

ST. MARGARET MARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

Mission

Jesus ascended into heaven, but left the apostles and all believers with a promise. He would send the Holy Spirit. The Spirit would be the unseen awareness of God in our lives. The Spirit would be the fire that would lead us to do the work of gospel mercy and justice; that would make our wills conform to the will of God; that would transform us so that we might bring the life and love of God into our world. He ignites the fire within our hearts and minds so that we may seek God in all things. This is our **mission**. We have been sent forth with a plan---to continue the work of Jesus in our world. May our faith be at the core of all that we are and all that we do.

As a TCCES community, we have been saddened to hear of the passing of Brandon Willems, a TCCES student for thirteen of his nineteen years, and a 2009 graduate of St. Mary Central. We have heard God's promise of new life echoing repeatedly throughout the Easter Season. This promise is His greatest gift to us. How fortunate we are to belong to a school community where we have been able to pray for Brandon's recovery, and now to rejoice with him in his promise of new life. His faith has been an example to many during the last few months. We continue to pray for his family during this difficult time.

Volunteer Mass

Thank you to all those who were able to attend the Friday Liturgy offered for the intention of all those who volunteer their time to help our school. The first graders planned the Mass and distributed treats to our helpers as they left the Church. The following was the reflection offered in honor of our volunteers:

To be a volunteer is more than just giving of your time and talents to those around you, it means making a difference in the lives of others. Today we would like to acknowledge those who have served the needs of our school community.



Twin City Catholic
Educational System



REMINDERS

May

- 18.....Grade 4 to Madison to visit the state capitol
- 19.....Story Hour in all PK Classrooms---visitors welcome
- 20.....Final Seton Buddy visit
- 21.....Anointing Mass 8:15 a.m. planned by grade 4----breakfast to follow
- 21.....Grade 5 to Manitowoc for Civil War Reenactment
- 21.....PK to play "Stone Soup"
- 21.....Gr. 4 to Wilderness Park
- 25.....FACES end of the year chairmen meeting--7:00 p.m. in Friendship Hall
- 26.....Gr. 3 to Neenah City Hall
- 26.....Preschool Program 6 p.m.
- 27.....Preschool Program 10 am
- 28.....PK Field Day
- 28.....Recognition Liturgy Fifth Grade -- 8:15 a.m.

V is for valuable you are priceless to us,
O is for offering your time and your talents.
L is for lessons and skills that are taught,
U is for ultimate you're the greatest, the best!
N is for notable you are important to us,
T is for teaching as Jesus has asked.
E is for effort you help us do our best.
E is for example you're a model for us to follow,
R is for respect we admire you in our community.

We thanked all family and parish members who volunteer throughout the year and asked them to stand and be recognized for their efforts. For all those who were not able to attend the Volunteer Mass, know that your efforts are appreciated as well and we offered the Mass for your intention.

Talent Show and Lasagna Dinner

The Talent Show was a huge success. Once again, our students amazed us with their diverse talents. It is very impressive that the students choose their act, practice on their own, and are ready to take the stage when announced. No school time is used to prepare for the show (although many parents most likely had a hand in helping their children prepare for the event). Thank you to the dedicated parents who baked lasagna, made salads, set tables, cleaned up and coordinated the entire evening. A HUGE thank you to Tamara Hasz, who chaired the event and without whose leadership, this family event would not have been possible.

Seton's Music Man, Jr.

The Seton musical was this past weekend. Several former SMM students took part in the play: Jack Hogerty, Grace Dejno, Anja Marker, J.T. Golichnik, Peter Ullrich, Louise Brownell, Kate Griffin, Emily Krostue, Jenna Kuepper, Bridie Prosser, and Alison Glen on stage, and Diana Schmitz on crew. One of the two SMC student directors was also SMM alum, Emily Lowney. Great Job!! A very enjoyable play.

Over the years, there has been an increase in the number of students participating in the Fine Arts, an increase in their self-confidence, and a stronger ability to sing and perform. Our students have many opportunities at an early age. Forensics, Mr. Arboleda's classes and additional program offerings, Mrs. McCurdy's Theatre Arts program, opportunities such as the Talent Show, and other extra curricular programs in which our children participate. The Arts are extremely important for the holistic growth of children and the development of their talents and abilities. Thank you for supporting the TCCES programs that nurture those talents.

MAP Testing

We have completed MAP testing in grades two through five and the results will be sent home to parents next week. The students set goals this year. They knew what scores they received in the fall and decided what they felt they could score by the end of the year. They also listed the methods that they would use to improve their scores. Almost every student met his/her goal. We were extremely pleased with the students' scores and their efforts.

