



# ST. MARGARET MARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

## **Fourth Commandment** *Honor your Father and your Mother*

One of the Christmas Feasts is the Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth. This year the feast day will be celebrated on December 28th. It is most appropriate that our Commandment theme for the month of December has been *Honor your Father and your Mother*, living out God's commandment of love in our families.

## REMINDERS

### December

21.....PK Christmas Program  
9:45-10:15 in gym--followed  
by treats in Cafeteria

22.....Christmas Break begins  
at the end of school day

### January

3.....Classes Resume

6.....Liturgy 8:00 Grade 5F

6.....TCCES Candlelit Cross  
Country Ski Event

8.....Feast of Epiphany

11.....Preschool Story Hour at  
St. Mary Elementary 1 – 2 p.m.

12.....Band Concert 6:30 at SG

13.....Grade School Night at the  
SMC Boys' Games

14.....Rite of Enrollment for  
First Eucharist 5:00 Mass

15.....IMAJN Mass 5:00

18.....FACES Meeting 8:00 a.m.

## **Advent**

This is the fourth and final week of Lent. What changes have taken place in our hearts during Advent? Are we ready to celebrate the birth of the savior? Have we taken to heart the scripture messages during the weeks of Advent? What does the coming of Jesus really mean to me personally?

This was the message Fr. Mike delivered in his homily for the last Sunday of Advent. If Mary is full of grace and I have not recognized my gifts to go out and change the world, am I ready to meet the savior? If our creator gives us his son and I don't give birth in my time and culture to make Him present in the world, what difference will it make? The birth of Jesus must touch my life and how I think and live each day. We live with a sense of integrity, purpose, and value if we internalize the Nativity light and allow it to light the darkness of our lives. We need to know and experience the presence of the Lord because Christ rests in us and we are the presence of Christ in the world.

## **Christmas Concert**

What a wonderful way to bring in the Christmas Season! *Santa's Toy Shop* was filled with excitement and delight! We are blessed with talented actors and dancers in our fifth grade. All of the students sang with enthusiasm and joy and certainly added warmth to a cold winter night. Thank you Mr. Arboleda for all of your hard work with our students. The concert was most enjoyable.



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## Items of Interest during the Last Month of the Year

- The Christmas Post Office is open until Thursday. Students and parents may send cards through the end of the day.
- DVDs of the Christmas Concert may be ordered in the office. We ask a \$5 donation. We have the CD from Three Jacks and a Jill. Proceeds from this sale will go toward the TCCES Fine Arts building.
- Check out the parish deck of cards! For only \$5, you can't go wrong! For sale in the office.
- We will complete our Advent Collection on Thursday. Please be generous for those much less fortunate than you.
- Cross-country ski forms were emailed to all 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents and sent home with students. Please return these as soon as possible.
- This is the final week for early registration of Kindergarten and Sixth Grade students. The tuition deduction and waiver of the registration fee will not be available after this week. New forms were sent home this week with students whose registrations we have not yet received. Please send these forms back. If you have not as yet made a decision for next year, please let us know.
- Student Council has requested special Christmas dress for our last day of school. All students may wear jeans, but we would like them to wear Christmas colors or a Christmas shirt or sweater. This will be on Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, our last day.
- Have you considered being a sponsor for *Wines Around the World*? It is coming up fast, Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. This is the only fundraiser sponsored by our school with all the profits being returned to SMM. In the last few years, the money from WAW has fenced our playground, provided the rubber playground cover, purchased all of our SMART Boards, put wireless internet throughout our building, purchased laptops for our teachers to use with SMART Boards, and purchased thirty-five notebook computers for our children. None of this would be possible without the funds raised through this wonderful event.

## TCCES Holiday Hours

Christmas Break - Business Office hours:

Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> to Thursday - December 29<sup>th</sup> 8:00 - 3:00

Closed Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, Monday December 26<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup>

Regular hours resume January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **Piano Students to entertain at Valley VNA.**

Piano students plan to share their time and music with the residents of Valley VNA this Wednesday, December 21. Performances can be heard at 3:30 and 6:30. Students in the first group will gather in the lobby for after-school snacks from 3:15-3:30 and proceed to the Keller Community Room to play an array of pieces from Christmas to "oldies" to pop. Parents are welcome to listen if you've time.

