



ST. MARY SCHOOL

FAMILY NOTES

February 21, 2012

Choir
Thursday, 3-3:45

CHILDREN'S MASS
Ash Wednesday, at 9:00 a.m. on Feb. 22 will be led by students in Gr. 3. Please join us.

Science Fair and Art Show

The Annual Taylorville Schools Science Fair and Art Show will be Friday., Feb. 24, at Taylorville High School. Our students who have done science fair projects will receive results and ribbons that evening. All



of our students in Grades K—6 have entries in the Art Show. The displays are open to the public from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Spectators **will not** be permitted in our gym during judging on Friday morning.



Kindergarten 2012/2013

Our school invites you to visit with Mrs. Heinemann, our kindergarten teacher. She is prepared to explain our unique kindergarten program to parents on Thursday, March 8, at 6:00 p.m. in the All Purpose Room. The following day, Friday, March 9, from 9:30 to 10:30, prospective kindergarteners and parents are invited to visit our developmentally appropriate Catholic Christian classroom. Registration materials will be available both days. Bring copies of your child's birth certificate and baptismal certificate. Registrations will be accepted on March 8 and 9 and in the school office at any time afterwards through May 1.

If you know families who might be interested in sending a kindergartener to St. Mary's next year, please pass along this information.

First Communion Parent Meeting

Thurs. Feb. 23, at 7:00

in the All Purpose Room. At least one parent must attend if your child will be making their First Holy Communion this year on April 28.

Scrip orders will be sent again this Friday, Feb. 23. Thanks again for taking advantage of this great program.

FISH FRIES

St. Mary's Booster Club will host Lenten fish fries on the five Fridays of March. Holy Trinity in Stonington will have a fish fry this Friday, Feb. 24. Please support our sister parish.

A big thank you to our Food Committee that met and organized this year's fish fries. Fish Fries are from 5-7 pm in the cafeteria. Each fish fry is covered by parents from our different grades. Those families are asked to send desserts and assist with serving & clean-up on their assigned evening. **The Food Committee is asking for one parent from each class to coordinate the parent volunteers from that class. The coordinator will be the point of contact so the Food Committee will know the number of workers available and what each will do.** Carolyn Brown has volunteered to coordinate Gr. 3 & 6. Contact the office or Doug Brown if you will be a coordinator.

Parent Helper Schedule:

March 2—Grade 3

March 9—Grade 4

March 16—Grades 1 & 5

March 23—Kindergarten

March 30—Grades 2 & 6

Spring Fling News

Sub-committees have been formed and plans are underway. Families not in attendance at the last Booster Club meeting will be asked to take a job to help with this enormously important event. (Those who attended have already signed up for a committee.) Spring Fling, April 14 at the Stonington American Legion, is a dinner/raffle/auction that is the Booster Club's most lucrative fund raiser of the year. Each family must purchase or sell a \$100 ticket to help the Boosters meet their goal. This ticket admits two people. It entitles them to a prime rib dinner, drinks, and a chance to bid on some terrific items in the live and silent auctions. With 78 school families, there are plenty of tickets available for sale to the public. Please ask friends and family to join us for a great evening and a great cause. Tickets can be purchased through the school office beginning next week.

Coming Events:

*Market Day Pick Up: Feb. 23, 4:00 to 5:00
*1st Communion Parent Meeting: Feb. 23, 7:00
in the all purpose room
*Science Fair: Feb. 24—Judging at St. Mary's
during the day; display at THS that evening.

Relay for Life Bake Sale

On LEAP DAY

Wednesday, Feb. 29
during lunch

All items are 50 cents.



Please note: Before Care begins at 7:00 a.m. Students dropped off prior to 8:10 must go to Before Care so that they are supervised. Cost for Before Care is \$1 per child per day.

Thank you to all who patiently wait with their children until 8:10 every morning. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Attention: 5th Grade Parents

Two important events are coming up!

Our annual Mother/Daughter Father/Son program will be Wed., March 14, at 7:00. Please save the date. More information will be sent later this month.

On March 1, at 6:00 p.m., we invite you to preview 6th grade. Mrs. Schaeffer will open her classroom, give an overview of our 6th grade year, and answer any questions you may have. Then St. Mary's Board of Education will be available to take your questions and hear your concerns. No teachers or administrators will sit in on this meeting. Please RSVP regarding the March 1 meeting. You may reply by email or send a note to school. We are very proud of our sixth grade and look forward to sharing this information with you.

St. Mary's Preschool

St. Mary's will create afternoon sessions for 3 & 4-year-old preschool if enrollment for 2012-13 warrants. We're very excited about continuing the expansion of our Pre-K program which is considered one of the best in town. Please tell anyone who may be interested to contact the parish office at 824-8178 for registration information. Our preschool director, Cathy Kronkow, would be happy to answer any questions. Messages can be left for her at the parish or school office (824-6501). She'll gladly return the calls.



Yellow Pepsi Caps

Please collect any Yellow Pepsi Caps that come your way between now & May 15. They are worth five cents each to the school. Recruit family and friends to collect for you. Send them in any time.