



ST. MARY SCHOOL

FAMILY NOTES

September 8, 2009

Sing Praise!

Students in Gr. 1-6 are invited to join the school choir. The choir rehearses on Thursdays from 3:15 to 3:45 under the direction of Sr. Genarose. First practice is Sept. 10. Return the form sent last week or send a note to the office to join.



School Mass

**Thursday, Sept. 10
9:00 a.m.**

Fifth graders will assume the ministries at this Mass. Please join us.

Playground Fun: It is permissible (and a good idea!) for girls to wear shorts under uniform skirts or jumpers. We are encouraging our students to climb, run, jump, and slide, so shorts under the uniform make girls more comfortable at recess and in P.E. as well. The shorts must be completely covered by the skirt or jumper.

Please note: When children in St. Mary's After Care Program are using the playground, no other students or neighbors will be allowed on the equipment. Our After Care providers are being paid to supervise only those children enrolled in the program.

Fall Fundraiser

Fundraiser dollars are very important to our school. Orders are due immediately. Return order forms **ONLY**. No paper work is needed for orders placed on-line.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

St. Mary's Board of Education is in need of two members. These seats are open to parishioners. The board meets one evening a month during the school year. Board members help to shape religious education and school policies as well as plan for the future of our educational programs. School families receive credits toward fulfillment of the parent contract. Please notify the school office if you are interested.

HELP WANTED

Help is needed in the lunchroom (11:20 - 1:00) on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday....

On the playground (11:45—1:00) on Friday.....

In the primary library (12:30—2:00) on Thursday....

All of these positions count for volunteer credits on the parent contract. Call Mrs. Carls if you can help once a week or even once a month.

We have lots of used uniforms in the Uniform Store in the main building. Come look!

Socks must be plain white, blue or black—No logos.

We have had a rash of tardies!

During the first two weeks of school a large number of students came in late. The only late students that are not counted tardy are children who are on the bus. Remember that the buildings open at 8:10 & school begins at **8:20**.



RECYCLING: Bring your aluminum cans and newspapers to the garage on Main Street on Thursday mornings for pick up. Send pop can tabs and plastic six pack rings to school for collection.

Parent Orientation

The Parent Orientation Night will be on Monday, September 14. We will begin together in the cafeteria at 6:00. I will distribute the updated parent/student handbooks.

Sessions in the classrooms will begin at 6:20, 6:35, and 6:50. Each teacher will share the same information at each session. This will allow parents with more than one child to attend a session with each child's teacher.

Orientation lets parents hear firsthand about classroom policies. Sessions will be held in the classrooms in both buildings.

Box Tops for Education

Saving box tops is a simple way to help our school. In order to provide some incentive for our Box Top collection, we have a monthly contest. The class that brings in the most Box Tops each month receives an extra recess and a treat. Box Tops will be collected and counted for each classroom on the last Friday of the month. Last year the school received **nearly \$850** from this program. Let's see if we can top that this year.

SCHOOL PHYSICALS ARE NEEDED

For all kindergarten and six grade students. The deadline is October 15. Students who do not have completed physicals by October 15 will not be permitted to attend school. Athletes in grades four, five, and six will need a current physical examination dated within the year in order to practice or participate in athletics.

All parents who volunteer at the school or in our athletics program are required to attend one session of **Protecting God's Children**. This two-hour course helps you identify the warning signs exhibited by victims of abuse. Paperwork is then completed for mandatory background checks for all volunteers. If you completed **PGC** during a previous school year or at another location in our diocese, you have satisfied this requirement.

School doors open at 8:10 a.m. If your child must come to school before that time, he or she must go to the Before Care Program in the cafeteria. Cost is \$1 per day. Children may be dropped off on the blacktop if you see the Before Care supervisors with their students lined up to enter the buildings or if it is after 8:10. Students found outside before 8:10 will be escorted to Before Care, and families will be charged for the day. If you arrive a couple of minutes early, keep your students in the car with you until the doors open. Should you need to visit the office, wait till 8:10 if possible or keep your children with you. Students are not to be on the blacktop prior to 8:10.

Lunch Dates

Parents may pick up their students to take them out for lunch as long as the lunch date is during the student's regular lunch time. A note should be sent to inform the classroom teacher. Please **DO NOT** bring food from restaurants to the cafeteria. Mrs. McKinney serves good lunches in accordance with state guidelines. Our school lunches or lunches packed from home are the only foods to be consumed in our cafeteria. Please note that soda is not allowed at all.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Student lunches are \$1.75 each. Adult lunches are \$2.25.



FREE AND REDUCED LUNCHES

If your family qualifies for Free or Reduced lunches, please send us your form.

A limited number of extra t-shirts were ordered. Send a note with your child's name and size and \$10 if you would like to have one. Adult sizes have also been ordered.