



# ST. MARGARET MARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

The theme for the month of February is **Scripture**. To know Scripture is to know the story of salvation; it is to know Christ. Through scripture, the mysteries of life-long learning unfold God's plan for the individual and the community.

## REMINDERS

### February

- 10..... 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.-----  
*Willy Wonka* Parent Meeting at  
SMC (cancelled from 2/9 &  
rescheduled)
- 11..... 8 - 11a.m. ----- 4th &  
5th grade cross-country skiing  
at Smith Park
- 11..... 4 - 8 p.m. SMM  
Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 12.....No Liturgy this week
- 12..... 5 - 8 p.m. Candlelight  
Ski Event @ Memorial Park
- 14.....IMAJN Mass
- 16.....SMM Story Time-1:00 p.m.
- 15.....DARE Role Model  
Program
- 16..... 4 - 8 p.m. SMM  
Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 17..... 8:15 a.m. Grade 4 K/B  
Ash Wednesday Mass
- 18.....Lunchtime..... Seton  
Buddy Visits

### Catholic Schools Week

Our children enjoyed the activities celebrating Catholic Schools Week. The all TCCES Mass on Wednesday was awesome. There were over 800 students, staff members, and guests filling our church to overflowing. Fr. Mike celebrated liturgy and all of the participants were able to feel that Catholic Schools Week is definitely a larger celebration than any one school.

The final student event was Bible Trivia in mixed groups from each of the grades. They all worked together to answer the questions. Our students did a wonderful job----they really know their Bible Trivia!! That was followed by our fifth grade Haiti Raffle. The fifth grade is to be commended for originating, organizing, donating, and running the raffle on their own. For their efforts, a check for \$1,000 will be sent to a Medical Mission Group called "Circle of Hope" for Haiti Relief.

We are still counting pennies!! By next newsletter we should be able to report a winner of the "Penny War." What a generous group of families we are fortunate to have in this school!!

### Wines Around the World

Hopefully, we will have a preliminary report next week for Wines Around the World. We had great attendance and a wonderful evening organized by a talented committee. Thank you to all who donated, helped, or attended. This year, a pre-event raffle was held. Even those who were not able to attend were able to participate in the raffle. The winners were:



- Grand prize of \$250 cash: Karen Kain
- 4 ct. smoky topaz pendant necklace: Vicki Schultz
- \$100 Bill Paul gift certificate: Sheila Shrofe

If you weren't able to make it Saturday or if you were there and couldn't decide which board to sign up on the following dinner/party boards will be in the school hallway, by the Teacher's Lounge, for the remainder of the week. Please feel free to stop by, sign up and pay Mary Jo for your spot.

Dinner/Party boards still available:

**ONLY 2 SPOTS LEFT!!!!!!** Badger Football Game – Hosted by Cass & Alice Wehner

The game is on October 9 – Badgers vs. Minnesota Golden Gophers

This trip will include transportation, game tickets, food & beverages

The cost is \$250/couple

**2 SPOTS LEFT** – Catch A Wave – Hosted by Karl & Mya Volkman

Climb aboard a gorgeous 28 foot Sea Ray Sundancer where you will be served appetizers and drinks in abundance! Cruise along and enjoy the sun and the waves as you boat down to dinner at Fratello's in Oshkosh for al fresco dining at it's best!

Date to be determined

The cost is \$225/couple

**ONLY 1 SPOT LEFT!!!** – The Whole Enchilada – Hosted by the Higgins and Goethel Families

Let your fourth or fifth grader join us in Friendship Hall for a hands on Mexican Cooking Class and bring your family at 6pm to enjoy this authentic feast.

Friday, April 30th

The cost is \$60/family

**ONLY 5 SPOTS LEFT!!!!** – Come Meet Charlie – Hosted by Beth & George Brownell, Heather & Jim Higgins, and Kathleen & John McCurdy

Charlie Wittmack will begin a 12,000-mile intercontinental triathlon from the icy waters of the English Channel to the snow-covered summit of Mount Everest. Please join us for cocktails, hors d'oeuvres & questions.

Saturday April 24 at Beth & George Brownell's

The cost is \$50.00/couple

**Rollerskating Party** – Hosted by the Blashka, Gagne, Jares, Parks, Peters and Spiegelberg Families

Come roller skate at Fox Valley Roller Rink during SMM day off of school.

Friday, March 26th from 1:00-3:00 Cost is \$10/child which includes one snack

**One of the guests at Wines Around the World collected her black coat from the coatroom after the event and found that the coat was not hers. Someone else, also wearing a black wool coat with a single row of buttons, went home with the wrong coat. Please call the office if you do not have the right coat.**

### Registration

Thank you to all parents who returned registration materials by last Friday. We are grateful for your cooperation. We will now be able to begin our planning for next school year.

