

# ST. MARGARET MARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

*The Mission of St. Margaret Mary School is to nurture a  
Christ – centered Community of Life-long Learners.*

## Jesus, King of Kings

This Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King and the end of the Church Year. At this time our thoughts turn to the end of time when Jesus will gather His people in glory. We do not have to wait until the end of time to become members of His kingdom. Jesus explained that His Kingdom is not like worldly kingdoms, where rulers abuse power and burden their people. He does not rule with armies but with truth. He does not have a great palace but a great heart filled with love. In His kingdom the oppressed become free, the poor inherit the land, the merciful receive mercy, and the hungry eat like queens and kings.

## Advent

The Sunday after Thanksgiving is the first Sunday of Advent and the first Sunday of the new Church Year. It is a period of simple living and extra prayer as we prepare for the coming of Jesus. Jesus, the Prince of Peace, calls His followers to make their world loving and peaceful. We take time during Advent to prepare gifts for others and we are generous toward those in need.

Our school chooses an Advent project each year that will help our students prepare for Christmas. This year we are using the theme “Celebrating Christmas Around the World.” Our Advent preparation will focus on the ways people in other countries prepare for the birth of Christ. Our Christmas Concert will include songs from around the world and our special Advent Project will be helping children in foreign lands celebrate Christmas.

We will introduce our Advent Project, Samaritan’s Purse, during our Thanksgiving Prayer Service on Tuesday morning. Samaritan’s Purse is an International Relief Agency. Each year they sponsor Operation Christmas Child. We will be asking each family to sponsor a Christmas box to provide



## REMINDERS

### November

- 19.....Jump Rope for Heart
- 19.....Friday Fun Time 3:00
- 23.....Thanksgiving Break  
begins at 3:00 p.m.
- 29.....Classes Resume  
Advent Project will begin
- 29.....PK trip to Shopko

### December

- 3.....Liturgy 8:00 a.m. Gr. 2Z
- 5.....IMAJN Mass 5:00 p.m.
- 7.....SMM Christmas  
Concert  
Concert begins at 6:30 p.m.  
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
- 8.....Feast of the Immaculate  
Conception Liturgy at 8:00 a.m.  
Grade 4
- 9.....Field Trip to Heritage  
Hill --- Grade 4

some small gifts for a child. This is an optional project, but one that we hope makes our children more aware of the needs of others. Each family will fill a shoebox with various toy, hygiene, or school supply items and a donation of \$7 to help pay for shipping. We will be sending home more information on Tuesday after the project has been introduced to the children.

We will also be ending our “Share a Pair” Christmas collection on December 10<sup>th</sup>. We are asking students to share of pair of socks or underwear for the Neenah/Menasha Christmas Giving Committee. This is another way to prepare for the coming of Christ and to show our thankfulness for the many gifts we have received.

### **Bake Sale for Hannah**

A huge THANK YOU to all of the people who helped out the scouts this past Sunday with the bake sale for Hannah. There was a wonderful selection of baked goods and many volunteers to help out. The bake sale raised \$2500. We also sold out of bracelets again!! A new supply of bracelets has arrived and will be for sale at school for \$1. The new supply is pink.

The scouts are also finishing their collection of non-perishable food items for St. Joseph Food Pantry. There are collection boxes in several locations around school. Please bring in your donations before the Thanksgiving break.

### **Business Office Hours**

The Business Office hours for the Thanksgiving break are Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 - 3:00, CLOSED on Thanksgiving, November 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup>.

December hours are as follows: Thursday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> - CLOSED Open – Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, December 30<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 - 3:00. CLOSED on Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Christmas Youth Choir**

Are you in the second grade or in a higher grade – and has God given you the gift of a good singing voice? Then the Christmas Youth Choir is for you! The choir will sing for the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass.

Practices are held after the 9:30 a.m. Mass scheduled Sundays and will begin on Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. The practices will be from 10:45 – 11:30 a.m. in the Church. We will also be practicing on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> and also on Christmas Eve morning at 11:00.

If you are interested, please call Sister Therese at 729-4560 or email her at [treynolds@tcces.k12.wi.us](mailto:treynolds@tcces.k12.wi.us) or just come to the first rehearsal.

### **First Reconciliation**

Parents of all fifth grade students from St. Margaret Mary Parish will receive a letter or email about a parent meeting for reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There are two possible dates to attend this meeting: Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:45 p.m. or Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30. If you have a child in second, third

or fourth grade that you would like to have prepared for First Reconciliation this year, please contact the Religious Formation Office at 729-4562.

## **SCRIP**

There will be no SCRIP sales Wednesday, November 24th as there is no school. You will still be able to order Barnes and Noble Wednesday, December 1st in time for Barnes and Noble Night.

Also, please plan ahead for Christmas. **December 8th** will be the last Wednesday to order SCRIP and receive it before Christmas break.

## **Lunchroom News**

There is an immediate opening for a lunch server every other Friday. If anyone is interested, please contact Lori Poss or Kristen Staehler.

## **Grade & Middle School Night-Boys Basketball**

You are invited to be a guest of SMC on Thursday, December 9th as the SMC Boys Basketball Team challenges Hilbert at 7:30 p.m. 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. All grade or middle school students are welcome! Come out to see the excitement of SMC Boys Basketball! Click [here](#) for tickets.

## **Attention Transitional Grade Parents (incoming K,6,9),**

TCCES is excited to announce an offer of an early enrollment incentive for the **2011-12** school year. Please click on the link below for further explanation and an early enrollment form. Don't delay, this offer is only good through December 20, 2010. Please contact Jennifer Miller at [jmiller@tcces.k12.wi.us](mailto:jmiller@tcces.k12.wi.us) with any questions.

