



ST. MARY

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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, February 4th

- School Assembly on Responsibility @ 2 pm

Wednesday, February 10th

- Preschool Story Time @ 1:00 pm

Thursday, February 11th

- Parent Teacher Conferences from 4-7 pm

Saturday, February 13th

- Winter Escape Event @ Germania Hall

Tuesday, February 16th

- Parent Teacher Conferences from 4-7 pm

Wednesday, February 17th

- Ash Wednesday/Liturgy @ 8:15

February Birthday Wishes!

Margaret Oldenburg 2-4

Connor Trader 2-7

Michael Fairweather 2-7

Ashton Post 2-7

Sydney Andersen 2-9

Rebecca Schultz 2-14

Charlie Ogden 2-18

TJ Skrzypczak 2-23

Bryn Korth 2-24

Max McParlon 2-26

Mason McParlon 2-26

Catholic Identity ... Scripture

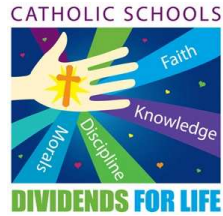
For Catholics the source of authority ... the source of God's revelation is **tradition and scripture**. Our Catholic identity theme for this month is **Scripture**. In education, we delve into subjects such as math, geometry, language, science and other subjects to gather knowledge about our world to become better equipped to live and function in our complex society. In matters of our faith, we rely on **Scripture**, the written word of God to reveal his plan for us and the world at large. In order to understand the mysteries of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and the blueprint for our salvation, we turn to Scripture. The Bible is one source of God's revelation. It is the written Word as revealed to man from oral tradition and history. Our Bible is composed of 73 books ... 46 of these books are found in the Old Testament and 27 books are found in the New Testament. The Old Testament is the story of the people of God before the birth of Jesus Christ. It includes the Pentateuch (first 5 books) or Torah (Jewish tradition), which tells the story of the beginning of the relationship between God and his people. This story is the experience of being lead from the slavery of sin to freedom. The next books of the Old Testament are books of the history of Israel (their Kings and Judges). The Old Testament closes with books of wisdom and Psalms. The New Testament is the story of the Christian experience from the time of Jesus to the early church. Our New Testament is composed of the Gospels, the Acts of the Apostles, the Letters (communications of the early church) and Revelation. During this month of February, I ask that you take the time to open your Bible and read or reread some of the stories with your children. Your child may even have a favorite story that they would like to read. Allow God to enrich the lives of you and your family through the Scriptures. You may be pleasantly surprised with the results.



Twin City Catholic
Educational System

Catholic Schools Week

Thank you to all the parents and students who helped us on Sunday with our special Catholic Schools Week liturgy and breakfast. It was wonderful to see all the help we had and all the donations of food that we received.



Many of the elderly parishioners commented on the wonderful breakfast and how polite the children who waited on the tables were. A special thanks goes out to Bob and Cindy Gloede for chairing this effort. Our t-shirt table was a huge hit this year, thank you to Shannon Hayes and Gina Tully. After viewing the support that is present for this effort, it reminds me that our school is blest with some great families and great students. Catholic schools truly are dividends for life.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Please make sure that you return your Parent Teacher Conference form by this **Friday, February 5th**.

The conference dates are

Thursday, February 11th and

Tuesday, February 16th from 4-7 pm,

and we would like to send the confirmation times out early next week.



Knights of Columbus Knowledge Contest

The Knights of Columbus will hold their annual Knowledge Contest on **Saturday, February 6th** at St. Mary Elementary School. Some of our 5th grade students will be participating in this event. In the Spelling category, we will have Sophia Dionne, Kennedi Calmes and Joe Stinski. Those participating in the Math category are Ryan Murray, Katelyn Gullickson and Cecilia Krautkramer. We wish them the very best on their endeavor.