## **Health and Wellness**

We had another "Fuel Me Up" week this week. Thank you to the parents who supplied the special snacks and thank you again to the committee who has put so much time and effort into our activities this year. On Tuesday, committee members made a presentation in every Science class about germs. Students had the opportunity to wash their hands, and then test them under a special light to see if they washed them well enough to remove the germs. It was an interesting and enlightening program.

## **Valentine's Day**

We will celebrate Valentine's Day in school on Friday. Room parents are providing treats for each class and teachers have communicated about card exchanges. In addition, the Student Council is sponsoring an out of dress code day. Students may wear red, white, pink, or purple and may wear jeans. There will not be a liturgy this week because Fr. Mike is out of town.

## **"Fat" Tuesday / Lent**

Ash Wednesday is next week---February 17<sup>th</sup>. We will celebrate Liturgy at 8:15 a.m. We will have a Mardi Gras celebration on Tuesday. Students may be out of dress code----dress up in Mardi Gras colors---green, gold, and purple. They can wear Mardi Gras beads. We are asking each child to bring two cups of their favorite snack (cereal, dried fruit, small candies, pretzels, etc.) and we will create a Mardi Gras treat for all to share. Additional information on our school Lenten activities will be sent home in a separate email to all families.

## **Parish Mission**

St. Margaret Mary Parish Adult Faith Enrichment Committee is sponsoring a Parish Renewal/Mission. It will be held in the church from Sunday evening February 21<sup>st</sup> to Tuesday evening, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. The presenter will be Father Conrad Kratz,, Director of St. Norbert Abbey Spirituality Center and Retreat House. Fr. Kratz is an outstanding speaker and retreat master. He will be speaking at all Masses on the weekend of February 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. Each session will begin at 6:30 p.m. and last approximately one hour. Hospitality will follow. All are welcome.

## **Talent Show**

There have been many inquiries about another Talent Show this spring. Some students have even started to put their acts together! FACES will sponsor a dinner and Talent Show this year, but it will be our last for a while. More information will follow.

## **Guidance**

In Guidance this week, the students in Kindergarten through 5th grade learned that Self-Responsibility is showing that you are dependable and able to do things without being told. Launching this week will be the efforts to build our **Wall of Self-Responsibility**. A brick will be added to the wall containing a student name, for every ten Self-Responsibility acts a student completes. There is no limit to the amount of bricks one could attain. In the attachments you will find a Self-Responsibility worksheet. This

worksheet is what the students will fill out and return to school completed and then begin working on the other half. This program is optional, but the students were told that being Self-Responsible is not.

Also attached to the newsletter is a reminder registration form for the class being offered after school. Please send in registrations as soon as possible. (from Mrs. Whiting, TCCES Guidance Counselor)

## **Recital**

Kaylann Adler from third grade was chosen to perform a piano piece at the Lawrence Academy of Music Honors Recital in the Chapel at Lawrence University on February 14 at 2:00 pm. 43 pre-selected students went to the audition and she was one of 19 winners. Congratulations and good luck, Kaylann!

## **Box Tops for Education**

The submission deadline for Box Tops is rapidly approaching---what better time for a Box Tops Contest. We will have February 15th through February 18th as our contest days-----Just before winter break. Attached to the newsletter is a Flyer and a Collection Sheet to make collecting easier! Get those box tops in and your class could be the winner. Box Tops bring in a good donation to the school each year.

## **Library**

The Neenah Public Library is delighted to host, in conjunction with the Fox Cities Book Festival, a visit by the award-winning children's writer, Jennifer Choldenko, on Sunday, April 11, at 2:00 p.m. This program, for the general public, will include an author presentation, book signing & light refreshments.

Jennifer Choldenko is the author of the Newbery Honor winner and New York Times bestseller, *Al Capone Does My Shirts*, its sequel, *Al Capone Shines My Shoes*, and several other widely-acclaimed novels and picture books for children. The youngest of four children, she was born in Santa Monica, California and now lives in the San Francisco Bay area. She graduated from Brandeis University and attended the Rhode Island School of Design. She previously worked at an advertising agency. She has two children, Ian and Kai, and a white German Shepherd. Choldenko knew from the time she was six years old that she wanted to be a writer, a passion she acquired from her father.

A limited number of the Capone books are available at the Neenah Public Library for checkout by individuals, for a two-week loan period. Books are available at the youth desk.

The library is also offering two book discussions on the Capone books, both on Saturday, March 27: At 1:00 p.m. there will be a discussion of *Al Capone Does My Shirts*, and at 2:00 p.m. there will be a discussion of *Al Capone Shines My Shoes*. Both are open to anyone ages 10 and up.

Registration is required - in person at the youth desk, by calling 886-6335, or by emailing [youthdesk@neenahlibrary.org](mailto:youthdesk@neenahlibrary.org).