Hopefully families will also find time during the Christmas vacation to have little home concerts with the children sharing their live music!

## **THANK YOU!!!!**

Thank you to the FACES Hospitality Committee, chaired by Nicole Podojil, for a wonderful holiday luncheon. The food was fantastic. The teachers really appreciate the time taken out of your busy schedules at this time of year to let us enjoy a relaxing and delicious lunch. Thank you to all those who were part of this thoughtful day.

## **Congratulations**

As a school community, we would like to congratulate a former TCCES student, Alan Kellermann (yes, Mrs. Kellermann is the proud mother!), on receiving his Doctorate in English from the University of Swazee in Wales. He is also a published author and is home visiting for the holidays. Job well done, Alan!

## **2011 Alumni Basketball game! Monday, December 26**

**Men's Game—1:00 p.m.**

**Ladies Game—2:30 p.m.**

Teams will be selected as players arrive and games will be officiated. Please bring a white and a dark shirt for the game. Alumni of all ages and abilities are welcome! Prizes to include recognition, fame and Zephyr apparel. If you know you are coming, let us know by emailing [sthelen@tcces.k12.wi.us](mailto:sthelen@tcces.k12.wi.us). Otherwise, just come on out on December 26!

Spread the word to your classmates or alumni children! Even if you don't play, come on out to watch!

## **Attention 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents:**

You and your child are cordially invited and expected to participate in an annual 5th Grade Educational and Career Planning Conference. Unlike traditional Parent Teacher Conferences that discuss current grades, this conference typically lasts 20-30 minutes and will focus on your child's talents and interests, their educational and career development and their transition to middle school. The conference will include a review of your child's talents, hopes and dreams, abilities, interests, academic performance and learning style. Your involvement in this conference is very important for the successful completion of your child's educational plans. You can schedule your conference by calling Mary Jo at 729-4565. There will be various dates available from January through March. Conference times will take place during the school day, therefore please be on time so that I can keep my guidance schedule. The newsletter will be the only communication to remind you to schedule your conference. (Mrs. Jennifer Whiting, School Guidance Counselor)

## **Jesus is Better than Santa**

*Santa lives at the North Pole. **JESUS** is everywhere.*

*Santa rides in a sleigh **JESUS** rides on the wind and walks on the water.*

*Santa comes but once a year. **JESUS** is an ever present help.*

*Santa fills your stockings with goodies. **JESUS** supplies all your needs.*

*Santa comes down your chimney uninvited. **JESUS** stands at your door and knocks.....and then enters your heart.*

*You have to stand in line to see Santa. **JESUS** is as close as the mention of His name.*

*Santa lets you sit on his lap. **JESUS** lets you rest in His arms.*

*Santa doesn't know your name, all he can say is "Hi little boy or girl. What's your name?"  
**JESUS** knew our name before we did. Not only does He know our name, He knows our address too. He knows our history and future and He even knows how many hairs are on our heads.*

*Santa has a belly like a bowl full of jelly. **JESUS** has a heart full of love.*

*All Santa can offer is HO HO HO. **JESUS** offers health, help and hope.*

*Santa says, "You better not cry." **JESUS** says "Cast all your cares on me for I care for you.*

*Santa's little helpers make toys. **JESUS** makes new life, mends wounded hearts, repairs broken homes and builds mansions.*

*Santa may make you chuckle but **JESUS** gives you joy that is your strength.*

*While Santa puts gifts under your tree, **JESUS** became our gift and died on the tree.*

*It's obvious there is really no comparison. We need to remember WHO Christmas is all about.  
We need to put Christ back in Christmas. **JESUS** is still the reason for the season.*

*May the Lord Bless and Watch over you and your loved ones this Christmas 2011 and may He prosper and bless the work of your hands in the New Year.*

**Christmas Blessings from the Staff of St. Margaret Mary School**



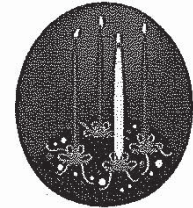
## Holiday Masses

### Thanksgiving Mass (Thursday, November 24)

St. Gabriel—9:00 AM  
St. John/St. Mary—9:00 AM at St. Mary Parish  
St. Margaret Mary—8:30 AM  
St. Patrick's—9:00 AM

