

ST. GABRIEL

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

NEWSLETTER



UPCOMING EVENTS...

January

...12—Liturgy planned by Grade 4 at 8:15 a.m.

...12—TCCES State of the State Address at SG – 6:30 p.m.

...13—Knights of Columbus Knowledge Contest in Math and Spelling from 9:30-10:30

...14—School Counselor at SG

...15—End of the Second Quarter

...15—Early Dismissal at 11:30 a.m.

...18-29—MAP testing for students in grades 2-5

...19—Liturgy planned by Grade 3 at 8:15 p.m.

...19—TCCES Elementary Band Concert at St. Gabriel at 6:30 p.m.

...21—TCCES Grade 5 Snowshoeing Field Trip at Ledgeview

...21—School Counselor at SG

...26—Liturgy planned by Grade 2 at 8:15 p.m.

---31-February 30—Catholic Schools Week: *Dividends for the Future*

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK... This Sunday, the Church celebrates the end of the Christmas season with the Baptism of the Lord. John the Baptist baptized Jesus in the Jordan River and the spirit of God descended upon Him. It is on this day that Jesus began His public ministry. Even though today many Catholics are baptized as infants, our baptism still marks the beginning of our new life in Christ. Families can light candles at dinner to celebrate their baptism and Christ's continuing presence as Light of the World.

Our theme for January is *Spirituality*. To me, spirituality is the search for God in our daily lives. God is within us; we just have to realize it. God works through each and every one of us. Some suggestions to let this happen within our families include: encourage faith sharing, share with your children about the times you've experienced God and ask them to share their God experiences with you; create a faith environment in our homes and make sure the children have prayer books, Bibles and religious articles; pray together as a family when times are good and when times are bad; and, be constantly on the lookout for ways that God reveals Himself in people, places and the world around us.

AUTHOR TO VISIT SG... On Thursday, Mrs. Kathleen Hoersch, a local children's author will be sharing her books with students in kindergarten through grade 5. She will also talk about her personal history as a writer and the inspirations for the books. The books will be available to be purchased or ordered on that day. Mrs. Hoersch will autograph them.

A BIG SURPRISE AND A BIGGER THANK YOU!!! Over the Christmas break, a crew from Miron Construction put white boards on walls in nine of our classrooms. The boards were purchased from the profits from the PTO-sponsored Brewfest held last October. Students and staff were surprised on Monday when they entered their rooms. Each classroom was also supplied with dry erase markers and erasers which will allow hands on learning experiences for all students. We appreciate everyone who helped the school get these boards!



Twin City Catholic
Educational System

LAWRENCE ACADEMY OF MUSIC... a division of the Lawrence University Conservatory of Music in Appleton is offering group string lessons. The String Project is a teacher-training program for college students that also provides area children in grades 3-12 with affordable instruction on the violin, viola, cello and string bass. The second semester begins January 26. Please contact the Academy at 920-832-6632 or visit www.lawrence.edu/dept/acad_music for more information

IMAJN Masses in January and February 2010 will be on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Therefore, the January IMAJN dates will be January 10 and 24; February's dates will be February 14 and 28.

CROSS COUNTRY SKIS AVAILABLE... Did you know that TCCES has cross country skis that your family can use at very low rates? We have many sets, ranging in size from kids in about Pre4 through adult men's. This is a great opportunity to try a fantastic family sport that your kids can enjoy throughout their lives.

Your family may use the skis as often as you like throughout the season for a flat rate of only \$40.00 per family, or you may use them by paying \$5/person (\$20 maximum/family) each time. For more details or to reserve skis for your family, call Heather at 209-1022 or Molly at 420-4398. (All money collected is being saved for ski maintenance and/or purchase of additional equipment.)

St. Mary Central High School's Registration Night – January 13, 2009

SMC's Registration Night for Incoming Freshmen and Transfer Students is on Wednesday, January 13 at 6:30 p.m. Incoming students and their parents will have the opportunity to register for 2010-2011 classes and meet with the SMC Faculty, Administration and Guidance Department. For additional information please call Jennifer Miller, Director of Admissions at 722-7796 x206.

COMPUTER CLASS INFO...the students in grades 3-5 are practicing keyboarding skills in addition to their classes' projects. Attention is being spent on the home row keys. Additional keys will be added as the students' skills progress. The programs being used in class are available on the Internet for no charge. Please have your child practice the beginning lessons on any of these websites: **Kiran's Typing** @ <http://www.kiranreddys.com/products/typing.html>, **Dance Mat Typing** @ <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing/>, **Nimble Fingers** @ <http://www.nimblefingers.com/>, **Typing Games** @ <http://www.freetypinggame.net/>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK, 2010...

Sunday, January 31—PTO-Sponsored Pancake Breakfast and School Open House, 8:30-noon

Monday, February 1—In our Community; School Community (kindergarten through grade 5) will attend a concert at Seton Middle School

Tuesday, February 2—In our Students; School Liturgy at 8:15 a.m.; Career Day at SG (details to come)

Wednesday, February 3—In our Nation; School Community will honor veterans by making cards with their buddies; All-TCCES Liturgy at St. Margaret Mary beginning at 1:15 p.m.; Roller Skating Party after school

Thursday, February 4—Parents/Families are invited to bring lunch and share time with their child(ren) between 11:30 and 12:30; at 12:45, parents/families are invited to our program, Move to the Groove—singing and exercising with Mr. Arboleda in the gym until 1:30 p.m.

Friday, February 5—In our Vocations; students will select a favorite saint to introduce to their buddies and classmates.

More info to come!

BritBeat... America's premier tribute to the Beatles, performing live at Waverly Beach! The show, sponsored by Bergstrom Automotive, begins at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 23. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased in advance for only \$10 each, or \$15 for one/\$25 for two at the door. Silent auction items will be available for bid. 100% of the proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the SMC Booster Club athletics and co-curricular activities. For tickets, stop by the SMC office or any Zephyr home sporting event; call Sue at 722-7796, ext. 853; or email smcboosterclub@tcces.k12.wi.us.

A GOOD DEED...First grade students experienced making Christmas cookies. Each rolled, cut out, and decorated several cookies. The first cookie made was exchanged on the last day of school along with many blessings and good wishes. The extras were taken to the Emergency Shelter of Appleton. It is our hope that these cookies brighten up the Christmas of people in need.

DIFFERENCES...Kindergarten students looked at three different presents. They chose which one they wanted to open based on the wrapping. When they opened the presents they found the same gift inside each package. They also looked at four M & M's and talked about how they were different on the outside but when we bite into an M & M, they are all the same. Martin Luther King recognized that although people were different on the outside, everyone wants to be treated fairly.