Area Soccer Club

Registrations are now being accepted for Summer 2010 teams

We are accepting registrations for players on Recreational and Competitive teams U-4 thru U-19

Registration form and additional Information available from the Club website:

www.MenashaAreaSoccerClub.com

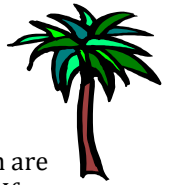
Registration Process

The registration deadline ends this Friday, February 5th. I remind you about this date to save you money. Next week the registration fee increases and your position for receiving 1st priority for grants and assistance will be lessened. I encourage you to get the registration materials in by Friday for that reason and also to help us in our planning process. Times are such that we need to be very fiscally responsible in our decision making to ensure viability of our Catholic school system. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Winter Escape Fundraiser

Beat those winter blues and doldrums by attending our Winter Escape event on **Saturday, February 13, 2010 at Germania Hall**. Tickets for the dinner and silent auction are available through the parish or school office. If you are unable to attend the event, please consider purchasing some raffle tickets. You do not have to be present to win in the raffle. The raffle includes cash, gas, and grocery gift cards. Check the school office to see some of the items that are available in the silent auction. All proceeds will benefit the parish and the school. There is only a week and a half left!



Candlelight Ski Event

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



A New Addition

A very special congratulations goes out to the **Voigt** Family, Trisha and Corey on their new addition to their family. Last Friday, Trisha gave birth to a baby girl Clara. She weighed 7 lbs 14 oz and 20-3/4". Josie and her little sister Elsie are enjoying the new addition.

Student Council

The officers for the 3rd quarter have been chosen. They are:

President: Joe Stinski
Vice President: Casyn Bowers
Secretary: Melissa Brumbeloe
Treasurer: Ryan Murray
Buyers: Sophia Dionne & Cecilia Krautkramer



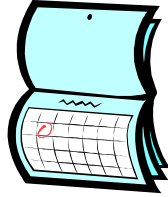
St. John's 3 on 3 Tournament

Students in grades 3-5 are invited to participate in the St. John's 3 on 3 Tournament. The tournament will be held on Sunday, March 7th. Deadline for registrations is Wednesday, February 24th. The fee is \$60/team. Questions should be directed to Chris at 727-1551 or chris@sportsgraphicsllc.com.



TCCES Calendar Updates

Here are a few TCCES calendar updates that you should be aware of for February and March.



- **February 17th** – Lent begins with Ash Wednesday Liturgy. The school will be attending Mass at 8:15 am on this day. There will not be a Thursday school liturgy this week.
- **February 19-22nd** – This is our Winter break weekend. There will be no school on Friday or Monday. We will return on Tuesday, February 23rd.
- **March 26th** – This date has been changed to a full day off for the students (no school). Teachers will have a full day of in-service.
- **March 29th** – Kindergarten Screening Day for those children entering Kindergarten in the Fall of 2010. More information will be provided in future newsletters.

TCCES Parent Surveys

TCCES emailed out school specific parent surveys on Monday, Feb 1. If you did not receive a survey, please contact Ann Engelhard, TCCES Director of Advancement at aengelhard@tcces.k12.wi.us or 722-7796 ext. 201 and she will forward a survey to you. These surveys will be available until Monday, Feb. 8.

The surveys will provide the administrators, principals and staff with vital information about our schools and programs. Please take a couple of moments and share your thoughts and opinions with us. Your feedback is tremendously important as we plan and prepare for the future.

TCCES 3rd and 4th Grade Basketball

During the months of November through January, our 3rd & 4th graders were taught the skills of basketball on Saturday mornings. Thank you to Sal Vitale and Joseph Gruse for their wonderful work.



The Sock Hop

Thank you to everyone who helped in making our POPS Sock Hop event a wonderful time for the children. A special thank you to Angie Juchniewich and Julie Dionne for chairing this event and all the other volunteers. We will be looking for 2 individuals to chair this event next year. Contact the school office if this is something you would like to do.



Box Top for Education

From the Box Tops for Education Coordinator: Has the cold weather got you started thinking about Spring Break? You can book your travel and earn money for our school through the Box Tops for Education program. Box Tops has teamed up with top travel web sites such as Expedia, Hotels.com, United vacations, Choice Hotels, and Southwest vacations. Simply start your on-line travel booking by entering the BoxTops4Education.com website and going to Shop Marketplace or click on the following link:

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