

ST. MARGARET MARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

Lent

The branches we receive on Palm Sunday remind us of the willingness with which Jesus went to Jerusalem, even though it meant death for him. We join those who followed him into Jerusalem with joy, not knowing what being his disciple would cost. The palms are a sign that we are willing to pay the price of following Jesus as we have been following him during Lent. This last week of Lent will speed by, bringing us to the sacred three days of the Triduum, those holy days when we remember the dying and rising of Jesus our Savior.

Our theme for the last week of Lent is Love. How have you shown love this week? We will pray the Stations of the Cross together as a school on Holy Thursday. The children will reenact the Last Supper in individual classrooms, celebrating Jesus' love for us.

Are you Bread or Stone?

When I use hard thoughts, hard words, hard actions with those around me.....**I am Stone for others.**

When I treat others as my enemy, **I am like a stone** thrown through a beautiful stained glass window, shattering the lives around me.

When I think well of others and help them see the goodness and gentleness of God through me.....**I am Bread for others.**

When I pay someone a compliment or give a needed hug or smile, **I am like bread that feeds and gives strength.**

Our Social Justice project will be finalized this week. Thank you for your participation in "Backpacks for Afghanistan." Our final week, we will be collecting pens, but feel free to send any of the other items we have collected during Lent.



Twin City Catholic
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REMINDERS

April

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

12.....Classes Resume

16.....Luke Peters Day

16.....PK to Heckrodt Preserve

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

17.....Celebration of Support
for Luke Peters at Waverly 4-11

20.....Grade 3 to Voight Farm

23.....Health&Wellness speaker

24.....Clipper Dash

24.....Confirmation 5:00 Mass

25.....Timber Rattlers Game St.
Margaret Mary Day 1:05 p.m.

28.....Kindergarten Screening

29.....Grade 1 Field Trip to
Theda Clark

29.....Grade 4 Field Trip-Paine
Art Museum in Oshkosh

First Grade Petitions

Our first graders made their first attempt at writing petitions on their own. We would like to share them with you.

- *Jesus, help me to be kind to others, show me how to bring the Holy Spirit with you.
- *Holy Spirit, help me to be kind.
- *Holy Spirit, help me to be gentle and kind.
- *Holy Spirit, help me to be kind and be peace and have joy.
- *Jesus, bring peace to others and help us follow you more closely.
- *Holy Spirit, help me be peace to others.
- *Holy Spirit, help me to bring joy and peace to others.
- *Holy Spirit, bring peace and love to our world. Help me love Jesus love me.
- *Jesus, bring peace to others, help me love.
- *Holy Spirit, please help me to love people.
- *Holy Spirit, help me to love.
- *Jesus, help me to bring love to others and help me to be gentleness.
- *Holy Spirit, help me to bring joy.
- *Holy Spirit, help be to bring joy to others.
- *Jesus, help us to be kind, peace, love.

Father Daughter Dance

Alan John Photography is happy to announce that **'the father daughter dance' images are now available for online viewing and purchasing!** You can access the images for this Event by clicking on the following link: [alanjohn.instaproofs.com]. Once you are in the Event feel free to browse around, add photos to your shopping cart, or email your favorite pictures to your friends! Viewing and purchasing the photographs is easy; simply select the photographs you want, add your choice of sizes and colors, and checkout! There are two categories, K-1 and 2nd - 5th Grade to view through. Any questions, I can be reached at al@alanjohnphotography.com (AL)an John

TCCES SPRING PLANT SALE

Think spring! Our last 2009-2010 TCCES sponsored fundraiser to receive tuition credit to your account is here! Choose from \$10 gift cards from four different garden centers or beautiful hanging baskets from Pansies! Be sure to share the order form with family and friends. Orders are due Thursday, April 22nd and will be ready for pick up on Thursday, May 6th – just in time for Mother's Day on May 9th! Order form is attached to today's newsletter or you can find it on the TCCES web page. Contact Pam Pingel at 751-3771 or tpping@sbcglobal.net with any questions.

Donuts for Dads

Thank you to Paul Molchany and his committee for doing a wonderful job in sponsoring Coffee and Donuts with your children last Wednesday morning. We had a terrific turnout and by all reports, a successful event.

