



ST. MARY SCHOOL

FAMILY NOTES

September 28, 2009

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Required Forms

Physical & eye exam forms for students in Kindergarten; physicals for Grade 6; and dental exam forms for kindergarten, Grade 2, & Grade 6 must be turned in to the office by October 15 to be in compliance with state law.

Basketball practice will begin the first week in November. All students participating in this sport must have a physical exam form on file in order to join the team. Athletic physicals must date no earlier than March of 2009 to be considered current.

Remember: Taylorville public schools will not be in session on Friday, October 9. St. Mary's will have school all day on October 9. There will be **No Bus Service** that day. St. Mary's and the public schools are closed on Mon., October 12, in observance of Columbus Day.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Mrs. Carls has filled nearly every spot, but there are a couple of places left. We need a supervisor in the lunchroom on Mon. from 11:20 to 12:45. This helper takes tickets, wipes tables and opens stubborn milk cartons. We also need librarians for the K-2 on Thurs. afternoons from 12:30 to 2:00. Librarians read great stories and help students check out books. Volunteer every week or just once a month. We're flexible!

Kroger cards are in. They are \$5 each. I ordered 10, but can get more if needed. These cards are reloadable. St. Mary's gets 3% of the sales. It costs nothing but a few extra minutes! Just take your card to the service desk, have them load any amount you choose onto it, then shop. Use the card at the checkout & the school gets credit. It can also be used at the fuel center. When we reach \$5000 in sales, Kroger sends us a check for \$150.

Board of Education

Two new members, Amanda Walker and Becky Sloan, will join the St. Mary's Board of Education. The next board meeting is **Thurs., Oct. 8**, at 6:00 p.m. in the All Purpose Room.

Monday, Oct. 5, is Picture Day. Students do not have to wear uniforms that day, but must stay within the school's guidelines for appropriate dress and must wear athletic shoes. Please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook.

Children's Masses

Tues., Sept. 29: Grade 5 will travel to Meadow Manor to celebrate Mass with the residents at 10:30. **Thurs., Oct. 1: Grade 2** will serve in the ministries of the Mass at 9:00 a.m. Please join us.

Sacrament of First Penance

Parents of 2nd Graders are reminded that a mandatory meeting will be held on Thursday, October 22, concerning preparation for your child's First Penance. The meeting will be held in the All Purpose Room at 7:00 p.m.



FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

Parents who opted to make a financial contribution for credit on the Parental Contract are reminded that this payment is due October 1. The contribution is \$100. This is only for parents who circled that option on the Parental Contract.

Each school year, St. Mary's participates in several activities in support of Catholic missions throughout the world. We ask that each child in St. Mary School join the Holy Childhood Association which helps needy children in many countries. Students join HCA by paying a \$1.25 fee. This fee entitles them to membership in the association, a book mark, and an HCA newsletter that comes four times a year. Because the idea behind HCA membership is service to others, it may be more meaningful if your child could earn his or her membership fee by doing an extra chore or giving up an activity. Please send Holy Childhood Association dues in an envelope marked with your child's name and "HCA" by Friday, Oct. 2. These dues and the proceeds from our annual Mission Carnival, which will take place October 30, are sent to the Holy Childhood Association. This is one of the largest service projects that we undertake as a school. Your support is greatly appreciated.

REMINDER

If your child is going home a different way than normal or is being picked up by someone new, please send a note or call the office.



DECATUR HERALD AND REVIEW MEGAH MOOLAH COUPONS

Here is an easy way to help our school! Clip and save Mega Moolah coupons that appear daily in the Decatur Herald and Review. Please place the coupons in an envelope marked "Megah Moolah" and send them to the school or church office. The school will use the coupons to bid on an item to be auctioned at Spring Fling. Thank you for your support.

St. Mary's Night at Florinda's

Wednesday, Oct. 7, from 5:30 to 9:00 is St. Mary's night at Florinda's. The school receives 15% of sales, eat-in or carry-out. Just mention that your order is for St. Mary School, and we will receive the credit.

MISSION MASS

Students in Grade 5 will travel to Little Flower in Springfield to celebrate this year's Mission Mass on Wednesday, October 7. Lunch will be provided. Students are to be in uniform.