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Saint Margaret Mary Home and School Newsletter



May 2011

## Letter from Mrs. Snyder

We are in the final stretch! How did this happen? The dreary weather has kept the students focused a bit longer than usual. Once sunny, warmer weather hits they will find it increasingly hard to focus and learn but we will do our creative best to keep them learning as long as possible. We understand they need new projects and different ideas to keep them focused. The month of May has many special projects and days. Sports Photos, Sport Recognition night, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Knowledge Fair, Sport physicals, Band Concert, Speech/Debate Exhibition, May Crowning and Brunch, First Communions, Track and JogATHon Awards, Spring Play, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Dinner Dance and 8<sup>th</sup> grade events, Field Day and lunch, and our closing Mass on June 2<sup>nd</sup> fully fill our days. It is a wonderful time of the year. (Crazy, but wonderful) Our staff and students are proud of another great year at Saint Margaret Mary. Be proud with us and share these last events.

The Used Uniform Sale is coming up on Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. See the flyer for more information. We have found the system of "exchanging" uniforms works very well. This process was explained in the flyer. Please keep the following in mind when buying **uniforms** and shoes for next year:

All uniform jumper and skirt lengths must be no more than 1" above the middle of the knee. We understand students grow during the year and will take that into consideration.

Skorts are no longer sold. If you currently own skorts or get some at the exchange, they must be no more than one inch above the knee.

Shoes must be enclosed. **No high tops are allowed.**

Colored or patterned socks are not allowed.

Our uniform code is fully printed in our handbook. Always consult the handbook if you have questions.

Please keep in mind that it is illegal to talk on cell phones in school zones. Several parents drive through drop off and pick up on cell phones. It is not safe for our children!

### Technology and Teaching at Saint Margaret Mary School

This year our teachers participated in a yearlong project designed to improve the instruction of vocabulary and spelling words through computer aided lessons. The project had three main goals: 1) To improve the vocabulary/spelling test scores of students within these subject areas 2) To improve students' long term retention of new vocabulary and spelling words 3) To increase the usage of computers by classroom teachers as instructional tools. A team consisting of Mr. Paskiewicz, Mrs. Shenberger, Mrs. Snyder, and Mrs. Johnson developed and implemented six hands-on training sessions for our teachers. These sessions helped the teachers develop meaningful lessons enhanced with Power Point and Internet websites which were projected during the lesson using the classroom ceiling mounted computer projectors. Each teacher was asked to teach at least one vocabulary or spelling lesson a week with computer technology. Throughout the project, teachers submitted student assessment data which is being used to track the accomplishment of each of the three goals. The results of this study will help improve classroom instruction and give our teachers new means of meeting their students' educational needs.

## Dine and Share 2010 to 2011

May 19, 2011 - Red Robin

### NEWS FROM THE THIRD SOURCE INCOME COMMITTEE

**The Third Source Income committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the "HoopsMania" fundraiser. This simple, fun fundraiser generated nearly \$6,000 but even better, we awarded over \$1500 in prizes to 18 winners, including the \$1,000 grand prize! Third Source Income looks forward to doing it again – bigger and better! - next year.**

**Speaking of next year, mark your calendars for Saturday, November 19. Third Source Income is working on an exciting new social fundraising event...we're willing to "bet" you're going to love it!**



## MARKET DAY NEWS

Thanks to all who ordered Market Day last month! April earnings were \$327.55 making our year to date earnings total \$3,146.14. What an easy and delicious way to help fund our Home & School programs!

The more you buy, the more we'll earn! Simply place your order online at [marketday.com](http://marketday.com)- it's that easy! This month, online orders get you one free pound of French Toast sticks with every \$50 purchase and a free 4 pack of Teriyaki Chicken Steaks with each \$90 purchase. Pick up day is May 19, Thursday from 2:15 to 3:30 pm. Our school number is 1415 at [marketday.com](http://marketday.com)!

Please contact Carla Hilbert at (847) 854-1460 for more information.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



- May 5 – Band Concert 7pm
- May 6- May Crowning and Brunch
- May 6 – No Bus, Parent Transport
- May 9—Used Uniform Sale
- May 13 – 11:55 am Dismissal
- May 16 – Fifth Grade Knowledge Fair
- May 18 – School Play and Ice Cream Social
- May 19 – 8th Grade Dinner Dance
- May 25 – 8th Grade Graduation 6:00 pm
- May 25 – Spirit Day – Class Colors
- May 30 – No School, Memorial Day
- June 1 – Field Day
- June 2 – Last Day of School

# RECYCLE YOUR TONERS!

Want to save the environment and help out the school? Recycle your toners here at school in the cartridge recycling barrel located in front of the gym. We recycle toners from small home printers to larger work printers and copier toners. Our school will receive points for the used cartridges to purchase toners for our school printers.