### Advent Penance Service

St. Gabriel—December 12 & 14 @ 6:30 PM  
St. John/St. Mary—December 4 @ 1:00 PM at St. Mary Parish  
St. Margaret Mary—December 13 @ 6:30 PM  
St. Patrick's—December 21 @ 6:00 PM



### Immaculate Conception (December 7-8)

St. Gabriel—December 7 @ 6:30 PM & December 8 @ 7:00 AM and 12:15 PM  
St. John/St. Mary—December 7 @ 6:00 PM at St. John Parish and December 8 @ 8:10 AM at St. Mary Parish  
St. Margaret Mary—December 8 @ 8:00 AM and 6:30 PM  
St. Patrick's—December 7 @ 6:15 PM & December 8 @ 9:30 AM

### Christmas Eve (December 24)

St. Gabriel—4:30 PM, 6:30 PM & 11:00 PM  
St. John/St. Mary—4:00 PM at St. John & St. Mary, 6:00 PM at St. John, 10:00 PM at St. Mary  
St. Margaret Mary—5:00 PM & 9:00 PM  
(for 5:00 PM Service, doors will open at 3:30 PM and Mass will start whenever church is full)  
St. Patrick's—4:45 PM (Children's Mass) & 6:30 PM

### Christmas Day (December 25)

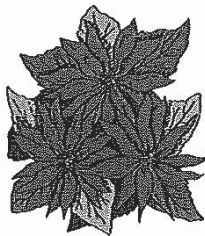
St. Gabriel—8:30 AM & 10:00 AM  
St. John/St. Mary—8:00 AM at St. John, 10:30 AM at St. Mary  
St. Margaret Mary—7:30 AM & 9:30 AM  
St. Patrick's—9:00 AM

### New Year's Eve

St. Gabriel—4:30 PM  
St. John/St. Mary—4:00 PM at St. John, 6:00 PM at St. Mary  
St. Margaret Mary—5:00 PM

### Mary Mother of God (January 1)

St. Gabriel—8:30 AM & 10:00 AM  
St. John/St. Mary—8:00 AM at St. John, 10:30 AM at St. Mary  
St. Margaret Mary—7:30 AM & 9:30 AM  
St. Patrick's—8:30 AM & 10:30 AM





Neenah  
*Parks & Recreation*

211 Walnut Street, Neenah, WI 54956  
920.886.6060 \* [www.neenahgov.org](http://www.neenahgov.org)

STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENT  
PLEASE ANNOUNCE AS OFTEN AS POSSIBLE

TO: Neenah Elementary and Middle Schools  
FROM: Neenah Parks & Recreation Department  
RE: Christmas Break Activities  
DATE: December 13, 2011

The following activities are available for students, during the Christmas Break. Advanced registration with a fee is required for all the activities at the Neenah Parks & Rec office or online.

1. A **Babysitter's Training Course** will be held on Dec. 28 and 29 for ages 11-15. Course will cover leadership, safety and safe play, basic care, first aid, and professionalism.
2. **Operation Recreation**, an all-day activity for grades k thru 6<sup>th</sup> is being held Dec. 27, 28 and 29. Each day will be filled with a variety of exciting activities such as games, crafts, sports, and movies.
3. The annual **Boredom Buster Bowling Bash** is scheduled for Dec. 29 from 12:30 – 2:00 pm for grades 2-9 at Fox Valley Lanes in Neenah. The afternoon includes 1-½ hours of bowling, soda, pizza, great music and lighting.

Remember to sign up ahead of time.

*Creating Community through People, Parks & Programs*

# YMCA YOUTH INDOOR SOCCER SIGN-UP FORM

Grade: (circle) 4K K 1 2 3 4 5 **Boy/Girl**

Player's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell)

Email: important for sending out info.) \_\_\_\_\_

Jersey Size: Youth: S (6-8) M (10-12) L (14-16) Adult: S M L

(We will make every effort possible to give your child the jersey size that is requested, but this is not always possible based on ordering deadlines.)

