



# ST. MARGARET MARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

## Mission

Just like the disciples, we have been sent by Christ to carry on His mission in the world. We are sent to spread God's love. That was the message of Pentecost---to spread the message of Christ to those around us. Mother Teresa said, "We can do no great things, only small things with great love." Think about that as we begin the summer. What small things can we do to further Gods kingdom?

The feast of the Holy Trinity (May 30<sup>th</sup> this year) is a reminder that we were created to be in relationship with one another, just as God is in eternal relationship. Although we can never fully understand the mystery of the Trinity, we believe that God is three persons in one nature. The three persons of God --- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit --- are all equally God. The Trinity can be a model for our relationships on earth. Just as Father, Son and Spirit are joined, so we are joined together in our families. Each member of the family has a different role to fulfill and unique talents to share, but we are all unified in holy relationship. (*Take Out*, May, 2010)

## Memorial Day

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic and was first observed on 30 May 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. After World War I, the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war.

Traditional observance of Memorial Day has diminished over the years. Many Americans nowadays have forgotten the meaning and traditions of Memorial Day. At many cemeteries, the graves of the fallen are increasingly



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## REMINDERS

### May

- 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.
- 31.....Memorial Day

### June

- 1.....Field Day
- 2.....Clean up Morning, class  
trip in afternoon
- 3.....Fifth Grade Farewell 9:30  
end of school---11:30 a.m.  
dismissal

### August

- 30.....Orientation 8-11:30 a.m.  
and 5:30-7:00 p.m.

### September

- 2.....First Day of School K-5  
also preschool and PK

ignored or neglected. Some people think the day is for honoring all dead, not just those fallen in service to our country. This Memorial Day, take time to remember, and pray for, all who died in service to our country. (from: <http://www.usmemorialday.org/backgrnd.html>)

### **Next Year**

A notice was emailed to all families announcing some changes in the Elementary Teaching assignments for next year. These were system decisions to ensure the best possible education for all children in our system. There are many, many factors that go into the planning of each school year. Every decision that is made is made with the good of all children in mind. We will miss the teachers who are leaving us, and we welcome, and are excited about the possibilities that the teachers who are joining us will bring. You have entrusted your children to us. We are grateful for your trust and take the responsibility of educating your children seriously. We will look at all factors when planning schedules for next year. As I have asked in the past, **please do not make requests for particular teachers.**

### **MAP Testing**

MAP testing is complete and the results will go home today with your child. There is an explanation of the scores and a letter to explain your student's lexile reading level. If you have further questions on the MAP results, please contact your child's teacher or the office.

### **Seton Buddies**

Our final buddy visit was last Thursday. All of the Seton students traveled to St. Margaret Mary to visit one last time with their little buddies. One of the traditions that Seton has followed is to pray a blessing upon the elementary students at the end of the visit. This is the prayer that the buddies prayed with the students:

#### **A Buddy Blessing before Summer Vacation**

Lord God, These two classes shared many things this year. We were linked by many activities and fun times together. Those ties are broken now. We say good-bye and end our buddy visits. Lord, bless each of these, my buddies, and my friends, especially those I will not see again. Keep each of us in your care during the coming summer and throughout our lives. Guide our steps and strengthen our hearts until we gather once again in your Name. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Anointing Mass**

The fourth grade class was responsible for the Anointing Mass last Friday. They did a nice job with the music (preparing for next year), the liturgy preparation, and serving the breakfast afterwards. Thank you to our room mothers and all the volunteers who helped supply food and set up the breakfast. The Liturgy and Sacrament of Anointing were beautiful and meaningful celebrations for the parishioners and our children. The children were reverent engaged in the celebration. It was a very moving experience.

## Field Day

Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> is the annual Field Day. The students look forward to this fun event. We will have a picnic lunch and play cooperative team games during the afternoon. Fifth graders are team leaders on teams that are composed of all grade levels. Please see that your child has sunscreen, a hat if necessary, and a labeled water bottle for the afternoon. **We will serve Hot Dogs for lunch on Field Day. This Friday, lunch will be Chicken Nuggets. (Lunches are simply reversed.)**

## DRESS FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday----Holiday

Tuesday-----Play Clothes for Field Day

Wednesday-----Play Clothes for cleaning out lockers and desks and afternoon picnic

Thursday----Last Day of School----Casual "Dress up"