## COMING SOON!

### End of Year Picnic and Field Days

June 1, 2011

Please contact Amy Ahler for more information



### APRIL 2011

### LOTTERY WINNERS

#### \$200 Winner

Mike Olenek

Sold by: Zachary Olenek

#### \$50 Winner

Amy Gabrys

Sold by: Renae Hughes

#### \$25 Winner

Petzelt Family

Sold by: Jessica Petzelt

#### \$100 Winner

Piemonte Family

Sold by: Stephanie Piemonte

#### \$50 Winner

Perlita Castro

Sold by: Gabby Castro

#### \$25 Winner

Kathy Soeder

Sold by: Alexandra Soeder

## USED UNIFORM SALE!

Monday, May 9, 2011

SMM Gym

1:15 to 2:00 pm—Donate your gently used uniforms and receive a “Used Uniform Coupon”

2:00 to 3:30 pm—Purchase uniforms with cash, check or your “Used Uniform Coupon”

All profits go directly to the School



### 2011– 2012 SCHOOL YEAR IMPORTANT DATES!

August 9 - PARENT PICK UP NIGHT

August 16 - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

## SPRING MUSICAL AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

On May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class will be presenting it's annual spring musical *The Rocking Tale of Snow White*. This musical is a retelling of the classic tale of Snow White with modern music. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders and the 5-7 grade chorus have been working hard and are looking forward to the performance. You don't want to miss it!

Immediately following the Spring Musical will be an Ice Cream Social hosted by the 4th Grade Moms and Sponsored by the Home and School Association



This is a reminder to join us for our annual May Crowning and Mother's Day Brunch which will be held on Friday, May 6, 2011.

This is a special celebration to pay tribute to our Blessed Mother Mary and celebrate all cherished mothers. It is a special time for our 8th Graders as their time at Saint Margaret Mary comes to a close.

Mass begins at 9:15 am and is immediately followed by a brunch at Mc Donnell Hall.



## Attention Parents and Teachers, Calling All Pictures!!



It's that time of year again, time to finalize the Yearbook.

We'd love to see your children's faces in this years yearbook. We are now accepting pictures (either hard copy or digital and from ALL grades) to be entered into the yearbook. We like to put as many in as we can, so you are welcome to send pictures of your children and their schoolmates from any and all School Related Functions. Pictures from sporting events, pack the house, communion, reconciliation, field trips, scouts, silly classroom photos, fairs, graduation, Halloween, dances, field day, other special events, etc. All are welcome!!

As a reminder, the process of putting the yearbook together is completely digital. Unfortunately, pictures from a cell phone are not able to be used. We are happy to accept them in any other format via email, hard copy or on a disc. Please put your name on the envelope and let us know if you would like your disc or photos to be returned and we will upload them and get them right back to you.

Hard Copy Pictures and CD's can be sent to the attn of

Tricia Wolak c/o Krystal 5B or you can email a digital copy to either of us at:

[ma\\_osties@yahoo.com](mailto:ma_osties@yahoo.com) or [tricia745@comcast.net](mailto:tricia745@comcast.net)

Thank You for helping us to make this yearbook a great memory! Watch the Brown Envelope, yearbook order forms will be coming home soon!!

Amy Ostrowski & Tricia Wolak, Yearbook Committee

# THANK YOU!

The 2010-2011 Home and School Association would like to thank **Michele Shepard**, for her generous time and leadership during her term as President. We would like to welcome Michelle Cali as an incoming H&S Association member and Congratulate Jill Sarto, our new President for the 2011-2012 year.

*Your Home and School Association,*  
*Michele Shepard*                      *Maria Jones*  
*Linda Butts*                              *Sue Leidig*  
*Janice Piemonte*                      *Jean Schuelly*  
*Jill Sarto*                                      *Nina Gomez*  
*Rafaella Giuliano*

# Volunteer Recognition

## A HUGE Thank You to all of our Volunteers!!!!!!

St. Margaret Mary has been blessed with so many wonderful volunteers and the Home and School Association wants to recognize you! This month we are highlighting volunteers who have spent many hours helping our students, teachers and families:

This month, we are recognizing Cyndi Mobeck as a generous volunteer. She has put in countless hours throughout the year on the Hot Lunch Program, volunteers as a Crossing Guard, and steps in whenever and wherever she is asked to do so. Cyndi received 4 nominations this month alone! Thank you Cyndi, for all you do! The Saint Margaret Mary community appreciates you!

\*\*\*\*\*CUT HERE AND RETURN\*\*\*\*\*

If you would like to nominate a volunteer to be recognized, please print out this form and cut on the line below. Return your nomination(s) to the school office marked "Volunteer Recognition

This person deserves to be recognized because \_\_\_\_\_.

My name \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to nominate the following person for volunteer recognition: \_\_\_\_\_