



ST. MARGARET MARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

Hopefully all have returned refreshed from the Winter Break and enjoyed a long family weekend.

Lent

We are taking time during Lent, to examine our lives and think about how we treat others. As a school, we are using the comparison of bread and stone. Bread is nourishing; feeding our hunger. It is comforting, soft and flexible. It smells fresh and is warm and inviting. Stones are hard and cold. They are sharp and stiff.

During this first week of Lent, we need to decide if we are bread or stone. When I share what I have with others and take time to help someone in need.....**I am Bread for others.** When I am selfish and think only of myself, or am only interested in taking advantage of others, or am cold with those who could use my friendship....**I am Stone for others.**

Our Lenten theme for this week of Lent is Compassion. Throughout the first week of Lent, the classes are talking about ways to be bread for others through their compassionate behavior. Each classroom has a basket of stones on the prayer table. At the end of this week, the students decide if they have been bread for others during the week. If so, each child removes a stone and replaces it with a “loaf of bread” (a loaf shaped pretzel). Each child takes a paper loaf of bread named “Compassion” and writes how he/she accomplished being bread for others on the back of the loaf, placing his/her name on the front. The loaves are taped around the prayer table. This will be repeated each week while emphasizing the theme for the week.

During this month of February, when we are concentrating on Scripture as a mark of Catholic Identity, we are reminded of the Scripture from Ezekiel 36:26-----

“I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit within you, taking from your bodies your heart of stone and giving you a heart of love.



Twin City Catholic
Educational System

REMINDERS

February

24/25.....Preschool Bus Trip
“Where Do My Friends Live?”

24.....Boy Scout Pack
Meeting----SMM Cafeteria

26.....Liturgy- -Grade 3H
8:15 a.m.

March

5.....Liturgy 8:15 Grade 3R

7.....IMAJN Mass

8.....Seton Forensics Tournament for grade 5 after school

12.....Liturgy 8:15 Grade 2Z

14.....Daylight Savings Time

15.....Grade 3 Trip to PAC for
Symphony

16.....SMM Story Time

17.....**TCCES Celebration
of the Arts at PAC** (practice
for grades 4 and 5 in afternoon

As a sign of compassion, students may participate in the "Backpack for Afghanistan" project. This backpack list will again be attached to the newsletter. Another way we can show compassion is to participate in the Girl Scout collection for the Community Clothes Closet. There are bins in the back foyer for the scout collection. Also, classes are preparing baskets to be raffled at the Luke Peters Celebration on April 17th. Contact a room parent for more information.

Special SCRIP Notice

You can buy SCRIP for Chili's!! If people are going to go to Chili's between March 16th and June 16th, mention the Luke Peters Celebration of Support to your server and 10% of your bill will be donated.



Our Cub Scouts proudly displaying their Pinewood Derby Cars. Congratulations on a job well done!

New Arrival

Congratulations to Liz and Robin Auth on the birth of their daughter, Vivianne Sloan. Vivianne's big brother is Wesley in the Jr. Preschool class.

Reminders

Here are a few dates that you want to make sure are on your calendar:

- FACES Meeting----Thursday, March 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the Art Room
- Father / Daughter Dance----Saturday, March 14th-----Invitation coming home this week --
- Clipper Dash---Saturday, April 24th----More information to follow

TCCES Presents "Celebration of the Arts" on March 17 at the Fox Cities PAC

Parents, grandparents, alumni and friends are invited to the 5th annual TCCES "Celebration of the Arts" at the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, March 17. The evening will feature student musicians and singers from the elementary, middle and high school levels along with a wide range of visual art created by students from the five TCCES schools - St. Gabriel, St. Margaret Mary and St. Mary

Elementary Schools, Seton Catholic Middle School and St. Mary Central High School. This event is open to public and free.

The evening will feature performances by the St. Mary Central High Schools and Seton Catholic Middle School bands and jazz bands, the elementary band from St. Gabriel, St. Margaret Mary and St. Mary Elementary Schools and SMC and Seton's Show Choirs.

Celebration of the Arts is on Wednesday, March 17 at the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center. The event will begin with a reception and visual art display at 5:30. The concert will begin at 6:30 and admission is free. Bergstrom Automotive is the sponsor for this event.

Please R.S.V.P. to Ann Engelhard by March 12 if you are planning to attend the reception prior to the concert. You may R.S.V.P. via email to aengelhard@tcces.k12.wi.us or 722-7796 ext. 201.

Robotics

Come see the excitement! The 2010 Wisconsin VEX Robotics Regional Championship Robotics Tournament is on **Saturday March 6, 2010 at St. Mary Central High School**. Doors Open at 7:00 a.m. with teams arriving for registration and pit setup. Qualifying rounds will begin approximately between 9:30 and 10:00 a.m. SMC has 4 teams this year. SMC also reached out to a group of local 8th graders from our feeder schools, mentoring two teams of 8th graders that will also compete. The event is free to the public and concessions are available. The tournament is all about getting kids interested in science and technology, helping them prepare for their future educational and career goals, working together as a team, and having some fun. Hope to see you there!

From First Grade

As part of a reading unit on "Favorite Things, Old and New" the first graders welcomed Mrs. Naomi Dobbins who is 90 years old. The students asked questions about Naomi's life and what it was like being a nurse during World War II. After discussion, tea was served and a photo was taken to give to Naomi as a remembrance of her visit.



