



# ST. GABRIEL

*Centered in Jesus, St. Gabriel Catholic School is committed to excellence in developing our faith, academics and service.*

## NEWSLETTER

I've heard several people comment lately that the geese in our area that haven't left for the season now seem to be on the move. Perhaps this is a due to a predicted sharp change in our weather?



The fifth commandment, you shall not kill, reminds us to respect life. I started thinking about the geese and how we respect animal life. This got me thinking about what we can learn from the geese. A while ago I remember reading some interesting reflections on the goose, which perhaps you have heard also.

*The geese fly in a "V" formation which creates uplift for the next bird. By flying and working together they can fly at least 71% greater than if they were on their own. If a bird moves out of formation it quickly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone. When the lead bird gets tired, others take its place. The geese honk from behind to give encouragement to those in the front. If one goose gets sick or is wounded two other geese will fall out of formation to help and protect him.*

### Reflection

How do we help each other out?

When we "honk" at each other, are we honking words of encouragement or bringing someone down?



Twin City Catholic  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS...

### Wednesday 1-11-12

Story Time at St. Mary at 1:00  
First Communion Parent Meeting  
8:15 AM or 6:30 PM SG Chapel

### Thursday 1-12-12

Liturgy at 8:15 (gr. 4)  
January/July Birthday Lunch  
Band Concert at SG 6:30

### Monday 1-16-12

Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
PTO meeting 6:00

### Thursday 1-19-12

Liturgy at 8:15 (gr. 3)

### Friday 1-20-12

End of Second Quarter  
Early Dismissal Day 11:30  
**NO Extended Care**  
**NO After School Care**

### Monday 1-23-12

State of the Schools Address  
St. Margaret Mary Gym 6:30

### Tuesday 1-24-12

State of the Schools Address  
St. Gabriel Cafeteria 6:30

### Wednesday 1-25-12

State of the Schools Address  
St. Mary Elementary Gym 6:30

## **Band**

We are looking forward to the band concert tomorrow evening. The students have been working hard and are anxious to share what they have learned.

As has been the tradition, after the concert the two bands (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade) will merge into one band. This means that they will have two practices instead of one. Students will need their instruments and music on both lettered days.



Beginning January 16, the band rehearsal will be on B & F days at Noon.

## **Officer Enno**

A police dog visited our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Below is a paragraph written by 5<sup>th</sup> grade student Caroline V.

The K9 experience was amazing! The dog's name was Enno. Enno is a German Shepherd who was born in Germany. All of his commands must be given in German. He can follow commands to cark, stop, lay down, and attack. His dog handler is Officer Rippl. Enno can be used for things like tacking and finding hidden drugs or weapons. When he is off duty, Enno is the same as any other housedog. All in all, Enno is a great dog.



## **Lunch Program**

This is a friendly reminder that "fast food" items such as McDonalds, Culvers, Subway should not be brought to school for lunch. The TCCES Elementary Handbook states:

*Parents are invited and encouraged to join their children for lunch at any time. If you wish to do so, please notify your school office in advance of the day you plan to have lunch at school. Whether you are purchasing a lunch or bringing a sack lunch from home, TCCES strongly discourages bringing "fast food" or soda into the cafeteria.*

At St Gabriel we ask that you respect this procedure. Thank you for understanding.

## **Box Tops**

Wow! We received a check for \$1481.35. Of that amount, \$229.10 came from Bonus Box Tops. Thank you for collecting the Box Tops for us and supporting the school.

## **School Closings or Delays**

If either the Neenah or the Menasha public schools close due to inclement weather, all TCCES schools will close.



Whenever there is a delayed beginning of school, all half-day morning kindergarten and morning preschool programs are automatically cancelled. All afternoon programs are held at the regular times. If school is cancelled at any point during the day, all events that are in any way connected to school are automatically cancelled.

The local television stations will provide school closing information. The following radio stations will also broadcast school closing information: WAPL (105.7 FM), WIXX (101.1FM), WROE (94.3 FM), WNAM (1280 AM), WOSH (1490 AM).