## PARENT AGREEMENT

1. I hereby certify that my child is in normal health and capable of safe participation in the youth sports program. I assume all risks(s) and hazards incidental to the conduct of this program and for the transportation to and from the program. I hereby authorize the YMCA to obtain medical treatment for my child in the event that parent(s) cannot be reached.
2. I support YMCA Youth Sports philosophy, which is based on participation, fun, physical fitness and health, skill development, teamwork, fair play, family involvement, and volunteer leadership.
3. I understand that teams are divided by schools and grades and that the YMCA will try to meet parent requests, but not all requests may be granted.

Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Register at:  
Neenah-Menasha YMCA  
110 W. North Water St.  
Neenah, WI 54956

Fox Cities YMCA Family Member: \$10  
YMCA Youth Member: \$34  
General Public: \$53  
NOTE: \$10 Late Fee if registered after Jan. 31

Detach registration form and keep remaining half of detailed information for your records.

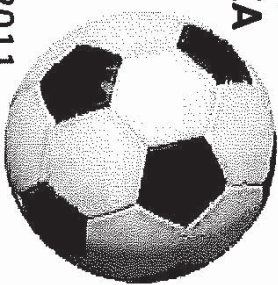


FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

# DEVELOPING YOUTH LEADERSHIP

## YOUTH INDOOR SOCCER

SATURDAYS  
FEBRUARY 18-MARCH 31  
NEENAH-MENASHA YMCA



Co-ed League Grades 4K-5  
Games are played at the  
Neenah-Menasha YMCA.  
Registration begins: Dec. 12, 2011  
Registration closes: Jan. 31, 2012

# LEAGUE INFORMATION

This league will give kids in kindergarten through 5th grade the opportunity to play indoor soccer. All players participate in every game. The elements of fun, fitness, skill development, fair play, and family involvement are emphasized. A short practice will be followed by a game each week. The goal of the YMCA is to provide participants a great place to learn soccer while having fun! The YMCA staff also run "Team Huddles" each week to talk about the four core values of the YMCA: Respect, Responsibility, Caring and Honesty.

**Every player will receive a soccer jersey on Saturday, February 25th if registered before the deadline!**

The Youth Soccer Season will run for seven weeks on Saturdays at the Neenah-Menasha YMCA from February 18-March 31. The first week will be a skills clinic. Ages 4/5K will practice from 9:00-10:00 AM, grades 1/2 from 10:00-11:00 AM, and Grades 3-5 from 11:00 AM-Noon.

**All players will be contacted by a coach a few days prior to the first game with information on team name and game time. Game times will depend on registration numbers.**

**FYI:** Search YMCA Fox Cities Sports and Recreation Department on Facebook and "like" us. Program information, schedules and updates will be posted for your convenience.

## Volunteer Parent Coaches Needed!

Parent volunteer coaches are a big part of making our programs successful. If you would like to help coach your child's team, please sign your name on the registration form. Practice ideas will be available for all coaches at the Coaches Meeting.

**Coaches Meeting on Monday, Feb. 13 at noon and 6:30 PM at the Neenah-Menasha YMCA.**

**We truly appreciate the help from all of our Volunteer Coaches!**

If you have any questions, please contact:

Colin Specht, Sports & Recreation Coordinator  
P 920.886.2103 or E [cspecht@ymcafoxcities.org](mailto:cspecht@ymcafoxcities.org)  
Randy Pelischek, Sports & Recreation Director  
P 920.886.2104 or E [rpelischek@ymcafoxcities.org](mailto:rpelischek@ymcafoxcities.org)

# REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Register at the Neenah-Menasha YMCA Member Services Desk. The completed form as well as payment are required to register. Phone or Fax registrations are not allowed. Online registration is also available. Be sure to first complete the form online and then click to complete the payment section.

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If your child desires to be on the same team as a friend, please write his/her name on the line below. Note that teams are put together primarily by schools, so not all friend requests may be possible.

One friend's name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Yes, I am interested in coaching

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Best phone number to reach you: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(most information will be communicated through email)

Circle one: Head or Assistant or Either

Any Coach's Requests: \_\_\_\_\_

Our Mission: To put Christian principles into practice by promoting youth, adult and family activities that build a healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

