

Catholic Schools Week

Sun., Jan. 31: Mass Day

All school sing at 11:00 Mass; students should report to the choir loft by 10:45. Students will perform the ministries at this Mass. The Children's Choir will be featured at Communion meditation.

Open House will follow Mass; refreshments in the APR. Please invite anyone who has expressed an interest in our school. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase all we offer. **Students are asked to wear their school uniform to Mass and the opening house as representatives of St. Mary's.**

Mon., Feb. 1: Party Hat Day

Collection for Veterans begins; Relay for Life Raffle begins; Vote for your favorite party hat! See "Party Hats."

Tues., Feb. 2: Card Day

Winners of Party Hat contest announced; begin making Valentines for Vets.

Wed., Feb. 3: Entertainment Day

School House Rock Live at 9:30 in the gym, presented by The Little Theatre on the Square.

Thur., Feb. 4: Grandparents' Day

Grandparents are invited to 9:00 Mass, to visit classrooms, & to attend a reception featuring the 5/6th Gr. Bands and a video presentation in the APR at 10:30.

Friday, Jan. 30: Game Day

Students may wear jeans w/ uniform shirt or St. Mary's t-shirt at no charge. Day 100 activities for K & Gr. 1. NED yoyo program for Gr. 2-6. Faculty v. 6th grade basketball game tips off at 1:15. Join us!

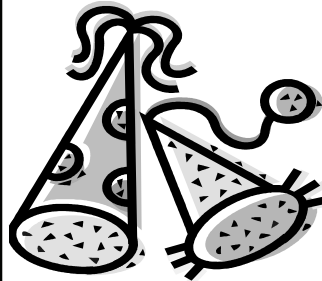
Market Day Pick Up in Cafeteria

Thurs., Jan. 28, from 4 to 5 p.m.

ST. MARY SCHOOL

PARENT NOTES

January 25, 2010



Children's Masses

Tues., Jan. 26 at 10:30—Gr. 3 will travel to Meadow Manor

Thurs., Jan. 28 at 9:00—Gr. 1 students will assume the ministries at Church.

Please join us!

Party Hats

Our celebration of Catholic Schools Week centers around St. Mary's 100th birthday. To kick things off we ask each child to decorate a hat to bring to school on Mon., Feb. 1. Begin with a hat you already own or purchase a party hat at the store. Use a baseball cap, stocking cap, a cone shaped birthday hat, cowboy hat, or whatever you wish! Then add decorations to show that we are celebrating the school's birthday. You are only limited by your imagination. We will keep the hats at school all week. Students will vote for a class favorite. Hats will be worn again on Day 100. Participation is optional, but we'd love to see a great turn out!

FIRST PENANCE

Second grade students will make their First Penance tonight at 7:00 PM in the Church. Please keep them in your prayers.

Science Fair backboard orders and money are due Thursday, January 28. Science Fair is Friday, February 26.



Children Choir

Thursday— 3:00 to 3:45

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Parent Lunch Schedule

Lunch times are
11:25 for K-2
and 12:15 for 3-6.

Feb. 1—K and 3

Feb. 2—1 and 4

Feb. 3—2 and 5

Feb. 4—open

Feb. 5—6th grade

YEARBOOK ORDERS DUE THIS
FRIDAY, JANUARY 29.



Booster Club & More on Feb. 8

The third mandatory Booster Club meeting will be held Monday, Feb. 8, in the cafeteria beginning at **6:30**. This is earlier than the normal start time because the teachers & I have put together an event that we hope will put the fun in fundraiser! The Glen Earl Winery in Owaneco will present a wine tasting in the cafeteria immediately following the Booster Club meeting. Cost to participate is \$10 per person. This fee will be split between the winery and the school. Each participant will receive 8 tickets to redeem for tastes. Tim Bohlen, owner of Glen Earl, will bring 8 wines to taste. He'll have bottles of each here to sell. He will give the school \$1 for each bottle sold that night.

Kim Bitschenauer will be set up for orders and sales of Sentsy candles. Candlelight & wine just in time for Valentine's Day!

The teachers will serve cheese and crackers. Please plan to stay and enjoy!



TO GET IN ON THE NEXT SCRIP ORDER, SEND YOUR ORDER FORM AND PAYMENT IN BY FRI- DAY, FEB. 12.

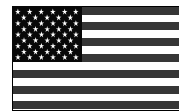
Remember, there are hundreds of retailers on the list! You can give cards as gifts or use them yourself. I've decided to order a \$100 Wal-Mart card each time. I have no doubt that I'll use it quickly. Using Scrip cards takes a little time and planning, but the school benefits! To date we have received \$329.13 in profits. This money helps with the school with operational expenses.

Tuition Statements for 2009 Taxes

I have statements prepared for all families that pay tuition directly to the school. I called Smart Tuition to check on the status of their statements and was told I would receive them this week. When those come in, I will send all the forms you will need to claim the tuition tax credit on your Illinois taxes via backpack mail.

Collection for our Veterans begins Feb. 1 and continues through Feb. 8. Following are suggested items to donate:

Preschool	Deodorant & Popcorn
Kindergarten	Bar soap & shaving cream
Grade 1	Shampoo & toothbrushes
Grade 2	Cookies & handkerchiefs
Grade 3	Combs, hairbrushes or hand sanitizer
Grade 4	Candy (regular or sugar-free), denture cleaner or toothpaste
Grade 5	Socks & deodorant
Grade 6	T-shirts & word search or crossword puzzle books



St. Mary's Preschool is currently registering students for 2010-11. If you, a relative or friend are interested in sending a child to our preschool, don't delay! Register right away. A lack of state funding has put public preschool programs in jeopardy. Our class sizes are limited, so enroll now! Forms are available at the parish and school offices. Children must be 3 or 4 years old by Sept. 1 to enter the appropriate class. Questions about our fantastic program? Call director Shannon Mann at 824-2127 or teacher Donna Shilling at 824-3583.