Transitional grades at SMM are our PK students moving to Kindergarten and our 5<sup>th</sup> graders moving to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. We need you to register for next year before December 20<sup>th</sup>. This will help us in our planning for next year. If you fill in the registration form, attach a \$50 registration fee, and bring it to school, your registration fee will be applied to next year's tuition along with a \$100 grant. This offer is not available if students register in these transition grades after Christmas! Please take advantage of the offer.

<http://www.tcces.org/documents/earlyenrollment2011-12.pdf>

## **Report Card Envelopes**

Report cards went home with all students in Grades 1-5 last week. The progress reports are yours to keep. Please sign and return the envelope to school.

## **Barnes and Noble Book Fair**

We are thrilled to be hosting a book fair again this year at Barnes & Noble on Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. There are some exciting changes to the program.

1. Out of town friends and family can support the book fair by purchasing on-line this year. Please see note on the flyer for details.
2. Cheesecakes available from the Cheesecake Factory for your Holiday parties or gifts purchased thru B&N. See order for details.
3. Games and Toys now available at B&N and valid towards the book fair. If you have not been to Barnes & Noble lately you are missing the toy section.

\*\*\*Gift cards purchased at B&N on the 10<sup>th</sup> do not count towards the book fair. Purchases MUST be merchandise i.e. books, videos, toys, games, and even coffee and snacks at Starbucks in the Barnes and Noble café.\*\*\*

HOWEVER, YOU CAN ORDER SCRIP FOR BARNES AND NOBLE FOR THE EVENT AND MAKE YOUR PURCHASES WITH B&N GIFT CARDS ORDERED THRU THE SCHOOL/ CHURCH SCRIP PROGRAM.

## **Concert for Hannah**

Last week we asked you to reserve the date, Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, for a concert in honor of Hannah Sherwood. This week there is a flyer attached to the newsletter that explains this fundraiser.

## **Student Performers**

The Academy String Orchestra (ASTRO) of the Lawrence Academy of Music will have a concert with the New Horizon Orchestra, at Lawrence University Chapel on Saturday (Nov. 20) at 3:00 pm. Members of ASTRO are 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade string students interested in preparing and performing at a high level under the direction of Dr. Janet Sutter. Kaylann Adler (4<sup>th</sup> grader) and Jessica Bittner (5<sup>th</sup> grader) are members of the orchestra. The ticket is \$7.00 and is available at the Lawrence University Box Office or at the entrance of the Chapel on the concert day.

## **TCCES Food Service**

Catering to kids. - You probably won't be surprised to learn that more students eat school lunch when we serve pizza and chicken nuggets. Have you ever wondered what happens on days when we serve one of our specialty dishes such as Baked Ziti, Tetrizzini or even baked potatoes? We wish it weren't so, but lunch sales drop. We are not looking for sympathy, but we hope you understand how hard we're working to strike a balance between student preferences and parent concerns about healthy lunches. Parents can help. Encourage your kids to try new entrees and load up on fruits and veggies. You're always welcome to join your child for lunch and let them know you are excited about school food.

This article from TCCES is very timely, since the Post Crescent ran a series of three articles about school lunches this week. We have been very fortunate at TCCES to offer fresh fruits and vegetables and a great salad

bar here at school. We do struggle to have our students try new foods, even though they are very healthy. We use whole-wheat pasta in our dishes, whole wheat bread, baked rather than fried foods whenever possible, and lots of fresh foods. Last week we served a delicious zucchini dish, lightly spiced, and very tasty. Yesterday, we sampled baby red potatoes that were wonderful. The salad bar had lettuce with shredded cheese, fresh carrots, cucumbers, fresh apple slices, baked cinnamon apples, bananas, canned pears and mandarin oranges, and walnuts. We have a variety of fruits and vegetables daily. Please talk to your children about trying some healthy dishes. Also, we have been very successful in keeping soda out of the cafeteria and offer only skim, one percent milk. Please do not bring “fast food” items into the lunchroom. It defeats our attempt to offer healthy meals.

### **Lost and Found**

Please don't forget that our lost and found items will be moved to the St. Vincent DePaul Store when we leave for Thanksgiving break. Many items have been retrieved, but we still have many nice items looking for a home.

### **U.S. Baseball Academy Spring Training**

The nation's largest training program is coming to SMC! Spring Training Camp is available for grades 1-12. For more information about this great baseball opportunity click [here](#). To register now click [here](#) and pay later!

### **Clip and Coffee**

Every Friday after Drop off we will be meeting in the Faculty room to Clip, Sort and Count Soup Labels, or Box Tops, maybe even Milk Caps. Our goal is to get all Soup Labels clipped, sorted and counted so we can ship them in before the end of the year. What is shipped - we will receive double points - YEAH!

### **Elizabeth Ministry**

There will be a Blessing for parents expecting the birth or adoption of a child during the 9:30am mass on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to have this Blessing performed by Father Mike during the Mass. Please call Lisa Durocher at 729-6168 to register.

### **November Theme**

Stop in and see the wonderful job that the third grade has done on the hall bulletin board for our November theme, King of Kings. The first grade filled our trophy case with riddles about animal habitats and showed examples of some of the habitats. We have very talented students!!

### **Health and Wellness**

All of our students participated in **Jump Rope for Heart** this week. If you would like to make a voluntary contribution to the American Heart Association, the envelopes went home two weeks ago. You may also use a plain envelope and label it AHA. We also have been sharing some quick facts during daily announcements with the students during Heart Healthy month.

