



# ST. MARY

# THE BUSS TRIP

## 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

Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>

- POPS Sock Hop

Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>

- CSW Breakfast / Open House from 8-12 noon

Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>

- Seton Band Concert @ 1:15 pm

Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>

- Black History Field trip (Gr 3-5)

Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>

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

Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

- 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

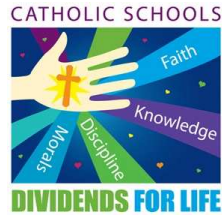
## Catholic Identity ... Spirituality

On Sunday we begin the celebration of our Catholic Schools Week. The theme chosen for this celebration is **"Catholic Schools ... Dividends for Life."** From the logo you can see some of those dividends that are nurtured and fostered in young children through our schools. They are **faith, knowledge, discipline, and morals**. I am always asked by prospective families why should they send their child to a Catholic school when public schools are free. My answer has always centered upon the above four dividends that I feel all children receive from a Catholic education. In order to set the path for success in life, one must invest and establish these 4 qualities in our children. **Faith** is an essential quality that must be nurtured and grown in a child. Without this quality anchoring their life, a child will struggle because they will not have a foundation to explain those many mysteries in life that are sometimes unexplainable. Having faith in God does bring peace to one's life. **Knowledge** and the search for knowledge is another key to success. By placing a child in an environment that fosters expectations for learning guarantees a child is on the right path. Students want to achieve and we provide the environment. **Discipline** involves rules and guidelines that allow children to feel safe and secure in their environment. It also guides them on how to show respect for others based on the model of Jesus Christ. And lastly, there is **Morals**. Being a moral person involves knowing what is right and wrong and being able to conduct yourself in a proper manner even though others may be acting quite differently. The ability to use our faith, stories from the Bible and the model of Jesus and his life as our guide for our children produces a child who has morals and a conscience. If these are the qualities that you want to build in your child, a Catholic school and a Catholic education is the investment that you need to consider for your family. Cost may be a factor for some families, however this investment that you can provide for your child through Catholic education greatly outweighs the money you will spend. **Catholic Schools truly are dividends for Life.**



## Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated the week of Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> through Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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. See your calendar of events for more information.

## POPS Sock Hop

Get those dancing shoes on and join us on Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup> for our POPS Sock Hop. There will be prizes, root beer floats, and of course dancing. Chuck Lakefield from WROE will be spinning the records and taking requests. Come and enjoy a wonderful family event. It starts at 6:00 pm and goes until 8:00 pm.



## Parent Teacher Conferences

Yes ... Parent Teacher Conferences are right around the corner. Hard to believe! Forms for conferences will be sent home this week. You will have a choice between 2 days for a conference. The conference dates are **Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**. The conferences will be scheduled from 4-7 pm. We will try to honor your requests for a time as best as we can.



## Knights of Columbus Knowledge Contest

The Knights of Columbus will hold their annual Knowledge Contest on **Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>** at St. Mary Elementary School. The contest is open to all students in grades 5 through 8. Some of our 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be participating in this contest. We wish them the very best in their endeavor.

## Registration Process

The registration process for the 2010-11 school year has begun. **The deadline for this process ends on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**. 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



## Catholic Schools Week Assembly

On Thursday during Catholic Schools Week, there will be a school assembly with Master Shane Tassoul from Champions Martial Arts of Appleton with a focus on Showing Respect with Character. This half hour program will introduce the students to Master Tassoul's after school program that the students will have an opportunity to join. More information about the program will be sent home on the Wednesday of Catholic Schools Week. You are cordially invited to join us on **Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm** in the school gymnasium.



## Candlelight Ski Event

Hi TCCES Families! All TCCES families (parents & kids) are invited to the **Candlelight Ski Event on February 12<sup>th</sup> 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).



## SMC Basketball Special Nights



You are invited to be guests of SMC for their special boy's elementary school night. Your ticket was an attachment in Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> newsletter. Come and enjoy some exciting basketball, great prizes, and lots of fun. Help cheer on the Zephyrs to a win. The date is:

- Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> (SMC Boys vs Manty Lutheran)

## 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!



## Willy Wonka Audition Results

Thank you to everyone who auditioned for the musical Willy Wonka. Please check the attachment for all TCCES students that will be participating in this musical. The musical will be held at the UW-Fox Theater Friday, March 19 to Sunday, March 21.

St. Mary's results are:

**Squirrels:** Lilly Griffith, Max Griffith, Lydia Van Rossum, Katya Schumacher, Maddie Alft.

**Candy Man Kids:** Teresa Dold, Emmie Willis, Anna Griffith, Spencer Juchniewich, Mary Ahles, Abigail Thelen, Regan Andersen.

**Oompa-Loompas:** Lucy Griffith, Noelle Schumacher, David Brumbeloe, Melissa Brumbeloe, Ethan Blaney, Morgan Schroeder, Elizabeth Whiting, Sydney Andersen, Elizabeth Lawniczak.