



# ST. MARY SCHOOL

## FAMILY NOTES

October 26, 2009

### CHILDREN'S MASS

Thursday, Oct. 29

The students in Gr. 4 will serve in the various ministries.

### Lunch on Friday

Thursday is the deadline to order & pay for lunch on Mission Carnival Friday. If you & any family members plan to have lunch with your child on Friday, please make the arrangements by 3:00 on Thurs. We must give Mrs. McKinney time to prepare so no last minute guests.



### Fall Fundraiser Money

Please collect Fall Fundraiser money and send the full amount to the office as soon as possible. Prizes will be distributed after money is turned in.

**Book Fair** begins next Thursday, Nov. 5. Students will preview the books on Wednesday.

The Book Fair will continue through Mon., Nov. 9.



### Students not in school Friday

Because the Taylorville schools are not in session on Friday, I am concerned that we may end up with crowding and supervision issues. For that reason, school age children other than current St. Mary's students are welcome to come for lunch (if their meals are ordered and paid by Thursday) and to watch the parade, but they must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times. School age students that do not attend St. Mary's **will not** be allowed to play at recess. They may stay on the grounds with a parent or guardian, but may not play with the students. School age students that do not attend St. Mary's **will not** be allowed in the gym for the Carnival, even with a parent on hand. Space, safety, and ensuring that our students have access to the games are my primary concerns. We love having our recent graduates return to visit, but I'm afraid we might be overwhelmed if too many show up for the Carnival. Mission Carnival is planned for our current students. It's their turn!

As always, preschoolers and younger children are welcome with parents and grandparents.

### MISSION CARNIVAL Lunch Schedule

Grades K-1	10:30-10:55
Grades 2-3	10:55-11:20
Grades 4-6	11:20-11:45

### Report Cards

Report Cards will be distributed on Thursday, Oct. 29. Some students may not receive report cards at that time. If your child is still completing make up work from an extended absence, his/her teacher will wait to issue the report card giving your child the time needed to catch up on all class work. In this way your child will be assessed in the same manner as his/her classmates—on all the work covered during the first quarter of school.

The second reason your child may not receive a report card pertains to excessive tardies. Letters were sent via backpack mail last week to families with large numbers of tardies. The letter asked those families to contact me regarding the tardies. If no contact is made, report cards will be withheld.

### PUMPKIN CONTEST

Students may drop off decorated pumpkin in Father's garage before school on Fri., Oct. 30. Check in with Mrs. Newlin who will be there to assist with set up. Winners will be announced at the end of the carnival. Cost to participate is 50 cents. Participation is optional.



### HALLOWEEN PARADE

Please be here at 11:45 if you are helping your child dress. The parade starts at 12:15.

Mrs. Robertson

## MISSION CARNIVAL

Raffle tickets and carnival tickets are on sale at school. All tickets are 25 cents. Several amazing prizes are just waiting for a lucky raffle winner.

Tickets for carnival games and raffle chances may be purchased through Friday. Please make sure any money sent to school this week is clearly marked. We will be handling raffle money, ticket money, and lunch money just to name a few.

### Help Wanted:

- **Monday or Tuesday - Lunchroom**
  - **Thursday - Library**
  - **Friday - Playground**
- Please contact the office if you can help.**

**\*\*Conference times were sent home last Thursday. We look forward to seeing you at your appointed time!**

## BOOSTER CLUB

The Booster Club will meet Monday, Nov. 9, in the cafeteria. The Book Fair Family Fun Night will be held in conjunction with Parent Conferences and the Booster Club meeting. Details coming soon.

### Order a Pie and Support our School

With the holidays coming soon, Market Day is here to help. Check out our featured pies this month. All the Market Day profits earned this month will go directly to the St. Mary's teachers to purchase educational items for their classrooms. Please help support your St. Mary School and plan your next holiday gathering through Market Day.



**No bus service Thursday or Friday.** Public schools are holding parent conferences and students will not be in attendance.

**Found:** a child-size tan "Croc." Claim it in the school office.

## MISSION CARNIVAL

Mission Carnival will be held this year on Friday, October 30. Students have the opportunity to participate many Halloween activities including a parade and carnival. All profits from this day are given to the Holy Childhood Missions and the Columban Fathers.

If you haven't already done so, please return the form telling us if you are able to help on Friday. The office will accept donations for ink and photo paper for the picture booth (this year we are going digital so there is no need for Polaroid film this year.)

**MUSCLES NEEDED:** On Thursday, Oct. 29, beginning at 1:00 p.m., help will be needed to move equipment to the gym for Friday's carnival. Please let us know if you can lend a hand..

## HALLOWEEN COSTUMES

Please avoid costumes that look violent, excessively gory, or disgusting. Keep in mind that our celebration is taking place at a Catholic school. We appreciate your cooperation. The costume judging categories are: funniest, most original, religious, ugliest, group, and prettiest.

Skorts and shorts may be worn through Oct. 30. They will not be a part of the approved uniform again until April 1, 2010.

**Friday, Oct. 30 is a non-uniform day. Please follow guidelines in the Parent/Student Handbook.**

## Board of Education

The next Board of Education meeting is Thurs., Nov. 5, at 6:00 p.m. in the All Purpose Room.

## BASKETBALL PHYSICALS

Basketball practice is starting next week. Coaches will notify players of practice schedules. **All student athletes** must have a recent physical on file in the office or they will not be able to participate. If you have any questions call the office.