



# ST. MARGARET MARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

## Lent

In Lent, the springtime of the Church's year, we take time to think about ways we can grow and become better. It is our tradition to join in prayers of penance at this time and to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation. In this sacrament, we admit that we sometimes act in mean or selfish ways, doing harm to others and not doing the good we are capable of. We ask for forgiveness and grace.

Our theme for the fourth week of Lent is **Renewal**.

### Loving God,

**Bless our journey through the desert of lent to the font of rebirth. May our fasting be a hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the chant of humble and grateful hearts.**

**Amen.**

### Are you Bread or Stone?

When I volunteer to read at mass or take up the gifts.....I am bread for others.

When I sing and answer the prayers at mass.....I am bread for others.

When I help my school or my Church community.....I am bread for others.

When I sit back and let others do all the work.....I am stone for others.

When I choose not to help my school or Church community.....I am stone for others.



Twin City Catholic  
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## REMINDERS

### March

26.....**NO SCHOOL**-----  
-----**Teacher In-Service**-----

27.....TCCES Solo & Ensemble  
Festival at Seton Catholic M. S.

27.....**ZEPHYRFEST**.....

30.....Kindergarten to Bubolz  
Nature Preserve

### April

1.....Holy Thursday---Easter  
Break begins at 3:00 p.m.

12.....Classes Resume

13.....First Grade to Theda  
Clark Medical Center

### **16.....Luke Peters Day**

16.....PK to Heckrodt Preserve

17.....Ms. Rippl's Wedding.....

17.....Celebration of Support  
for Luke Peters at Waverly

20.....Grade 3 to Voight Farm

24.....Confirmation

## Social Justice

Our "Backpacks for Afghanistan" item for this week is erasers. The final item will be pens. Thank you for your support of this project during Lent.

## Celebration of the Arts / Willy Wonka

Congratulations to all of the fourth and fifth graders who performed so beautifully at the PAC last Wednesday evening. It was a wonderful event. The artwork, piano, band, and choirs were all wonderful. We have a very talented group of TCCES students.

In addition, another round of applause goes out to all of the students who took part in the play *Willy Wonka* this past weekend. What fun-----and again a very talented group. Congratulations to Mr. Arboleda who worked so hard with these young people to give them the opportunity to take part in a play. Thank you to all of the parents for your support of the theatre program.

## Staff Lunch

Thank you to Jen Molchany's Hospitality Committee who provided lunch for the staff on St. Patrick's Day! What a wonderful meal of Irish Stew, Corned Beef and Cabbage, Irish Breads, green jello, vegetables, and dessert. What a great way to celebrate the holiday. We appreciate the generosity of all the parents who helped with the luncheon.

## Penny Collection

We had such a wonderful response to the Penny Collection during Catholic Schools Week that we decided to give the entire school an out of dress code day to thank them for their support. The school will be out of dress code on **Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>** and jeans will be allowed.

## World Math Day

For the second year in a row, St. Margaret Mary 3-5 Grade has competed in World Math Day. The two-day event was held on March 3 and 4, 2010. The event united 1,133,246 students and 56,082 schools from 235 countries to set a new world record by correctly answering 479,732,613 questions. The students play against each other in mental arithmetic games. Once the student signs in, the computer generates three opponents from around the world to compete in games that last 60 seconds. When the game is finished the student is able see their ranking for the game.

This is a truly unique world event and a fantastic way to promote mental math practice within our school. Past results show that students will make significant improvements in their mental arithmetic skills and have fun in the process. Last year 1 million students registered, 20,000 schools participated in over 150 countries, with 200 million questions during the practice period.

During the practice rounds preceding the event, Graham Werner answered 3,358 problems correctly. The two-day event winner was Paige Parks. Paige correctly answered 1067 problems. Overall, St. Margaret Mary had answered correctly on 39,932 practice and event problems. Congratulations to all participants. (Rob Srnka)

## **Milk Caps**

The total number of caps collected for this contest: 1783 (which earned a total of \$89.15 for the school).

1st place: 5th grade - 732 caps

2nd place: 4th grade - 357 caps

The students did a great job! Thanks to all who participated!!! (from Ann Liebeskind, Recycling Chair)

## **Skating Party**

At Wines Around the World, a Skating Party was offered as one of the "Dinner Boards." Parents could sign their children up for the party, pay \$10, and the profit would go to the school. Those parents who sponsored the Dinner Board would pay the cost of the roller rink, skates, and treat. The \$10 is a donation to St. Margaret Mary School. There is still space available for the skating party. It is Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup> (a "no school" day) from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Sign up in the office with Mrs. Sajdak.

