you know of someone else, please give me the name as I would like to draw the name soon so the chaperone can make arrangements.

**CAR WASH FUNDRAISING:** I have received car wash booklets for Mega Wash this week. The tickets sell for \$25. Each booklet sold will generate \$10 in profit for the individual selling it. I will hand out tickets to each person desiring them. Remember you are responsible for each booklet you take.

Grades will be online on Thursday of this week. Please make a point of getting the grades on this day. I will update grades on that day.

**GRANDPARENT'S DAY PICTURES:** Mrs. Nauditt is putting together a slide show for Grandparents and Special Person's day. Please find a good digital picture with your son or daughter and their special person. Email these as soon as possible to [lnauditt@stmarysspokane.org](mailto:lnauditt@stmarysspokane.org)

**A Note from Mrs. Bahr:**

Hi 8th grade students & parents:

This OPI fundraiser is underway and hopefully your student can sell some plants prior to the holiday season! By way of reminder, there are 2 ways in which you child can participate in this fundraiser:

Poinsettia Pre-Order Sales:

We handed out pre-sale envelopes for the poinsettia sales. If your child wants to participate, they can earn \$3.50 per plant sold. The order form envelopes are due 11/15/2011. The checks must accompany your order, and make checks payable to "St. Mary's School". Only pre-paid orders can be filled. The cost is \$12.00 per poinsettia.

The plants will be delivered to the school on 11/29/2011, plan on stopping by the school to pick up your child's plant order and deliver to your family, friends & neighbors.

Poinsettia Church Sales:

We have permission to sell in church foyer for the following masses:

Saturday, November 26, 5:30 Mass  
Sunday, November 27: 7:30/9am/11:15 mass  
Saturday December 3, 5:30 Mass  
Sunday, December 4, 7:30/9am/11:15 mass

Mr. Schultz has a sign up sheet on the board. Please have your child sign up if they want to sell plants following mass.

There will also be a time to sell during Grandparent's Day, Wednesday, November 23, 2011.

We only need 2 students to help at every mass. Please sign up with Mr. Schultz if you want to sell plants after mass.

Thank you,  
Kristina Bahr, cell 879 8058

### **OPI News:**

You should be working on fund-raising ideas as we have only to January to raise the tuition and transportation costs. We will have to raise the goal this year as we have seen an increase in transportation and tuition. I will let you know as soon as I get an estimate from our charter company, but I believe this year's total cost will be \$415 per student. I will have some information and will be speaking to you about OPI at back to school night.

### **Some Dates:**

11/10: Mass in the church.

### **Religion:**

This week we will read about the mystics, mendicants, and scholastics as we make our way through the dark ages.

This year in religion, I will be sharing each Sunday's readings with the students on Fridays. This will be a much more powerful lesson if you could please make an effort to take your sons and daughters to Mass on Saturday night or Sunday. I know how busy weekends can get, but as Catholics, the Liturgy is such an important part of who we are as people. We need to give this love of the Eucharist to our children.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade History**

We are furthering our study of the English Colonies

## **8th Grade Algebra**

We slowed our schedule down a bit and will take our test on Tuesday this week. Some of the students are experiencing some challenges with the current set of problems and understanding the Pythagorean Theorem.

Please encourage students to take their time and work on understanding as they practice at home.

Algebra class will require daily attention at home. Our students have been very successful on the Prep placement exams because of the willingness of our students and their families to work so hard at their studies. Algebra will be challenging, but I am committed assist each student in reaching her or his goals.

Have a great week!

Mr. Schultz