



# 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.*

### Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>

- School Liturgy @ 8:10 am

### Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>

- Elementary Conferences 4-7 pm

### Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>

- Knights of Columbus Knowledge Contest
- Winter Escape Event

### Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>

- POPS Roller Skating Party @ 5:30-7:30 pm

### Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>

- Ash Wednesday Liturgy @ 8:10 am
- Lent Begins

### Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>

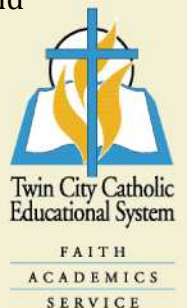
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### February Birthdays

Noelle Anderson	2/3
Hope Dunaway	2/4
Maggie Oldenburg	2/4
Ashton Post	2/7
Sydney Andersen	2/9
Rebecca Schultz	2/14
Brianna Beyer	2/17
Charles Ogden	2/18
McKenzie Malenofski	2/19
TJ Skrzypczak	2/23
Bryn Korth	2/24

### Catholic Identity ... The 6<sup>th</sup> Commandment, "You shall not commit adultery."

In the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vatican Council was a major event in the life of the Church and Pope Paul VI was instrumental in leading the Church through that very difficult time. One of the major stances that Pope Paul and the Council emphasized was the importance of family in the life of the Church and society. It is through the family that society and the Church obtain their existence. Two of the greatest issues that we face today that destroy the foundation of a Christian family are divorce and abortion. Both of these practices are related to the Commandment that we focus upon this month. The Catechism states that God created both male and female in his likeness and in doing so, He gave equal dignity to both man and woman. This commandment lays the foundation for respect and acceptance of men and women's sexual identity. Under this commandment we view areas of chastity, fidelity, the love of husband and wife for each other, and the procreative act of love to further the Church and society. These are huge issues that our children face in our society today. Just last week, the government and the current Administration informed the Catholics of the world that certain 1<sup>st</sup> amendment rights might be directed by the government. Our children need to experience role models of fidelity and respect for the dignity of both male and female sexuality. Mothers and fathers are the first teachers of this commandment to their children. It is not an easy issue to present to them, but the alternative of them finding answers to their questions through a secular means is certainly not acceptable.





### The Power of Prayer

The St. Mary student body and staff will be praying this week for the needs, desires, and concerns of the following families: **David & Meghan Pauly (Breelyn – Pre 3), Russ & Wendy Kobs (Sophie – Gr 2), and Kasey Moede & Paul Brantmier (Charlea – Gr 1)**. Please join us as we keep these families in our prayers this week.

We also pray throughout the week for our sister school ... **St. Claire in Wrightstown.**

### Student Council Officers

Congratulations to the students who were chosen to represent their class and the school for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. The following students were chosen.

- President:** Emma Nutini
- Vice-President:** Julian Vera
- Secretary:** Max VanRossum
- Treasurer:** Jonathan Joseph
- Store Buyers:** TJ and Joseph Porter



May the Holy Spirit guide you with your choices.



### POPS Roller Skating Party

Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>!** Our POPS group has scheduled our annual Roller Skating Party. It will be held at Fox Valley

Roller Rink in Neenah (Gillingham Road). The party will begin at **5:30 pm and go until 7:30 pm**. It is a wonderful event for both young and old. See you there!



### Registration for 2012-13

The early registration window for 2012-13 school year ends on **Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**. After that date, the registration fee increases to **\$75** per student. These early registration numbers are very important to the TCCES Board and Administration. It allows TCCES to make sound and crucial fiscal decisions involving staffing and other budgetary needs for the schools. To you, it provides a lower registration fee (\$50) and guarantees that those families who are seeking assistance are on the top of the list. Thank you in advance for your help in making our decisions easier.

### Tuition Voucher Announcement



Here is some exciting news for prospective families in your neighborhood. The Catholic radio station, **Relevant Radio** is offering a special tuition voucher to families interested in entering a Catholic school.

Certain schools in the Fox Valley have been chosen by Relevant Radio to participate in this special offering and **St. Mary Elementary School** is one of those participating schools. Details of this offering can be found on Relevant radio's website, [www.relevantradio.com](http://www.relevantradio.com). If you are aware of some families who are interested in attending our school at a reduced rate for one year, please share this information with them.

