



ST. MARGARET MARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

Mission

The mission of TCCES is to evangelize, catechize and educate students, staff and families in Christ; nurturing loving service to God and neighbor. Evangelization happens when a person experiences the love of Jesus Christ.

- TCCES facilitates the process of bringing its members to Christ, and Christ to its members.
- The TCCES family works together to develop the knowledge, skills, understanding and attitudes to transform human culture in light of the Gospel.
- TCCES is the fulfillment of the four-fold vision of education promulgated by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in “To Teach as Jesus Did”-----community, message, service, and worship.

First Communion

Twenty-six of our second graders received their First Communion on Sunday. Congratulations to: Curtis Calcari, Ellie Dimmer, Tristan Donaldson, Davis Greene, Johnny Horak, Everly Marshall, Sophia Moe, Maddie Parks, Lily Schneider, Sam Snyder, Mae Te Tai, Janel Underwood, Ana Wasco, Megan Berg, Michael Breen, Annika Cheney, Gianna Gallucci, Emma Hageman, Alex Hibbs-Magruder, Anna Higgins, Mitchell Lambert, Jack McCurdy, Samuel Peters, Caitlin Shrofe, Emily Stingle, and Rachel Zimmerman. Alex Ullrich received his First Communion earlier at St. Patrick’s Church. Thank you to Mrs. O’Connell, Mrs. Zelinski, Sr. Diane, and all of the parents for helping them to prepare for their special celebration. May these students remain as close to Jesus as they are today.



Twin City Catholic
Educational System

REMINDERS

May

5.....School Days in Kaukauna
Grades 2 & 3

5.....PK classes to Dairy Queen

5.....Gr. 4 to Rat River

6.....Flower Sale pick-up

7.....Liturgy 8:15 a.m. Grade 2
followed by **May Crowning
and light breakfast for
students and parents.**

8.....Band Festival at FVLA

9.....Mothers’ Day

11.....Band Concert 6:30 p.m.
at St. Mary Elementary Campus

12.....Kindergarten Field Trip
to Mulberry Lane Farm

13.....Lasagna Dinner and
Talent Show----5:30 p.m.

14.....Liturgy 8:15 a.m. Gr. 1
Thanksgiving for Volunteers

14.....K to Sterling House

14.....Gr. 1 to St. Joseph’s

All of the second graders received a special rosary made for them by Mr. Jerry Cops. He visited the class earlier this year and demonstrated how he makes rosaries. Each child chose his/her favorite color bead for a personal rosary. Thank you to Mr. Cops for this special gift. The Cops Foundation has provided more than a half million rosaries to missions around the world.

Spring Concert

Once again, the students did a wonderful job performing in last night's concert. Thank you to Mr. Arboleda for all of his hard work. The students really enjoy preparing and performing at the concerts. We had a little excitement at the end of the concert .due to the weather. Fortunately, everyone was alright and made it home safely.

Plants

This **Thursday, May 6th**, is the Plant pick-up date. If you ordered gift cards only, they will be delivered to school. If you ordered plants (or plants and gift cards), they are to be picked up at Pansies.

Serra Club

Congratulations to Catherine Sajbel and Frankie Greene. These third graders were given ribbons for their art work by the Serra Club. The Serra Club promotes vocations throughout the country.

Talent Show Reminder

The Talent Show is next week! ----- **Thursday, May 13th**. There has been one rehearsal. If your child was not at the rehearsal this week, there is another opportunity to practice on stage this coming Monday after school. All children need to attend one practice before the talent show. Please contact Tamara Hasz at htamara@msn.com if you are able to help. It is our families that make this event a success.

Attention: All Boys Entering First through Fifth Grade in the Fall! Cub Scout Spring Round Up is Here!

Are you looking for a fun and affordable activity that will help you learn valuable life and leadership skills? Then consider becoming a Cub Scout with Packs 3045/3074! If you are interested in learning more about the Cub Scout programs at St. Gabe's and St. Margaret Mary, please join us Monday, May 10th at 6:30 PM in the Carpenter Conference Room (2nd Floor) of the Neenah Public Library. You can join Cub Scouts at any time- you don't have to begin in first grade. An advantage to joining now is that you can participate in summertime activities. If you are interested, but have soccer on Monday nights, a parallel meeting will be held at Great Northern Park five to ten minutes after the end of the U6 soccer games; the meeting will take place near the playground- look for Phil Kerwin. If you are interested, but unable to make the meeting on May 10th, please contact Alyssa Dudkowski at adudkowski@new.rr.com (home phone is 969-1944).

Dress Code

We changed to our "Warm Weather Dress Code" on the first of May. Students may wear shorts (knee length; non-athletic), capri pants, and sandals with backs.

MAP Testing

MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) testing will be completed shortly. We will be sending the results home to parents along with an explanation of the testing and lexile scores to help with reading selection over the summer. Our students set goals for themselves with this session of testing and the students were very pleased with their performance on the tests.

Mass and Brunch in Park

Please join St. Mary, St. John and St. Pat's Parish on June 6, 2010 ~ 10:00am at Jefferson Park (St. Mary's if it rains) for Mass and Brunch. Brunch Ticket Prices: Adult: \$7.00, Children (12 and under): \$4.00, Children (2 and under): Free or a *Family Pass (5+): \$20.00 (*The Family Pass includes immediate family members that live in your current household). Brunch includes: scrambled eggs, sausage, potatoes, fresh fruit, sweet rolls, muffins, coffee and juice. Tickets for brunch MUST be purchased in advance by June 1st at any of the Menasha Parish offices or any of the TCCES school offices.

Announcements

- Don't forget to return the sign up sheets for grades 2, 3, 4, and 5 for Fall Soccer. They were attached to the newsletter last week. Golf Foundation. A flyer is attached to the newsletter and more information is available in the office.
- Spring Band Concert is **Tuesday, May 11th at 6:30 p.m.** at St. Mary Elementary School. A letter went home to all band students.
- Fourth and fifth graders have the opportunity to play middle school football next fall. Forms were sent home at the end of last week. Please return them to school.
- Our fourth graders attended the Arbor Day event at the Paine Art Center in Oshkosh. The docent in charge of the program contacted Mrs. Tews and asked that a comment be passed along. The volunteers at the program specifically named the St. Margaret Mary students and said that they liked having them at the Paine because of their excellent behavior.

Summer Study Information

Research from Johns Hopkins University regarding children's learning indicates:

1. All students experience learning loss when they do not engage in educational activities during the summer.
2. Summer loss equaled about one month per grade-level subject during the summer.
3. The subject of math showed the greatest overall loss with students losing 2.6 months in math computation skills.

There are several programs that children can use at home during the summer to keep up their skills. These books are great for independent summer reinforcement. Several companies have already notified us about ordering their books.

- *Summer Quest* is also a workbook series. However, it is one workbook per grade, covering all subject areas. Although we do not recommend one over another, *Summer Quest* is purchased online and a percentage of sales is returned to St. Margaret Mary. There is information in the office.
- *Summerbook* Company also has a book for each subject and anticipates a child completing a page a day. This book company provided an order book that went home with each child PK-5 today. Books can be ordered through the form provided, over the phone, or by email.
- *Summer Solutions* is another company that provides individual books for each subject area. If books are preordered through school, the cost is \$10 per book, mailed to your home with no shipping or handling charges.

All of these programs provide practice during the summer months to help children retain the knowledge learned during the school year. All are optional, but a great idea for cool, rainy days or to provide “something to do when I’m bored.” Stop in the office to check on these programs.