



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, October 28th

- Halloween Party @ 5:30 pm in the gym

Thursday, October 29th

- No School/Diocesan Teacher Inservice

Friday, October 30th

- No School / Long Weekend

Saturday, October 31st

- Halloween
- Daylight Savings Time Ends

Sunday, November 1st

- All Saints Day

Wednesday, November 4th

- Mock Lockdown Practice

Sunday, November 7th

- St. Mary Parish Bazaar

Wednesday, November 11th

- Preschool Story Time @ 1-2

Saturday, November 14th

- Jumbo Gumbo @ Waverly Beach



Happy Birthday!

Kyla Dunaway	10/22
Drew Korth	10/24
Zachary Joseph	10/24

Catholic Identity ... The Environment

Our Catholic environment is not only the physical space and symbols that are present in the school building. It also includes the attitude that is projected by the students while they are present in school. As I watch the students and parents enter the school each day, I see students with smiles entering the building, children running into school to their classroom, students greeting each other and myself, and students holding doors for each other and parents. This is an attitude of respect and recognition of others that should be present in a Catholic school. Yes, there are times when mistakes are made, but forgiveness with contrition does occur to heal those human frailties and those teaching moments create a better attitude. Our faith is reflected to others in those smiles, greetings and examples of courtesy and consideration ... our attitudes. That makes our environment a great place to be.

Luke 19: 45-46

Then Jesus entered the temple area and proceeded to drive out those who were selling things, saying to them, "It is written, 'my house shall be a house of prayer, but you have made it a den of thieves.'"

Smoke Detector Contest

The Neenah/Menasha Fire and Rescue have announced the winners of the **Smoke Detector Contest**. The two students that represented St. Mary Elementary School were Aniah Holbrook and David Brumbeloe. They enjoyed the time having breakfast with the firemen and spending the morning at Fire Station #32 in Neenah on Tuesday, October 20th.



Mock Lockdown Practice



Each month we practice fire drills and other safety precautions to prepare ourselves for emergency situations. On **Wednesday, November 4th** in the afternoon, the staff and students will practice a mock lockdown situation with the assistance of the Menasha Police Department (Officer Jeff Jorgensen). The safety procedure is practiced to ensure that students and staff are aware of what to do in case of a stranger in the building or of a dangerous situation that would develop outside the building. Mark this date on your calendar so that you realize that this is a practice.

POPS Halloween Party

On **Wednesday, October 28th**, POPS has scheduled their annual Halloween Party for the school families. They will provide food, games, and prizes for the families. The party begins at 5:30 pm and goes until 7:00 pm. It is a wonderful event for the children and the parents too. The 5th grade class will be creating their **Haunted Closet**, which is always a big hit with the younger students. POPS does ask that if you are planning to attend please contact the office so they can determine the amount of food they need to purchase. Costumes are optional but they certainly are welcomed. School families that are attending can bring a friend/neighbor to this event.



Mosquito Hill Trip

As part of their study of ecosystems, the students in Mrs. Brandt's 4th grade class had the opportunity to visit Mosquito Hill Nature Center in New London. They observed different flora and fauna of the prairie, wetlands, forest. They also discovered some very interesting facts about the Center's elevation and an interesting bird called the **Belted Kingfisher**. Just ask one of the students about this animal.



Jumbo Gumbo

On **Saturday, November 14th**, TCCES will sponsor their elementary fundraising event called **Jumbo Gumbo at Waverly Beach**. This important event is used to defray some of the costs of the elementary schools. The average cost to educate one student in the TCCES system is over \$4,200. You can see that your tuition only covers a small portion of the whole cost. Jumbo Gumbo is one way that you can help us with this cost differentiation. It is a wonderful night to socialize with friends, meet new ones, enjoy some delicious soups, and listen to some great music. Ticket information will be coming this week. Mark the date, bring a friend, and enjoy a fantastic evening.



Red Ribbon Week

The Student Council is sponsoring "Red Ribbon Week". Red Ribbon Week is an awareness of the dangers of drugs and alcohol can have on ones body and how it can effect their lives. The 5th graders with the assistance of Mrs. Bergstrom and Mrs. Whiting will have a special skit presentation on **Friday, October 23rd** at 2:30 pm in the gym. Parents are invited to join us to kick-off this event. A schedule of activities will be distributed to the classrooms by the 5th graders.



Teacher Conference Thank You

POPS would like to thank the following families that donated items for the Teacher Appreciation Sub Sandwich dinner that the teachers enjoyed on Oct 13th during conferences: Andersen's Dunaway's, Grenell's Hayes, Julius, Korth's, Tines, and Veitch's.

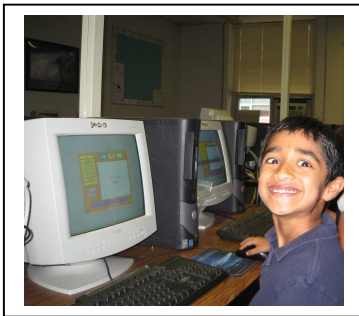
Health Department Update

The Menasha Health Department should be providing all school families with information about the H1N1 vaccine clinic schedule sometime next week. The elementary school children will be scheduled in the late afternoon/early evening at Maplewood Middle School in Menasha. The exact time and date has not been determined. All children must be accompanied by their parent to receive the vaccination. There will be a choice of two vaccines (nasal or injections) at the site. The free vaccines are only for children and other adult targeted populations. If you have questions about the vaccinations, please contact the **Health Department (967-3520)** or your personal physician.



Computer Lab Upgrade

Since late September, the computers in the lab have been running sluggishly and the children have noticed this as they worked. We discovered that the cause was due to new security software that was



taking up more ram. Through the generosity of our POPS group and a St. Mary parishioner, Rose Rippl our computer lab is running at top speed again. Their donations have

allowed us to double our ram amount and add a higher processor to the computer. The children again noticed how quickly they were working. Thank you again to POPS and Mrs. Rose Rippl for this wonderful gift.

Junior Zephyr Basketball Club (JZBC News)

The 5th grade and 7th grade boys and girls teams are still seeking players. Girls should submit registration forms no later than Friday, October 23 and boys no later than Tuesday, December 1.

The JZBC has scheduled 7th and 8th grade girls evaluations / skills / drills at St. Mary Central High School on Monday, October 26 and Wednesday, October 28 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Registration forms, payment and insurance waiver must be turned in to participate

Coaches applications will be accepted until Monday, October 26 for girls' coaches and Friday November 13 for boys' coaches. A few openings are still available.

All forms, applications and contact information can be found at www.tcces.org or by using this link: [Junior Zephyr Basketball Club](#)