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Newsletter

Mission Statement: St. Mary Elementary School, in collaboration with its parents, educates the "whole child" in a Catholic environment. This allows every child to meet the challenges of a continuously changing society.

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, January 27th

- Guidance & Witness Wear

Friday, January 29th

- POPS Sock Hop

Sunday, January 31st

- CSW Breakfast / Open House from 8-12 noon

Monday, February 1st

- Seton Band Concert @ 1:15 pm

Wednesday, February 3rd

- TCCES CSW Liturgy @ St. MM (1:15 pm)

Thursday, February 4th

- School Assembly on Responsibility @ 2 pm



Happy January Birthdays!

Emma Schumacher	1-9
Joseph Lambie	1-9
Shayla Borchardt	1-11
Kassadi Calmes	1-14
Coy Rajotte	1-17
Emily Finch	1-21
Isabel Gil	1-23
Nathan Gil	1-25
Joseph Griffith	1-26
Jonathon Joseph	1-26

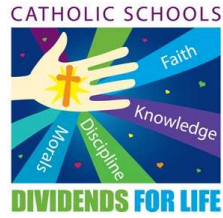
Catholic Identity ... Spirituality

Several Sundays ago, we celebrated the Baptism of Jesus and the beginning of Jesus' public life on earth. Before Jesus began his mission on earth, it was important for him to receive this sacrament and model to us our responsibility as Christians in a community called church. Through the sacrament of Baptism, God sanctifies us and makes us his holy people by giving us his life. We are called to be servants and stewards to all living things. We begin our journey for spirituality. Since Vatican II, the church has put a greater emphasis on this important sacrament. This emphasis can be seen in the visibility of the baptismal font in all new churches and in the renovations of the older churches. The baptismal font is no longer a temporary structure but a more permanent structure that is placed in a very visible site in the entrance of the church. Why is this? The reason is simple. Baptism is the beginning of our public life too. The promises that are made on that day by your parents/godparents or the promises that you make for your children are the keys to the beginning of your spiritual life and your children's. You promise to bring them up in the church and to practice the beliefs and rituals of our Catholic faith. Attending Sunday liturgy and receiving the Eucharist is the essence of our Catholic faith. Our Baptismal promises anchor our lives and give us the strength and courage to meet the challenges of this new and complex world. It only takes a short review of the newspaper to see the challenges that we face. How are we doing on our Baptismal promises? We can always do better.



Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated the week of Sunday, January 31st through Friday, February 5th. The theme for our celebration is “Catholic Schools ...



Dividends for Life. We will begin our celebration with a free breakfast and Open House on Sunday, **January 31st from 8:30-12:00**. During that Sunday morning, you will be able to observe a Kindergarten lesson, tour the rest of the classrooms, talk with the teachers, make a Witness Wear T-shirt with your child, and of course, enjoy a delicious breakfast. Bring another family and celebrate our school.

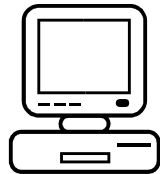
Some of the other activities going on during the week are as follows:

- Visiting Seton to listen to their bands on Monday (1:15 pm)
- All TCCES Liturgy at St. Margaret Mary Church on Wednesday (1:15 pm)
- School assembly on responsibility on Thursday (2:00 pm)
- Parent-Child lunches through the week (see your lunch invitation)

Come and join us for any one or all of these special activities. More information about the CSW will be shared in future newsletters.

MAP Testing

Yesterday some of the students in grades 2-5 began their Winter MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) testing. The students will be tested in Math, Reading, and Language Arts. Our testing window will close next week. Please make sure your child gets plenty of rest and eats a good breakfast, so they can be sharp and rested for these tests. **Remind your child that they will not know all the answers ... just encourage them to do the best they can.** Test results will be provided after completion of the tests.