## Field Trips

Each year we ask parents to pay a \$30 activity fee to help fund special programs in school and also field trips. Some of the field trips are more expensive than others, and sometimes we are able to use the St. Mary Central bus for a trip. This cuts our costs considerably. The fee is directed toward the FACES parent organization and this group covers any costs for special programs over and above the fee. This is the break down for field trips for this year.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Field trip costs</u>
Pre-School	\$16.80
Pre-Kindergarten	\$50.20
Kindergarten	\$46.30
1st	\$35.45
2nd	\$22.35
3rd	\$28.85
4th	\$43.33
5th	\$44.11

## Business Office Summer Hours

The Business Office will be open M-F from 8:00-3:00. The summer schedule will begin on Monday, June 7 and continue until August 20. We will be closed on Friday - July 2 and Monday July 5th to celebrate the 4th of July.

## **St. Margaret Mary Summer Hours:**

**June 7-25:** 8-12:00; M-TH

**Closed June 28-August 1**

**August 2-20:** 8-12:00; M-TH

Beginning August 23 —7:30-4:00

## **TCCES Elementary Soccer Coaches Needed**

Currently we have 18- 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade students signed up for fall soccer and typically a few more come during the summer as new student enrollments. At the present time, we have only one coach committed for this level. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade level, we have 35 students committed with only 1 coach and 2 assistant individuals. Our elementary program relies on parent volunteers to come forward and coach. You do not have to be an expert in soccer, only have a willingness to help children. We are asking you to consider coaching or helping at one of the levels. The season is short and we need your help. Contact the school office or Miss Janet Loughrin as soon as possible if you can help. (from: Janet Loughrin, TCCES Elementary Athletic Director [jloughrin@tcces.k12.wi.us](mailto:jloughrin@tcces.k12.wi.us))

## **Thank You from Afghanistan**

On behalf of the 1400 Marines, Sailors and Civilians that comprise Task Force 1/3, thanks very much for the school supplies you all collected and sent. They are really going to be appreciated by people here!

We've got about 10 days left running the show here in Nawa Afghanistan. It's a busy time while the new battalion rotates in. I'll do my best to get you some pictures of us handing things out. I know you all get out of school on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June. Semper Fidelis, LtCol Matt Baker CO TF 1/3 Lava Dogs

## **Vacation Bible School – August 9-12, 2010**

Please mark your calendars for the St. Margaret Mary Vacation Bible School (Bible Camp), which will run from August 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. through 12:00 noon. Registration forms will be emailed soon. We already have four amazing youth volunteers and one adult who have made a commitment to help. More youth and adult volunteers are also needed. Please call Sr. Diane at 729-4562 if you can assist. Thank you!

## **Technology Update**

St. Margaret Mary School, in partnership with the FACES organization, has written a Technology Plan to be implemented over the next three to five years. The first phase of the plan will see a wireless network installed in our school this summer. The teachers are attending Professional Development Programs or courses to learn all they can about using Smart Boards in the classroom. In anticipation of installing

Smart Boards, each classroom teacher will receive a laptop to use during the summer classes to download materials that can be used in the classroom next year. Two Smart Boards have been delivered to school as a result of the number of points that were earned during our two Scholastic Book Fairs this year. We will be purchasing two projectors to use with the Smart Boards.

The funds for the initial phase of this plan were raised during the *Wines Around the World* event this past February. The second phase will be to install Smart Boards in all of the classrooms, and the third phase will involve purchasing student laptops to enable our students to interact with the Smart Boards and to bring technology into each of their classes.

This Technology Plan will be completed only as quickly as funds for the projects are raised. The success of WAW will help us to realize the dollars to complete this project, as long as the WAW event remains as successful as it has been. Other dollars are raised throughout the year with events such as the Talent Show, Barnes and Noble Night, the Ground Round SMM Night, Pancake Breakfast, Homestead Meadows Family Night, etc. Our collections: Milk Caps, Labels for Education, Cell Phones, ink cartridges, etc. and also donations that are made to the school throughout the year, all help to raise money to provide the programs and equipment that are not covered in the school budget.

We are grateful for all the time and effort of all of our chairpersons who help to organize collections, events, and fun activities. The time and talent of our parents goes a long way in helping make this such a wonderful school. Thank you to all who volunteered their efforts this year to make our school great!!

