



# 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

Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>

- Preschool Story Time (1-2 pm)

Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>

- State of the Schools Address at St. Mary gymnasium (6:30-7:30 pm)

Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>

- Early Dismissal at 11:30 am

Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>

- TCCES Elementary Band Concert at St. Gabriel School (6:30 pm)

Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>

- POPS Sock Hop



## Happy January Birthdays!

Emma Schumacher	1-9
Joseph Lambie	1-9
Shayla Borchartd	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

Our theme for the Month of January is Spirituality. It seems only fitting and appropriate that during this time of New Year's resolutions and promises that one of the most important things that we can do for our health is improve our spiritual health/well being. Spirituality is the search for God and how this knowledge can bring a more fulfilling and meaningful life to oneself. Sometimes we spend so much time trying to accumulate things and enrich our lives with material things because that will make us happy. When actually once we have obtained part or all of this goal, we find that our life has not improved significantly at all. The thirst for spiritual knowledge leads us to a deeper and more fulfilling understanding of God and our purpose on Earth. This search provides us with an intrinsic sense of calmness and peace that allows us to tackle those life challenges and difficulties with a new feeling of courage and confidence that we may not have had in the past. Our children too, must realize that they have been given life by God, and have been placed on this Earth to be good stewards of God's creation. That can be difficult because their understanding of spirituality may be limited because of their age but it needs to be nurtured now. As we continue through this month of resolutions and good intentions, may we "**put first things first**" as Steven Covey states in his book, **The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People**. What can be more important than the most important thing in our life which is our relationship with God and our spirituality.

### John 14: 6-7

**Jesus said, "I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him."**



## Update of Our Advent Offerings

During the Season of Advent, the students did a wonderful job trying to help others through their donations and good works. We donated 2 large boxes of socks and underwear to the Community Clothes Closet and a check for \$547.73 was sent to the Smile Train Program to assist needy children with cleft palates. In addition, the students sent many wonderful cards with special messages to their classmates and their teachers. Congratulations to the children for preparing themselves for the Christmas gift and spreading the Christmas spirit.



## 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, 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.



## Registration 2010-11

The registration process will begin after the **State of the Schools Address**. This process provides extremely valuable information to the TCCES Board and Mr. Sullivan. Many budgetary decisions are determined using the information provided through the registration process. Therefore, it is very important that your registration information is returned to the school office within the designated time frame. Knowing the projected enrollments for the schools allows Mr. Sullivan and the TCCES Board to make fiscally responsible decisions regarding staffing, class size, and educational supplies. Please help us by returning your registration forms as soon as possible.



## Computer News Update

In Mr. Srnka's computer class, the students in grades 1-5 are practicing keyboarding skills in addition to their regular classroom projects. Attention is being spent on the home row keys. Additional keys will be added as the students' skill level progresses. The programs being used in the class are available on the Internet for no charge. Please have your child practice the beginning lessons on any of these websites:

Kiran's Typing @

<http://www.kiranreddys.com/producs/typing.html>

Dance Mat Typing @

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing>

Nimble Fingers @ <http://www.nimblefingers.com>

Typing Games @ <http://www.freetypinggame.net>

You may want to improve your typing skills too by working with these websites.

## US Cellular Promotion

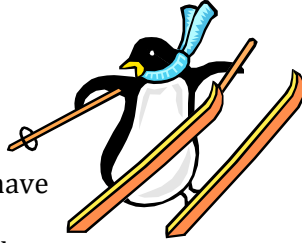
You probably have seen the information about the US Cellular Promotion awarding 10 schools \$100,000. Please consider this wonderful opportunity to help and support our TCCES system with your vote. It is very simple to do. Just stop in the US Cellular stores by Target or the one at the entrance into the Fox River Mall and ask for a voting card. It took me one minute to receive my voting code card and another minute to vote online. What a wonderful present for our school system if we would be awarded the \$100,000. Remember the voting is being directed to St. Mary Central High School but the award will be distributed to all schools in the system. Be sure to use the zip code of **54956** for St. Mary Central High School. The deadline to vote is **January 15, 2010**. We estimate that we will need over 15,000 votes for SMC to qualify. Get out and vote and make a difference!

## IMAJN Mass

IMAJN Liturgies in January and February 2010 will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. Therefore, January dates will be the 10<sup>th</sup> and the 24<sup>th</sup>; February's dates will be the 14<sup>th</sup> and the 28<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars.

## Cross Country Skiing

Did you know that the TCCES system has cross-country skis that your family can use at a very low reasonable rate? We have many sets, ranging in size from kids in about Pre4 through adult men's. This is a great opportunity to try a fantastic family sport that your kids can enjoy throughout their lives. Here are the details. Your family may use the skis as often as you like for a flat rate of only \$40/family (seasonal) or you may opt to pay per outing at \$5/person (\$20 maximum/family). For more details or to reserve skis for your family, call **Heather Higgins at 209-1022 or Molly Griffin at 420-4398**. All money obtained through rentals is used for the maintenance of the equipment.



## St. Mary Central High School's Registration Night - January 13, 2009

SMC's Registration Night for Incoming Freshmen and Transfer Students is on Wednesday, January 13 at 6:30 p.m. Incoming students and their parents will have the opportunity to register for 2010-2011 classes and meet with the SMC Faculty, Administration and Guidance Department. For additional information please call Jennifer Miller, Director of Admissions at 722-7796 x206.

## Catholic Schools Week Volunteers

Information for the Catholic Schools Week celebration will be coming out shortly. One of the wonderful activities of this week is the free breakfast that is provided on **Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>** for all families and parishioners. We will need volunteers to assist in the Breakfast set-up, preparation, and distribution. Please consider providing an hour or two of help.

## BritBeat

Don't miss BritBeat, America's premier tribute to the Beatles, performing live at Waverly Beach! The show, sponsored by Bergstrom Automotive, begins at 8:00 p.m. on **Saturday, January 23**. Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

## TCCES State of the Schools Address and Registration Information for the 2010-2011 School Year

Mr. Michael Sullivan, TCCES President, will present the annual TCCES State of the Schools Address on January 11, 12 and 14. The same presentation will be given each evening. All TCCES parents are encouraged to attend one of these informative presentations. Mr. Sullivan will discuss the steady progress of the TCCES schools, our growing enrollment and the new registration process. In addition, registration packets will be available for 2010-2011 school year. Please join Mr. Sullivan and the TCCES Administration on one of the following evenings:

- **NOTE the date changed.** Due to the Packers playoff game, the meeting is changed to... Thursday, January 14, 2010, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in St. Mary Elementary School's Gymnasium
- Monday, January 11, 2010, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in St. Margaret Mary School's Gymnasium
- Tuesday, January 12, 2010, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in St. Gabriel School's Cafeteria

Please contact Ann Engelhard at [aengelhard@tcces.k12.wi.us](mailto:aengelhard@tcces.k12.wi.us) or 722-7796 ext. 201 for additional information.

## TCCES Elementary Band Concert

Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**! This evening will be the debut of the TCCES Elementary Band. The program this year will be held at St. Gabriel School at 6:30 pm in the school gymnasium. The elementary band is composed of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students from all three TCCES elementary schools. The band is under the direction of Mr. Larry Orth.