Registration Process

The registration process for the 2010-11 school year has begun. **The deadline for this process ends on Friday, February 5th.** This does not mean that TCCES will not accept any more registrations but it does mean that the registration fee will increase and when looking at grant and tuition assistance applications Mr. Sullivan will honor requests received within the registration window first before going to other requests received after the deadline. If you were able to attend the State of the Schools message from Mr. Sullivan, he indicated that TCCES has some fiscal responsibilities/challenges to ensure viability in the future. Making good financial decisions using accurate enrollment data is one of those responsibilities. Therefore we are asking all returning families to return your registration information as soon as possible. This will greatly assist us in our decisions. In addition to the registration process, we are asking our families to assist us with procuring more students for our school and the system. In your Wednesday folder you will find 2 postcards. We ask that you send or give them to your friends or neighbors. We have discovered that the best recruiters for our school or system are “**you**”. Please help us with our postcard recruiting effort!



Progress Reports

In your Wednesday folder, your child will have their progress reports for the 2nd quarter. Should you have any questions regarding the reports, please contact your child’s homeroom teacher or the specialist. You may keep the progress reports but we need the envelope back with your signature verifying you have viewed the progress report.

Art News

The Paine Art Center in Oshkosh is sponsoring a special Family Discovery Gallery Saturday on January 30th called “Meet Snowflake Bentley”. It is a live performance by artist, Tom Sutter from Appleton. The performances are at noon, 1:30 and 3:00 pm. The 5th graders received a free pass into the museum a few weeks ago. Check out this cultural event.

Winter Escape Fundraiser

The POPS group along with St. Mary Parish will again be sponsoring a dinner /auction to benefit the school and the parish. The event is scheduled for **Saturday, February 13, 2010 at Germania Hall.** There will be a dinner, entertainment, free pictures, a raffle, and silent auction items. The cost is \$25/person. Mark your calendar and come and enjoy a wonderful evening. We will be using the profits from this event to equip the classrooms with projection devices. Please support this effort in whatever way you can. By attending, purchasing raffle tickets, or donating an item or a service to be auctioned off. Thank you in advance!



Candlelight Ski Event

Hi TCCES Families! All TCCES families (parents & kids) are invited to the **Candlelight Ski Event on February 12th at Memorial Park in Neenah.** The event goes from 5-8 pm. There will be skiing, food, games, and music. If you have your own equipment great, otherwise we have the TCCES equipment available and instruction will be available too. We are also in need of some volunteers who would like to be a part of this fun winter event. Please contact Heather Higgins (722-8256) or Kim Bittner (486-1253).



Fox Valley Warming Shelter

The Fox Valley Warming Shelter will be at St. Patrick Parish from January 24th through February 6th. Volunteers are needed to assist the staff person at one of the three 4-hour nightly shifts. A total of 84 volunteers are required to make the Warming Shelter guests feel welcome as they call St. Patrick's Geenan Hall their home. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Don Schultz at donald0928@gmail.com or 720-2883.

SMC Basketball Special Nights



You are invited to be guests of SMC for their special boys and girl's elementary school nights. Your ticket was an attachment in last week's newsletter. Come and enjoy some exciting basketball, great prizes, and lots of fun. The dates are:

- Friday, January 22nd (Lady Zephyrs vs Chilton Tigers)
- Saturday, January 30th (SMC Boys vs Manty Lutheran)

Christmas Eve Nativity

Thank you to all of the children and their families who participated in the Christmas Eve Nativity scene at St. Mary's. We had a wonderful turn out and the Kidz Choir sounded beautiful. A special thank you also to Mr. Hebler, Mrs. Phillips, and Mr. Gloede for their help with putting the celebration together. If any parents would like pictures, please send an email to Charlene.Brumbeloe@kcc.com and I will send them to you. I have a couple of nice group shots.

Scout Pack 3050

St. Mary's Cub Scout pack 3050 held its annual Pinewood Derby on Friday, Jan 15th. The results of this year's derby were as follows: 1st place – Eric Sandvig, 2nd place – Matthew Grenell, 3rd place Ethan Blaney, 4th place – Max McParlon, 5th place – Mason McParlon, Best in Show – Andrew Long, and Most Unique – Jason Hovarter. Thank you to all the parents who attended the event. Pictures from the event can be viewed at the following link:



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