## **Book Fair**

Our Spring Book Fair will run from March 24<sup>th</sup> through March 29<sup>th</sup>. Great books, and activities are available at this year's fair. Children enjoy browsing the fair and choosing books of their own. You may even find the perfect Easter book at the Book Fair! Your child may create an on-line "wish list" of his/her favorite books. For three days before and after the event (Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> until Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>), families may shop on-line and the profit from these books, as well as those sold here at school, will go to our school. Check out: [www.scholastic.com/schoolbookfairs](http://www.scholastic.com/schoolbookfairs). Special note---books purchased on-line will be delivered to school after Easter. Stop to see the books on the stage in the gym NOW.

## **Clipper Dash**

Our third annual Clipper Dash will be held on **Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**. The Clipper Dash is open to ALL students, preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We have two winners of the T-shirt contest. The front of the shirt was designed by Daniel Bomier, and the back of the shirt was designed by Veiga Goethel. The shirts will be ordered soon. Please get your registrations in as quickly as possible. Every registered individual receives a T-shirt. We want to make sure we have shirts in the correct size for every student. There is a registration form attached to the newsletter and one is being sent home to all families with the youngest

## **Vacation Bible School – Which Week of August?**

**We have been approached by some parents to move our SMM Vacation Bible School (Bible Camp) from the first week of August (2,3,4&5) to the second week of August, which would be Aug. 9, 10, 11 & 12, 2010. The reason for the request is that swimming lessons and Park & Rec activities would all be completed by the second week of August, and there would be no (or fewer) scheduling conflicts for families. The camp would run from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Please let us know which week would work best for your family, by sending a response to: [dbaumann@tcces.k12.wi.us](mailto:dbaumann@tcces.k12.wi.us) Thank you for your input!**

## **Summer Skill Series**

We have offered the opportunity to order the Summer Skills Books for a number of years. This is one series that can help students keep their skills sharp during the summer by practicing a small amount each day. There are books in Math, Language Arts, and Spanish. Stop in the office if you would like to see a sample of the series.

## **Fuel Me Up**

The Health and Wellness Committee is sponsoring another "Fuel Me Up" Week of nutritious snacks. Thank you to all of the parents who are bringing snacks this week or who have helped this committee. The students have enjoyed the variety of healthy snacks they have enjoyed.

## **End of the Quarter**

This week ends the third quarter of the school year. Report cards will be coming home next week. This Friday is an In-Service Day for teachers to plan for the future. Keep the teachers in your prayers and enjoy the long weekend.

## **Piano News**

Twenty-two SMM piano students will entertain families and friends at *Spring Piano Performances* Sunday, March 28, in the Shattuck Room of the Neenah Public Library. The students will be among other young pianists in grades K-11 presenting piano solos and duets beginning at 1:15 pm.

The following SMM students are involved: (Grade 5) **Nathan Berg, Kate Britt, Rachel Dulcamara, Joe Kerwin**; (Grade 4) **Meghan Higgins**; (Grade 3) **Dan Bomier, Fritz Brownell, Peter Dulcamara, Frankie Greene, Charlie Hildebrand, Michael Kerwin**; (Grade 2) **Megan Berg, Ellie Dimmer, Gianna Gallucci, Davis Greene, Anna Higgins, Jack McCurdy, Rachel Zimmerman**; (Grade 1) **Elisabeth Hansch, Heidi Hansch**; (K) **Amalie Hansch, Catherine Higgins**

The public is invited and all are welcome to refreshment afterwards. (from Mrs. Froelich)

## **KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE**

St. Gabriel, St. Margaret Mary and St. Mary Elementary Schools will be holding a Kindergarten open house on **Tuesday, March 30 from 10:30-11:30 a.m.** Parents will have the opportunity to view a classroom setting, after which teachers will be available for questions, tours etc. Limited space for Kindergarten still available at all TCCES sites. Please share this information with anyone you feel may be interested. Please contact your school or Jennifer Miller at 722-7796 x 206 with questions.

