



# 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, November 4<sup>th</sup>

- Mock Lockdown Practice
- POPS meeting @ 6:30

### Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>

- St. Mary Parish Bazaar

### Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

- Preschool Story Time @ 1-2
- Veteran's Day Celebration @ the Library

### Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>

- Jumbo Gumbo @ Waverly Beach



## Happy November Birthdays!

Elizabeth Oldenburg	11/01
Samantha Veitch	11/05
MacKenzie Hayes	11/12
Nyla Albrecht	11/17
Noah Kindness	11/20
Preston Kindness	11/20
Grecia Vera	11/21
Katie Krautkramer	11/22
Ethan Blaney	11/28

## Catholic Identity ... Community

It seems hard to believe but we have begun the month of November. Our Catholic Identity focus for this month is community. As a community of faith, we, as Catholics center our spiritual life on the Eucharist and the Liturgy. For that reason, it is very important that we attend with our children the celebration of Mass every week. As I attend Mass on Sunday, I am always amazed at the examples of community that I am witness to. Every Sunday, I see an elderly couple who have celebrated the sacrament of marriage for 40 plus years, and the young couple with their newborn just beginning their journey, sitting directly behind each other, and sharing in the celebration of the Eucharist and other life stories. During the past decade, attendance at Mass has declined. I am not sure what reasons/excuses individuals give for not sharing in their Catholic faith, but I do know that my family has been blessed with many gifts and my wife and I have chosen to use our Sunday Mass participation to thank God for those blessings/gifts and being a part of our life.

## The words from the Gospel of John (6: 51,54, 56) explain the promise from God for us.

**"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day."**



## 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 and this event is one way to balance this discrepancy. It is a wonderful night to socialize with friends, meet new ones, enjoy some delicious soups, and listen to some great music (Vic Ferrari and others). **Tickets are \$50/person but that price includes 3 \$10 chances in the drawings.** Who knows you may walk away from the evening with a \$4,000 home makeover, a 42" flat screen TV, or \$1,000 in cash. Mark the date, bring a friend, and enjoy a fantastic evening while supporting the school system. Another way to support the school system without attending the event is to purchase or sell tickets for the drawings. **Tickets are \$10 apiece and you don't have to be present to win.** Contact the school office for more information.



## 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball

A reminder to 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade parents: The 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade Saturday Morning Basketball Skills Program begins **this Saturday, November 7th at St. Margaret Mary School** and runs from 8:30-10:00 a.m. If your child is interested in joining please return the sign-up form to school as soon as possible. Additional sign-up forms will be available Saturday morning at St. Margaret Mary.

## Owl Pellet Dissection

Last week, Mrs. Bergstrom's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class had the opportunity to dissect an owl pellet as part of their science curriculum. An owl pellet is the regurgitated, indigestible remains of the prey of an owl. Although it may sound a little gross, the students were able to learn a lot. They can even tell you the name of the prey the owl ate and prove it scientifically.

## Parish Bazaar Weekend

On Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Parish Craft Sale in the gym from 9 am to 2 pm. The next day, St. Mary Parish will celebrate their annual Parish Bazaar. This celebration includes a delicious chicken dinner that begins at 10:00 am and continues to serve until 1:00 pm. The dinner will be served in the Parish Hall. Beginning around 10 am, the parish will begin their silent auction, stage raffles, and children games in the gymnasium. Come and support the parish and enjoy the festivities. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the Parish Office. You do not have to be present to win. There will be 17 winners in the raffle.

## Asbestos Inspection Notification

St. Mary Elementary School is inspected annually for their compliance with the state requirements regarding asbestos management. The building has been found compliant in all areas of their asbestos maintenance plan. A report has been submitted to the State of Wisconsin Division of Public Health. The abatement/maintenance plan along with the inspection reports are on file in the parish office.



