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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

Thursday, October 6th

- TCCES Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences

Friday, October 7th

- Feast of the Most Holy Rosary
- Mass @ 8:10 am

Wednesday, October 12th

- Picture Retake Day.

Thursday, October 13th

- TCCES Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences

Thursday, October 20th

- 5th Grade Visit Seton / Seton Open House
- Kindergarten Visit Day

October Birthdays

Jack McMorrow	10-2
Emily Willes	10-6
Lailah John	10-13
Kyla Dunaway	10-22
Drew Korth	10-24
Zachary Joseph	10-24
Julian Kuehn	10-27

Catholic Identity ... The 2nd Commandment

"You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain."

The Month of October is filled with many special feasts and activities. October is usually considered Fire Prevention and Safety month and the local fire departments visit schools. Religiously, October is the month where we recognize our devotion to Mary and the rosary by praying that special prayer. You will also see signs and symbols calling to mind our emphasis on life and the respect for all human life. Our TCCES calendar focus this month is the Second Commandment and the reverence and importance of God's name. Everyday the students and staff begin their day with the Sign of the Cross. This gesture reflects not only the importance that we place upon God in our lives, but also the emphasis that is given to His Holy Name. When parents choose their child's name, much thought is placed into the name that is given. Therefore, if we so value the name we give to our offspring, how much more should we honor and respect the Name of God, who allowed that life to enter the world. It is through God, Creator of all life, that goodness is brought into the world. God even wanted to be more intimate with us by becoming incarnate in Jesus Christ and bringing the Holy Spirit to us. Such acts of overwhelming love for mankind require a respect and reverence for God's name. Through our Baptism, we have become holy and God calls us by our name to act as witnesses of his presence on Earth. Therefore, to dishonor or misuse God's Name in any way is sinful. As St. Paul states in his letter to the Philippians; **"God exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth, and under the earth."**



The Power of Prayer



Our school family will be praying this week for the needs of the Darrow Family, the Kersten Family, and the Finch Family. Please join us as we keep these families in our prayers this week.

Fire & Safety Presentation

As part of Fire Safety Month, the students in Grades 1 through 3 listened to a safety & fire presentation from the **Neenah-Menasha Fire & Rescue Department**. They were shown and practiced how to keep themselves and their family safe in case of a fire. The students were also given a little homework from the fire fighters that involved checking their homes for smoke detectors. Two lucky students who are chosen from the Smoke Detector Contest will have the opportunity to visit Fire Station #32 and eat breakfast with the firemen on **Thursday, October 20th**. Make sure your child's contract form is turned into their homeroom by the end of the week.



Ledgeview Caving

Last week, our TCCES 5th grade students traveled to Ledgeview Nature Center in Chilton to study some geological features in our area. They spent the day studying rock formations, the Niagara Escarpment, and caves. Some people don't know that Wisconsin

does have some very interesting cave formations. Here are some pictures from their trip.



Parent Teacher Conferences

Our 1st Parent Teacher Conference day is scheduled for **Thursday, October 6th**.



Check your calendar to see if you are scheduled to meet with your child's teacher. The final conference day is **Thursday, October 13th**. During your 15-minute block of time, you will be able to discuss with the teacher information about your child's progress and also the MAP Testing results/goals for this year. Results will be given to you at conferences.

We ask that you be punctual and organized with your time block, because other families are scheduled before and after you. Should you need more time to discuss your child, please schedule another time with the teacher. Thank you.

Sprangers Apple Orchard

Last week, our Pre-K students went to Spranger's Apple Orchard. They took a walking tour of the orchard and was able to pick a bag of apples along the way.



On Friday they took some of the apples and made applesauce in class.

Basketball Coaches Needed

Thank you to Mr. Jim Griffith, who has stepped forward to volunteer to coach one of our TCCES boy's teams. We are still in need of another coach or 2 for our teams. Please consider helping coach, it really is a wonderful experience and I think you would enjoy coaching this group of boys. Contact us as soon as possible. **Thank you!**

TCCES Athletic Coordinators
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5th Grade Visit Day/Open House

5th Grade Visit Day October 20th 8:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.:

Fifth Grade Students will have the opportunity to spend the day at Seton, attend middle school classes, and learn about the academics, co-curricular activities and the school atmosphere.

Open House October 20th 6:30 p.m.: Parents of elementary school students interested in learning more about Seton will have the opportunity to tour the school, meet the administration and teachers, and learn about academics, co-curricular activities and the school atmosphere and culture. Please contact Seton Catholic Middle School at 920-727-0279 for additional information on these events.

Fox Cities Marathon Award



Last week, St. Mary Elementary School was informed that they have received the Second Place Award for their student participation in the Kid's Marathon activities several weeks ago. With the second place award comes a \$500 gift certificate to School Specialty. This gift will be given to the homeroom classrooms to purchase something for each room. Thank you to all the parents for allowing your child to participate and gain this gift for our school.

Jumbo Gumbo

Our TCCES fundraising event **Jumbo Gumbo**, is a little over one month away. As the date, **November 12th** gets closer more information will be coming. If you have never gone to this event be sure to mark your calendar because it is a wonderful way to meet other TCCES families and enjoy a great evening of music, food, and fun. Check the TCCES website, www.tcces.org for pictures from last year's event. Also check the poster in the main hallway for information.



Brewfest

Mark your calendar for Brewfest on October 21 from 6:30-10:00 pm at the Holiday Inn, Neenah Riverwalk. We have a fantastic evening planned and are hoping that you are able to attend. For more information visit our event website at www.gabesbrewfest.com. We are looking forward to your continued support and to seeing you and your friends at Brewfest!



Kindergarten Open House

We will be holding a kindergarten visit day on Thursday October 20 starting at 8:00 a.m.. Our PK students will be moving up to kindergarten for some morning activities. Parents and students will have the opportunity to experience classroom activities, meet with administration, tour the building, learn how affordable a TCCES education can be and enjoy a TCCES food service lunch on us!

Food Service News

Attn All Parents:

Anyone that benefited from our free/reduced lunch program in the last school year (2010-11) is automatically included in the program for the **beginning** of this year. However, **after October 7**, anyone that has not completed a new application for this year, or has not received a letter via mail from the food service office stating that benefits will continue this year, will lose the free/reduced benefit. If you feel you still qualify, please complete an application and either mail it to the food service office at 900 Geiger St. or leave at your school office to the attention of Anne Greif. If you need an application, please contact Anne at agreif@tcces.k12.wi.us.

St. Mary Central High School Open House

Wednesday, October 13 at 6:30 p.m.

SMC is inviting all Middle School Parents and Students to attend an Open House on October 19 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary Central High School, The faculty, administration and students will be providing tours of the school and present information about academics, one-to-one laptop program, co-curricular activities, school atmosphere, and scholarship and tuition assistance. Please contact St. Mary Central High School (920-722-7796) for additional information.

Special Concert

St. John and St. Mary Parishes are sponsoring a concert by **Mark Forrest, and internationally known Irish Tenor** at Lawrence University Chapel on **Sunday, October 9 at 1:00 p.m.** Tickets are available at the parish office. Click [here](#) for additional information.