Health and Wellness / Food Service

We want to thank the many parents who have helped with the Health and Wellness Committee this year. There have been many positive comments about the "Fuel it Up" Program and many who were not originally on board have been won over because their children enjoyed it. The purpose of the program was to acquaint all of our students with different kinds of snacks----some of which they may not have tried in the past. There have been some comments about our lunch program throughout the year and I have spoken to some parents, but you need to be aware of the changes that have taken place in a short amount of time.

We take part in a federally subsidized program. Because of that, we have been able to secure many items (healthy ones) that we could never have purchased on the open market. We received a shipment of turkey breasts----the same quality that can be purchased in the supermarket for roughly 35c a pound. The turkey provides many numerous healthy meals. The average fat content of our meals is 21%----less than the federal guidelines and less than many family meals or snacks.

A difficult task is to provide a quality meal for \$2.25. The \$2.25 not only needs to cover the cost of the food but the cost of milk, labor, benefits, chemicals (soaps, etc.), paper products etc. We have been partnered with Oakridge Farms and Schabo Orchard for a year. This has improved some of our fresh fruits and vegetable options, but has also increased our labor costs. Our kitchens are old and lacking some equipment such as steamers and food processors. This equipment would be wonderful to have and make the preparation so much quicker and preserve nutrients, but the equipment is also expensive. We did apply for a grant for equipment but did not receive it.

Our spaghetti is half regular and half whole wheat spaghetti. The ham we serve is turkey ham and our hot dogs are turkey dogs. Our buns are whole grain as well as serving only wheat bread. The burgers we serve are made with applesauce as a binding ingredient. Our salad bar is wonderful and offers a variety of fruits, vegetables, and condiments. Do you know that we often have walnuts on the salad bar? Food Service is proud of the changes that have been made and are always open to ways to improve.

It takes commitment from the families to work to get everyone on board about healthy food and exercise. We need to get the word out on our lunch program and being healthy. Food Service would like to have parents who would be willing to serve on a committee to improve the health and wellness of our children. If you are interested, leave your name in the office.

Please check the Lost and Found table before Easter Break. Lots of winter items looking for homes.

Book Fair

Thank you to Kristin Staehler and all of the volunteers who were responsible for the spring book fair. It was another successful sale and our students have lots of books to keep them reading into the summer. Don't forget-----new this year----- for three days before and after the event (Friday, March 19th until Thursday, April 1st), 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. Special note---books purchased on-line will be delivered to school after Easter.

In-Service Day

The students had a great time at the Roller Skating Party (thank you to all who sponsored and attended the party---a fundraiser for the school) and at the cast party for *Willy Wonka*. The teachers spent a very profitable day with the staffs from the other TCCES schools working on developing interdisciplinary units and ways of helping students learn better.

Clipper Dash

Our third annual Clipper Dash will be held on **Saturday, April 24th**. The Clipper Dash is open to ALL students, preschool through 5th grade. The shirts will be ordered during break. 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.

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 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.

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 the classroom during the ending of the Kindergarten morning (from 10:30-11:00). Teachers will be available to answer questions at 11:00 when the Kindergarten students go to lunch. 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.

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 13th. 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.

Luke Peters Celebration

T-shirt orders are available in the school office or you may find one attached to today’s newsletter. April 16th 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.

Great Ideas Start at Youth U@ UWFox

If you could design your summer any way you wanted, what would you do? Go ahead, get your creative juices flowing and rev up your imagination and let the ideas flow.

- Imagine yourself solving various problems and activities.
- Discover how to create a feature film starring all your friends
- Entertain yourself with plenty of mind-blowing experiments.
- Amaze yourself in LOTS of creative ways
- So...what are you waiting for....So Many Classes, So Little Time!

Mark your calendars for July 26-29 and August 2-6. You can choose one or both weeks. Online registration begins April 26, 2010. If you are currently not on our mailing list and wish to receive further information please visit our website at <http://www.uwfox.uwc.edu/conted> and join our mailing list or contact our office at 832-2636.



Solo and Ensemble

The members of the fifth grade band participated in Solo and Ensemble last Saturday morning. Every student from our fifth grade class was able to achieve a **first place ranking** in the program. Congratulations to the students and to Mr. Orth, the Band Director. Great Job! The students will be performing for judges again on Saturday, May 8th. This time the entire band will be adjudicated. Good luck in this performance.