## Job Opening

Mount Tabor, a growing youth retreat center, has an opening for an Administrative Assistant. Responsibilities for this 20-hour per week position include scheduling retreats, coordinating the center's activities, and general office procedures. We are seeking an individual who communicates well and has a working knowledge of Microsoft applications. A positive, hard-working, faith-filled Catholic is preferred. E-mail your resume and references to [edenfoord@sbcglobal.net](mailto:edenfoord@sbcglobal.net) or phone (920 722-8918).

Eden Foord, Director-Mount Tabor Center

## **Veteran's Day Celebration**

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade class has been invited by the Veteran's Auxiliary of Menasha to participate in the annual Veteran's Day Event on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. The recognition ceremony will take place at the Menasha Library beginning at 10:55 am. The students will be offering a prayer and leading everyone in several patriotic songs.

## **SMC Zephyr Players**

The SMC Fine Arts Department proudly presents their fall musical, "All Shook Up". This play is a story from the Elvis Presley era. Tickets can be ordered from [www.showtix4you.com](http://www.showtix4you.com). By purchasing tickets through this site, you can pick your seat. The play will be performed on the following nights.

**Wednesday November 4<sup>th</sup>: 7:00 pm (Senior reception @ 6:00 pm)**

**Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>: 7:00 pm**

**Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>: 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm**

**Ticket Prices: Adults \$10 and Senior citizens & students \$6**

Contact the SMC Office (722-7796) for more details.

## **SMC Technology and Engineering Club (TEC) Open House**

**Tuesday, November 17** (please note this is a change from the TCCES calendar)

**6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

**SMC TEC building** (next to Zephyr field)

Come see the SMC TEC team in action! They are busy preparing their robotics projects and VEX tournament planning. The VEX Robotics competition is a unique varsity type sport for the mind designed to get high school students excited about math, science, technology, and engineering. **All are welcome!**

## **POPS Halloween Party**

A big thank you to everyone who participated in the POPS Annual Halloween Party held last week. Through the comments received, this family event was a huge success. A very special thank you goes out to the organizing committee; Mrs. Kay Gil, Mr. Pat Gil, Mrs. Gina Tully, Mrs. Tara Albrecht, Mrs. Della Scovronski, Mrs. Liz Korth, and her parents Ellen & Kim Vanderhyden, Mr. Eric Long, and the other volunteers, Ted and Wendy Kersten, Charlene Brumbeloe, Jenny Julius, Jason Krema, Jennifer Lambie, Don Tully, Michael Murphy, Brian Gullickson, Erin McCann, Sue & Pete Thelen, Mindi Dunaway, Jenny Whiting, Mike Van Rossom, Darin & Terri Schroeder, Jennifer Sicard, Tristan Tully and the SMC volunteers. This event is certainly a wonderful example of how our POPS group works together to provide for our school community. If you would like to volunteer some of your time to help ... contact the school office or any of the above individuals. Below are a few examples of the fun and excitement.

TCCES My photos from the party have been uploaded to the TCCES Shutterfly site and can be viewed using the Shutterfly icon from the TCCES homepage or this link:

<http://stmarycentraltccesphotos.shutterfly.com/>

Nyla Albrecht takes a big bite of fun!



Nathan Gil and Bryn Korth share a moment!



## Principal of the Day

Last Wednesday, Mr. Buss received an extra hand at school. Samantha Veitch was the Principal for the Day. Samantha was not only a student but she also assumed some of Mrs. Buss's tasks. Samantha received this great opportunity through the magazine sale.



## End of the Quarter

Your child's first quarter progress report will be sent home on **Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**. You will notice a few additions to the report as we begin to transition to a skills based reporting system. Different subject areas will show the skill area along with a development level that they have achieved over the course of the first nine weeks. Should you have any questions regarding your child's report, please contact the homeroom teacher.



## TCCES Food Service News

In these tough and challenging economic times, please know that we offer free and reduced price lunches for those who qualify. You may fill out an application form at any school or contact the TCCES Food Service Office at 967-0107. If you did not qualify before, but your employment status has changed recently, you may want to consider this option for your child/ren. This is a federally subsidized program and all information provided is kept confidential.

Lynn Graves, TCCES Food Service Director