Anointing Mass

This Friday, the fourth graders will host members of the parish who wish to receive the Sacrament of Anointing. The fourth graders will plan the Mass and serve a light breakfast afterwards. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to interact with members of the parish community and serve them in an enjoyable setting. Our children also gain a great understanding of this sacrament. Please join us for the liturgy if you are able.

SPIRITUS Team

The fifth graders participated in a retreat this spring with the fifth graders from St. Gabriel and St. Mary Elementary Schools at Mt. Tabor Retreat Center in Menasha. The retreat was led by the SPIRITUS team. This Saturday, May 22nd, our students are invited to a send - off for the SPIRITUS Team, held at St. Edward Parish in Mackville. There is a Mass at 5:30 p.m. and a reception following Mass. This team, in its first year, has given over 150 retreats and programs to more than 5,000 youth. The goal of SPIRITUS is to form young adults for leadership in the Church, and fulfilling the mission of "Energizing Lives in Christ."

Serra Club

We have received word that two of our fourth graders received awards from the Serra Club for posters that they created to promote Vocations. Those students are Andy Hibbs-Magruder and Valerie Lambert. Congratulations to these students on their hard work.

Vacation Bible School

There are two opportunities for our children to attend Vacation Bible School this summer. A flyer with information is attached to the newsletter for each of these weeks. One will be held in June at Mt. Tabor Center; the other at St. Margaret Mary in August. Please see the flyers and take this opportunity for your children to become closer to Jesus this summer.

Save the Date

Seton Catholic Middle School will host their Third Annual *Meet Me in the Middle* on Saturday, September 11, 2010 at 7:00 PM on the Terrace at Miron Construction Company.

Zephyr Hoopla 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

Mark your calendars for August 7. The SMC Booster Club is hosting their first annual 3 on 3 basketball tournament for 3-12 grade students in the SMC outdoor lot. Click [here](#) for more information and registration form. You won't want to miss this fun event!

Annual Field Day

Our annual Field Day will be Tuesday, June 1st, following the lunch hour. A letter was sent home last week asking for parent help for the event. Please return if you are able to help out.

Fall Soccer

Sign up sheets for grades 2, 3, 4, and 5 for Fall Soccer were sent home. Please return them to school as soon as possible. We have to have numbers to set up the teams for next year.

SCRIP

May 19th is the last day that SCRIP will be sold in school. You may still purchase SCRIP on Sundays after all of the Masses and apply the credit to your tuition account.

Announcements

- There is a pair of child's glasses in the office. If your child is missing a pair, please have him/her claim them in the office.
- The location of the PK end of the year Field Day has been changed to Green Park from Riverside Park. The permission slips state Riverside Park.
- First Communion Photographs taken by Pinnacle Photographers have been delivered to school. Second grade parents; please pick them up in the office.
- There will be a Lost and Found table set up in the main hallway---between the front and the back entrance doors----during the last two weeks of school (May 24 – June 3). Please check the Lost and Found for your children's items. You may not even be aware that an item is missing---but it has found its way into our collection. After the end of school on June 3, all remaining items will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul.
- The last full week of school---- May 24th to the 28th ----- we will have an end of the year penny collection. Empty your home of all those pennies that are taking up so much space. The classroom with the most pennies, will receive a Dairy Queen treat. After that, save up your pennies throughout the summer and we will collect again next year. Remember, our goal is a million pennies that we can donate to tuition assistance.

Parish Rummage Sale

For the past several years, the parish has sponsored a rummage sale during the third weekend of September. Many of our families have helped with that sale. This year, there will be a change in dates. This will be much easier for the school. Please consider offering your time to help with the sale. Information about drop off and sale dates follows.



We Need Your

New/Gently Used Donations

(Furniture/clothing/house-hold/lawn-garden)

St. Margaret Mary

Rummage Sale

Friday, June 25:

8:00 - 4:30

Saturday, June 26:

8:00 - 4:30

Sun, June 27 Bag Sale:

8:00-11:00 \$3.00/Bag

Drop off dates at 610 Division St., Neenah:

Thursday, May 20 & 27, June 3, 10, & 17 from 3-5:30 pm

Saturday, May 22 & 29, June 5, 12 & 19 from 8-11:30 pm

Final Week for drop off: June 21-23 from 8-5:00

June 24 8-12:00

If necessary, we'll pick up items: please call

Chuck540-4486, Judy722-1291, Mona486-1211

☺Volunteers needed on drop-off

dates and the week of the sale☺

