

ST. MARGARET MARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

During the month of **November** we celebrate the lives of all the men and women who have shown us how to be faithful to Jesus. The lives of the saints and all the holy people were brought to mind when we heard the gospel message on Sunday. Jesus went up on the mountainside and taught us about what holy and blessed people do---live the Beatitudes. When we study the lives of the saints, we learn how to live according to the teachings of Jesus. Our students will be learning about the saints during the month of November and also remembering our faithful departed. November is set aside by the Church to pray for those who have gone before us and also to ask them to pray for us. We will spend time in the classroom this month talking about the feasts of **All Saints and All Souls**.

Our November theme is **Community**. We are reminded of words from the same word family---commune, communal, and communion. As a faith community, the Eucharist (communion) is the center of our lives. In our school community, a student experiences a personal relationship with teachers. What is taught in class has an influence on each student's formation when those lessons are placed in the context of attitudes, lifestyles, and day-to-day behavior. We accomplish our mission in an environment and atmosphere that teaches through people. The lessons we teach become believable in the adults that surround our children. Remember the words of St. Francis, "Teach the Gospel always, and if necessary, use words."

Report Cards

We began a new quarter on Monday. Progress Reports for the first quarter will be in your child's backpack. You may keep all of the copies of grade reports. Simply sign and return the envelope so that we are sure that you have seen the



REMINDERS

Upcoming Events

November

6.....Grade 20 - - - Liturgy

11.....Grade 2 -----Field Trip
-----Barlow Planetarium

11.....Grade 4 and 5 -Play --
-----*Thirtieth Star*

12.....Grades 1 and 2 -Play--
-----*Jigsaw Jones*

12.....Kindergarten to a Play
at the PAC—*Click Clack Moo*

13.....Grade 4B - - - Liturgy

14.....**Jumbo Gumbo**

20.....Grade 4K/B -Liturgy

24.....Grade 5- -Docent Visit
from the Paine Museum

24.....Thanksgiving Break
begins after school on Tuesday

29.....First Sunday of Advent

30.....Return to School

In Service Day

I hope that your family enjoyed the long weekend. Our teachers attended a Professional Development Day on Thursday sponsored by the Green Bay Diocese. We spent the day discussing curriculum development, especially the process of unit design. These days are designed to help teachers learn of the latest innovations in education that can be used to help better educate your child.



St. Joseph Food Pantry

Sympathy Thank you for the great response to the candy drive for St. Joseph Food Pantry. We have our Halloween container out again. This time we are collecting any candy that your family does not wish to keep in the house. Perhaps you feel your children have had enough sweet treats and you would like to have the candy disappear. We will take up another collection of any kind of wrapped candy through next Friday, November 13th. Drop the candy in the container near the school office. St. Joseph's will appreciate this new donation and I'm sure many parents will be happy to see the end of Halloween candy!

Sympathy

We would like to extend the sympathy of our school community to the Reilly Family, Megan (grade 5) and Madelyn (grade 3) on the loss of their grandmother. During this month when the Church remembers all those who have gone before us, we pray for her eternal rest.

FACES

Next Tuesday, November 10th at 7:00pm, FACES (SMM's parent organization) would like to invite you to its next **meeting**. Mrs. Healy and representatives from different committees will be there to update parents on past and upcoming events and welcome your input and questions. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us in Friendship Hall (the church basement). **We would love to hear from those of you that are unable to join us during the school day.** Please email SMMFACES@yahoo.com with any questions.



TCCES Food Service Positions Available

TCCES Food Service is currently accepting applications position at St. Mary Central High School to serve breakfast. This is a fun way to work in a TCCES school and earn a little extra money. Typical hours would be 6:45-10:00a.m. Please send resumes to TCCES Food Service 900 Geiger St. Neenah, WI 54956 or contact Lynn Graves at lgraves@tcces.k12.wi.us or 920.967.0107 to set up an interview.