### TCCES Food Service Positions Available

TCCES Food Service is currently accepting applications for sub positions. This is a fun way to spend some time at your child or grandchild's school and earn a little extra money. Typical hours would be 9a.m-1p.m. It is an on-call position with no guaranteed hours. However, this allows you to choose when to work. Please send resumes to TCCES Food Service 900 Geiger St. Neenah, WI 54956 or contact Lynn Graves at [lgraves@tcces.k12.wi.us](mailto:lgraves@tcces.k12.wi.us) or 920.967.0107 to set up an interview.



## The Ship is set to Sail! don't miss it!

"Skipper" Buss says ALL HANDS ON DECK!

**The school needs your support!** And what do we have to offer? Fun, Food and Drinks! Our Winter Escape is a fun and exciting event and it's only \$15.00 a ticket. The evening consists of



karaoke, games with chances to win a 13" flat screen TV, beer and raffles with chances to win a \$600 camera, \$500 laptop or a football autographed by Jordy Nelson. There is also the ever so popular silent auction featuring craft projects made by each class (See the attachment for a preview of these amazing projects.) and many items donated from local businesses. Please invite your family and friends to join our fearless crew! This is a great social event offering you an opportunity to meet your child's friend's parents! The best part of the evening is that the monies made from this event benefit your child's education at St Mary's. You may purchase your tickets anytime in the school office from Deb "Maryann" Schultz. If you are unable to come to join us at our Winter Escape event Saturday, February 18th, please consider purchasing the raffle tickets that were sent home 2 weeks ago.



## Scrip Information Clarification

Families have been asking questions about when can they begin to receive "scrip" credits toward their tuition. The answer is simple. Once you have registered or enrolled your child

in the TCCES system, you can begin to purchase "scrip" and receive credit off your tuition. Here is another good reason to get your registration in now. **Remember that orders need to be received by Wednesday before noon and pick-up is the following Thursday.** I would encourage all families to take advantage of this option to lower your tuition costs.



## Reach Counseling Program

Our **Protective Behaviors Program** is scheduled for **February 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Your child's program schedule is listed below.

8:30 - 9:15:	3rd & 4th grade
9:15 - 10:00:	5th grade
10:00 - 10:30:	1st grade
10:30 - 11:00:	Kindergarten
12:30 - 1:15:	2nd grade

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office.



## Parent Teacher Conferences

The TCCES elementary schools have scheduled **Parent Teacher Conferences** for two consecutive **Thursdays, February 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Forms

to schedule a conference have been sent home and were due last Friday. Please look over your conference options, select one and return to school as soon as possible.

Specialists' schedules for conferences in our building are as follows:

Art:	2/23 from 5:45-7:00 pm
Band:	2/16 from 5:45 7:00 pm
Computer:	2/23 from 6:15-7:00 pm
Music:	2/23 from 5:45-7:00 pm
Phy Ed:	2/16 from 3:30 -5:30 pm
Spanish:	2/16 from 5:45-7:00 pm

## TCCES Advancement Request



If you have taken any photos of school events this year, please share them on the TCCES page of Shutterfly! All you have to do is click on this link: [TCCES Shutterfly](#) and download your photos to the appropriate school's page. Thank you for your assistance.

## The Season of Lent

The Season of Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday** liturgy on **February 22<sup>nd</sup>**. We will celebrate liturgy at **8:10 am**. You are cordially invited to attend and celebrate Mass with us on that day. **Remember, as adults, we are expected to refrain from meat on that day.** More information about our school Lenten journey will be provided in future newsletters.



### Attention 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Girls

Any 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade girl who has an interest the game of volleyball, our Intramural Volleyball Program is about to begin.

Information (**sign-up sheet & waiver**) for this intramural program can be found as attachments to this newsletter. The sign-up and waiver forms are due back to school by **Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**. The program will run during the months of March and April at St. Mary Elementary School.



## Son-Sational Summer

Son-Sational Summer is TCCES summer childcare program. In its ninth year, this faith-based day camp program is for children 5 to

13 years old. A variety of scheduling options are offered to allow families the flexibility to meet their individual needs. Children participate in field trips, arts and crafts, drama, music, sports, picnics, foreign language and many more activities linked to age-appropriate faith development. Enthusiastic, certified teachers will lead the children in a variety of activities and explorations. Click here to see the [latest brochure and registration form](#).