### **PTO Meeting**

Circle Monday, January 16 on your calendar. Our PTO meeting will be in the school library 6:00-7:15. Hope to see you there!

### **TCCES State of the Schools**

All parents are encouraged to attend one of the three TCCES State of the Schools addresses. TCCES President, Mr. Michael Sullivan will discuss the current and future plans for our five TCCES schools along with sharing important information about curriculum, registration and enrollment. In addition, administrators and TCCES Board Members will be available. Please mark your calendars to attend one of the following sessions:

- Monday, January 23 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at St. Margaret Mary in the gym
- Tuesday, January 24 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at St. Gabriel in Stingle Hall
- Wednesday, January 25 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary Elementary in the gym

As an added incentive for parents to attend and keep them informed about our schools one \$500 tuition voucher will be awarded to a lucky attendee at each of the presentations.

### **2012-2013 Registration**

Registration for K-5 will begin soon. Please watch for a mailing to your home around January 18. If you do not receive something by January 20, please call the school office. Registrations are due February 10.

Registration materials for Preschool and Pre-K are currently available now and can be found on line [here](#) or by calling the school office.

### **January 20 Reminder**

Friday, January 20 is an early dismissal. This means that we will not have Extended Care (11:00-3:00) or After School Care (3:00-5:30).

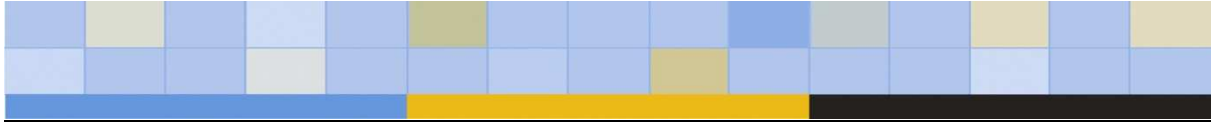
### **MAP Testing**

Our winter season of MAP testing begins next week. Your child's teacher will

### **Lost and Found**

Last week we posted a picture of our Lost and Found items and were pleased that many were claimed. Since that a very nice assortment of tools was found in the parking lot. Please see the picture below.





## St. Mary Central Basketball Grade School and Middle School Night

To: All Grade and Middle School Students

From: St. Mary Central Basketball Teams



You are invited to be our guest on **Friday, January 13** as the SMC Boys Basketball Team challenges Valders at 7:30 p.m. Please use the tickets below for free admission to the game. Feel free to come early to watch the SMC Freshmen and Junior Varsity teams with action beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Each student will also receive a coupon for a beverage and popcorn and be entered in a drawing for some great prizes. Please feel free to pass this note along to any grade or middle school students that would be interested in coming to a game!

Come out to see the excitement of SMC Basketball!



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# **SATURDAY PRE-TEEN NIGHTS**

**Neenah-Menasha YMCA  
Grades 3rd, 4th & 5th  
6:30-9:00 PM**

**January 21:** Whiffle Ball, Kickball, Obstacle Course, Scavenger Hunt, Dodgeball, Racquetball & Hip Hop Dance - (7:00-8:00 PM)

**February 4:** 3 on 3 Basketball, Flag Football, Racquetball, Obstacle Course, Gladiators & Circle Drumming

**February 18:** Soccer, Floor Hockey, Obstacle Course, Racquetball, Hip Hop Dance - (7:00-8:00 PM)  
Capture the Flag & Circle Drumming

**March 3:** Whiffle Ball, Kickball, Obstacle Course, Scavenger Hunt, Dodgeball & Racquetball & Recyclable Art Project.

**March 20:** 3 on 3 Basketball, Flag Football, Racquetball, Obstacle Course, Gladiators & Recyclable Art Project.

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## **Activities Available Every Night**

**Youth Center Fun:** Foosball, Pool, Play Station, Ping Pong, Sports Wall, Climbing Treadwall & Wii

**Pool Activities:** InnerTubes, Kickboards, Noodles & Pool Slide

### **Cost:**

**YMCA Members - FREE**

**General Public - \$5/per youth**

**Parent Volunteers Welcome!**

**For more information, contact**

**Colin Specht at 886.2103.**

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