Administrative Assistant

Mount Tabor Center, a growing youth retreat center, has an opening for an Administrative Assistant. Responsibilities for this 20 hr. per week position include scheduling retreats, coordinating the center's activities and general office procedures. We desire a person who communicates well with a working knowledge of Microsoft applications. A positive, hard-working, faith-filled Catholic is preferred. E-mail resume and references to edenfoord@sbcglobal.net or phone (920) 722-8918.

Zephyr Players Present *All Shook Up*

The Zephyr Players present the musical *All Shook Up*, a musical comedy featuring the music of Elvis, November 4-7 at SMC. Click [here](#) for show times and to purchase tickets. Mr. Rhex Arboleda is the director of the play and many of our elementary students will be performing at the Saturday matinee.

Show Times are:

Wednesday, 11/4/09 ---7pm show (6pm Senior Reception)

Friday, 11/6/09---- 7pm show

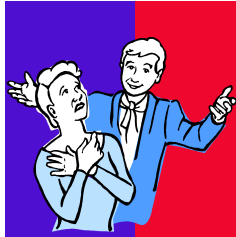
Saturday 11/7/09--- 2pm Dance Camp Performance Show

Saturday 11/7/09----7pm show

Tickets are \$10 Adults; \$6 Senior Citizens/Students

*Each Seat requires a purchased ticket as seats are assigned.

Tickets can also be ordered from showtix4you.com



Jumbo Gumbo

Mark your calendar for the **5th Annual Jumbo Gumbo!** The event will be held on **Saturday, November 14, 2009 at Waverly Beach.** It is a fun-filled evening, packed with prizes, great music and wonderful soups and breads. Most importantly, Jumbo Gumbo provides funds that cover the operational costs for all TCCES schools. *All the funds raised at Jumbo Gumbo help to bridge the gap between the actual cost of educating our students and the cost of tuition.* Also, a significant portion of the dollars raised will benefit the TCCES tuition assistance program. This event, along with the TCCES Annual Fund drive, allows TCCES to continue to offer an outstanding education to our students in a faith filled environment. [Click here](#) to see the Jumbo Gumbo video.

Zephyrfest 2010

Mark your calendar! Zephyrfest, SMC's most important fundraising event, will take place at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel on Saturday, March 27.

Health and Wellness

FACES Health and Wellness Committee is planning another "Fuel Me Up" Week of fun and healthy snacks. Watch for more information in next week's newsletter. It will be the week of November 16-20.

Reminder to 3rd/4th grade parents:

The 3rd/4th grade Saturday Morning Basketball Skills Program begins this Saturday, November 7th at St. Margaret Mary School and runs from 8:30-10:00 a.m. If your child is interested in joining please return the sign-up form to school as soon as possible. Additional sign-up forms will be available Saturday morning at St. Margaret Mary.



The end of the season for our combined 5th and 6th grade TCCES Soccer Team.

**St. Margaret Mary Youth Ministry's
12th Annual Raking & Window Washing Service Project**



Calling All Youth Grades 5-12, Friends, and Family Members!

St. Margaret Mary Youth Ministry is offering our 12th annual raking and lower level window washing service project on **Monday, November 9th from 3:30pm-5:00 pm** and **Saturday, November 14th from 9:30am-11:00am.**

All participants, please meet at St. Margaret Mary's school parking lot with completed liability forms, labeled rakes, window cleaner, paper toweling, garbage bags, tarps, friends, and family members to help out.

We would appreciate adult chaperones and drivers, as well! Please RSVP, ASAP!

Any ?'s- Please contact Mrs. Cindy Kyles-Werth at (920) 729-4562 ext. 113 and/or email ckyleswerth@tcces.k12.wi.us



**St. Margaret Mary
Christmas Youth Choir**

Are you in second grade or in a higher grade – and has God given you the gift of a good singing voice? Then you are personally invited to join the St. Margaret Mary Youth Choir! The choir will sing for the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Practices are held after the 9:30 Mass on scheduled Sundays and will begin at the end of November. If you are interested, please call Sister Therese at 729-4560 or email her at treynolds@tcces.k12.wi.us. We would love to have you be part of the choir.