



# ST. MARY SCHOOL

## Parent Notes

January 11, 2010

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are looking for someone to supervise at recess on Tuesdays and/or Fridays. Requirements: watchful eyes, tolerance for laughter, and enjoying time with children.

We also need someone to help in the lunchroom every other Monday. Call Mrs. Carls if you can help us on any of those days.

### **Yearbook Orders Due January 29**

#### **Forms coming home today**

If you have any school related pictures that we could use in our the yearbook, please send them to the office by Feb. 5. The pictures will NOT be returned, so send a copy if it's one you wish to keep.

### **FIRST PENANCE**

Second grade students will be making their First Penance on Monday, January 25, at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Keep these children in your prayers.



**Catholic Schools' Week** begins with Mass at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 31. This Mass will be an All School Sing with our Children's Choir directed by Sr. Genarose presiding over the Communion Meditation.

Open house in the schools will be held after Mass with refreshments served in the All Purpose Room. Please invite any families that have expressed an interest in St. Mary's. This would be the opportune time to showcase our school. Also invite any relatives, friends, and graduates to join us.

This year we've elected to choose our own theme. St. Mary's will celebrate "A Century of Catholic Education." A complete agenda for the week, including a lunch schedule, will be ready next week. Plan for Grandparents' Day, a day that students can sit with grandparents or family members at Mass, on Thursday, Feb. 4, and the 6th grade/faculty basketball game which will tip off at 1:15 on Fri., Feb. 5.

St. Mary's  
100th Anniversary t-shirts  
\$10 each.  
Just the thing for  
Catholic Schools Week!



### **Children's Mass**

Tues., Jan. 12 at 10:30—  
Gr. 4 at Taylorville Estates  
Thurs., Jan. 14 at 9:00—  
Gr. 3 will serve the various  
ministries at the church.  
Please join us.

### **Tuition Statements for 2008 Taxes**

I will prepare documentation of 2008 tuition payments and send statements out next week to all school families. You will need these statements in order to claim the \$500 (limit) tuition tax credit allowed in Illinois. You do not need to request this information. It is simpler to send it to everyone.

Statements for child care deductions for Before and After Care will also be sent home to all families in that program by the end of this month.

**Reminder: If you chose to pay tuition in two installments, the second payment is due by Friday, Jan. 15.**

**REPORT CARDS  
WILL BE SENT HOME  
THURSDAY, JAN. 14**

## Concession Stand Schedule

### Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>

#### Door:

9:30-11:30 Snyder

11:30-130 Verardi

#### Concessions:

9:30-11:30 Daly, Durbin

11:30-1:30 D. Nelson, Althoff

1:30-3:30 Hunt, G. Jones

### Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>

#### Door:

12:30-2:30 Colonius

2:30-4:30 Stepping

#### Concessions:

12:30-2:45 Shmulbach, Wernsing

2:45- 5:00 Sassatelli, Neville

### Jan 21<sup>st</sup>

#### Door:

5:30-7:30 Seelbach

#### Concessions:

5:30-8:00 Kettlekamp, Oller

### Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>

#### Door:

9:30-11:00 M. Jones

#### Concession:

9:30-11:00 Ballion, Stephens

### Jan 24<sup>th</sup>

#### Door:

12:30-2:30 Held

2:30-4:30 Gambino

#### Concession

12:30-2:30 E. Nelson, Bergschneider

2:30-4:30 Graham, Brotherton

A full schedule through February is attached.

Jean Day this Friday, Jan. 15. Cost is \$1.00. Students may wear jeans with a uniform shirt or one of the St. Mary's School t-shirts. The t-shirt can be layered over a long-sleeved white uniform shirt for added warmth. However, classrooms in the main school have been very toasty! As usual, gym shoes must be worn.

## Scrip Program

**The next Scrip order will be sent in two weeks.** Please send order forms and payment to the school by Friday, Jan. 22. Scrip offers gift cards for hundreds of merchants and retailers including gas stations, hotels, and Wal-Mart. If you know you'll be spending money at these places, order a scrip card and a portion of your sale comes back to St. Mary's. It costs the shopper nothing. You get dollar for dollar the amount of the cards you purchase. The school receives a rebate ranging from 2 to 20%, depending on the merchant. It takes a little advanced planning, but it's a great source of income for the school.

Order forms and a list of participating venues can be found at [www.st-maryschool.com](http://www.st-maryschool.com).

## Recycling pick-up is now on Thursday mornings.



Newspapers, plastic containers marked 1 or 2, and cans may be dropped off at the garage on the field before school on Thursdays.