## **JUBRICOSA Summer Arts Academy**

There is an attachment to today's newsletter about this summer program. Mr. Jim Hart, Artistic/Program Director writes "the ten years that I spent as Drama Director for TCCES are memorable ones. I have the same Christ Centered intentions now as I did then. Provide a safe and appropriate setting for young

people and teach them self-confidence & responsibility through the performing arts.” (JUBRICOSA LTD. 920-267-3139, 2708 Oakwood Circle, Oshkosh WI 54904)

## **Son-Sational Summer**

The TCCES summer program, Son-Sational Summer, will again be offered this year. In addition to the K-5 program, this year a 3 and 4-year-old preschool program will be offered. A brochure is available on the TCCES website.

## **Talent Show**

The Talent Show will be taking place on Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Tamara Hasz has agreed to chair the event and there will be more information distributed shortly. This is a fun family evening and there are already students working on their acts. Save the date and join our “budding talents” and their families.



*Join us for [Zephyrfest 2010](#) on March 27!*

We warmly invite you to attend the 25<sup>th</sup> annual Zephyrfest celebration on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at the Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton. The St. Mary Central High School family has been blessed in countless and significant ways over the years by Zephyrfest. Never losing sight of the reason for the occasion, hundreds of volunteers come together each year to ensure the vitality and impact of Catholic education in our community. There are many entertaining and exciting opportunities offered at Zephyrfest! Would you enjoy a trip for four to San Francisco, a wine cooler, hunting trip, big screen TV or a cash prize? Try your luck at our raffles! Bountiful oral and silent auction items await your bid and the Wheel of Z-fest is a chance to have fun and collect cash and prizes. And don't forget the Key Club with the pristine vintage Chevy convertible! Kindly keep in mind this enjoyable event has a serious purpose. Every dollar earned at Zephyrfest will go directly to support the programs, innovations and educational & co-curricular experiences that set St. Mary Central High School apart in our community.

Reservations or donations to Zephyrfest can be made by visiting <http://www.zephyrs.tv/zephyrfest/> or by calling Sue Thelen at SMC at 920-722-7796, ext. 853. Thank you for your generous support, and may God bless you!

## **Luke Peters Celebration**

T-shirt orders are available in the school office or you may find one attached to today's newsletter. April 16<sup>th</sup> will be Luke Peters Day at TCCES. All students may wear their t-shirts and bracelets in support of Luke. We will also sell "Jean Passes" for that day. Any child who wishes to wear jeans with their t-shirts may buy a pass for \$1. All money from shirts and jean passes will go toward the celebration.

**PLEASE SAVE THE FOLLOWING PAGE FOR REFERENCE.**

## Welcome Spring!

The weather is finally getting warmer and the days are sunny and nice. There are a few reminders as students start to think of the freedom of the outdoors.

- Dress Code --- The warm weather dress code goes into effect on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Children may then wear appropriate length shorts and sandals with straps. For safety reasons, please do not allow your children to come to school with any kind of shoe that does not have a back.
- Bikes --- Students are to enter the bike rack area from the front of the gym. Bikes should be locked in bike racks on the west end of the gym. Helmets should be worn at all times. Helmets may be kept in lockers. Biking students leave school by the Division Street exit and walk their bikes away from the school. They should not ride bikes on the sidewalk in front of school at arrival or dismissal time or in the parking lot **at any time**.
- Children who are dismissed from the back of the school building meet the teacher at the designated blocks on the playground. . K/1, 2/3, and 4/5 students are to be picked up by their parents at the gate and either escorted into the parking lot, or walked through the gate by the teacher on duty to enter the parent's car as it drives through the lane closest to the gate. If parents choose to come into the gated playground area, they are to pick up their child/ren from the assigned block and inform the teacher that the child is leaving. Teachers stay at the gate until all children have been picked up.

If parents choose to stay in the playground area after picking up their children, they are responsible for the children. The teacher leaves the playground at 3:15, bringing any children who have not been picked up into the office. Children who have been dismissed are not to return to the building. School playground equipment is not to be brought onto the playground for after school activities. All children who stay on the playground are to be supervised by their parents and are to follow the school rules even though it is after school. This includes proper behavior on the playground equipment: no running on the blue material, no running up slides, sliding down feet first only, no jumping off of equipment. The after-school care provider takes the ASC children out to the playground after school. If the provider asks children to obey school rules, it carries the same authority as that of a teacher on the playground. These rules are for the safety of all children.