### **Attention 5th Grade Families Attending Seton**

We are having a planning meeting on Wednesday, June 9th at 7:00 p.m. for this year's Meet Me in the Middle Fundraiser. MMITM is a fun evening of music, martini tasting and fundraising held at Miron Construction and is a great opportunity to connect with other Seton parents. This year's event will be held Sept. 11. We welcome new ideas and fresh faces to help raise money for Seton Catholic Middle School. Please contact Marsha Britt [mbritt@new.rr.com](mailto:mbritt@new.rr.com) or Jennifer Miller at [jmiller@tcces.k12.wi.us](mailto:jmiller@tcces.k12.wi.us) if you can attend and for meeting address.

### **VIRTUS Training Dates**

The TCCES system has scheduled two VIRTUS training sessions for our schools and parishes. If you would like to volunteer in school, participating in a VIRTUS session is a requirement. Sister Mary Arnoldussen will hold both training sessions at St. John's Parish in Menasha. The dates are:

**Saturday, August 7th from 9-12 noon**

**Saturday, September 18th from 9-12 noon.**

These dates were chosen so that any person who would like to be a coach or volunteer (including chaperoning field trips) will fulfill this obligation early in the school year.

## Third Grade Musician

Kaylann Adler has been chosen to be a member of the Lawrence Academy of Music Orchestra (ASTRO). ASTRO is open to 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade string students who are interested in preparing and performing music at a high level. Kaylann is a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader, but she was recommended by her violin instructor to go through an early audition and she was selected to start playing with the orchestra this coming academic year. Congratulations, Kaylann!! What a wonderful accomplishment!

## Piano "Notes"

**Congratulations** to **Nathan Berg, Kate Britt, Rachel Dulcamara** and **Joe Kerwin** for advancing to the WMTA (Wisconsin Music Teachers Association) state competition for young musicians. All four of these fifth-graders earned the opportunity to play three memorized piano pieces for adjudication at UW-Stevens Point Saturday, May 22, as a result of high performance and theory points earned at WMTA District auditions in March. They also accumulated additional points for their commemorative plaques earned in past years. They were in good company with some of the top performers in their age groups in the state!

## Retirement Announcement

It is with deep sadness, but joy that I inform you of the retirement of Mrs. Chris Laus from our school and system at the end of this year. Chris has decided to spend a little more time with her grandchildren. She has spent over twenty years teaching and guiding children at St. Mary's. It has always been a special treat to watch and listen to her students host their first liturgy in first grade. Mrs. Laus will certainly be missed but not forgotten. (from: Mr. Michael Buss, St. Mary Elementary)

## Thank You

We have two reasons to say a huge thank you for events during the last month. Wal-Mart provided two-year-old Blue Spruce Saplings to all students in grades K-5 in celebration of Arbor Day. Mr. Jerry Copps made beautiful rosaries for each of the second graders in celebration of their First Communion. The Copps Family has donated more than a half million rosaries to missions throughout the world through their family foundation.

## Pictures

Thank you to the families who sent pictures of the May Crowning to school. If any parents have pictures of school events taken throughout the year, please consider sharing them with us. Our school maintains a scrapbook to highlight all of the activities of the year. Ange Staner is our Historian and she would be grateful for any pictures or articles of this year's events.

## 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!

### **Please Help Out**

One of our families is in need of a Nanny (or sitter) during next school year. If this person is available during the summer, that may also work out for the family. The individual would need to be able to drive and drop off and pick up children. If you know of someone who can help, please contact the office.

### **Another Save the Date**

Save October 1st for a "Back to School" Party for Parents. Vic Ferrari will be there to help celebrate. More details will follow.

### **Fox Cities Marathon**

There is information attached to the newsletter about the 2010 School Specialty School Challenge, which is part of the Fox Cities Marathon weekend of events!

**NEW this year – the Guardian Kids Fun Run will be on FRIDAY, September 17 at the Fox Cities Stadium!!** This is a new and exciting venue for the races – which will start at 6 p.m. (Toddler Trot, ¼ mile, ½ mile runs) and repeat again at 7 p.m.

**Your school can win a \$1,000 School Specialty Gift Certificate** by getting your students involved and excited in any of the events that weekend!

Read the information and sign up. Help us win the \$1000 gift certificate and run for health!

### **Announcements**

- 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.
- The Lost and Found table is set up in the main hallway---between the front and the back entrance doors. 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 or the Parish Rummage Sale.
- The last full week of school---- May 24<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> ----- 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. If anyone would like to help organize the Bake Sale, please contact the office.



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 Chuck 540-4486, Judy 722-1291, Mona 486-1211

☺Volunteers needed on drop-off dates and the week of the sale☺

