



# 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

Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>

- Pre-K trip to Springstroh Farms

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- May Crowning – 2 pm

Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>

- 4<sup>th</sup> grade trip to State Capitol

Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>

- City Track & Field Day at Calder Stadium (Gr 4-5)

Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

- Pre-school & Pre-K trip to Special Memory Zoo

Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>

- Year end Bay Beach trip



## May Birthday Wishes!

Katie Julius	5-3
Anna Latreille	5-5
Joseph Porter	5-7
Emma Keddell	5-7
Taja John	5-8
Kennedi Calmes	5-18
Regan Andersen	5-21
Morgan Schroeder	5-25
Melissa Brumbeloe	5-27
Kaley Keddell	5-28
Eli Darrow	5-31
Charlie Alft	5-31
Jackson Kuehn	5-31
Leah Forget	5-31

## Catholic Identity ... Mission

In the Gospel message from this past Sunday (**John 14: 15-31**), Jesus reminds us that after his Ascension into heaven he will send the Holy Spirit to assist us and bring peace to our lives. All we have to do is live the mission that Jesus established while he walked the earth and preached to his people. That mission is if you love me, you will keep my commandments ... love God with your whole heart and love your neighbor as yourself. These might be very simple words yet very difficult to accomplish in our present world unless we have faith and courage to practice our calling. There is a clever saying that you may have heard before ... **... No Jesus No Peace, however, to Know Jesus is to Know Peace.** If we want to battle life without a sense of faith or a presence of Jesus in our lives there will be no "peace" in your life. However, if one embraces the mission of our faith and develops a relationship with Jesus, peace does come into your life. You will always have struggles that will have to be dealt with but the security in knowing that God is there allows us to carry on to that next day.

## Matthew 17:24-27

**"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, then he will repay everyone according to his conduct."**



## TCCES Elementary Band Honors

The TCCES Elementary Band competed in the Fox Valley Band Festival at Fox Valley Lutheran High School over this past weekend. The band under the direction of Mr. Orth received a 1<sup>st</sup> place rating for their performance. They played 2 selections for the judges



and were given a high rating in 6 categories. Congratulations to them and Mr. Orth for representing our school system very well.



Mr. Orth sent home a form on Monday for any interested 3<sup>rd</sup> grader that would like to begin band next school year. The form is also attached to the Buss Trip newsletter e-mail.

Before the end of the school year, Mr. Orth will be visiting the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class to determine their interest in being members of next year's band.

## Mass in the Park

You are invited to join the members of St. John's, St. Mary's, and St. Patrick's Parishes for a special liturgy on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. It is their annual Mass in the Park followed by a brunch. The Mass will be at 10:00 am at Jefferson Park. The price for the brunch is \$7 for adults, \$4 for children (12 and under), and Family Pass for \$20. Check you email attachments for more information. Tickets must be purchased in advance to attend the brunch and are available in the parish offices.



## Transportation Information

Just a quick reminder to all St. Mary families who are eligible for public transportation next year, your transportation agreement form is due to the school office. The handbook along with the agreement form was sent in last week's mailing. This information must be completed and on file in the school before students will be able to ride. Thank you for your attention to this matter.



## The Rat River Experience

The students in Mrs. Brandt's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class traveled to Rat River in the Winchester area last week to study conservation. They spent the morning examining soils, checking water quality samples, observing the effects of erosion, and identifying the flora and fauna of the area.



## National Children's Theatre

The National Children's Theatre from Minneapolis represented by Joe and Aaron presented the program, **Mission, It's Possible** to the



student body. The program explained to the children important concepts related to electricity usage and conservation. The actors did a wonderful job entertaining as well as teaching the students.



## SMC Girls Soccer Grade/Middle School Night

SMC invites you to attend Grade/Middle School Night on Monday, May 17, 2010 as the SMC Girls Soccer Team challenges Kewaunee at 7:00 p.m.

Each student will receive a coupon for a beverage and popcorn and be entered in a drawing for some great prizes.

## Save this Date

Seton Catholic Middle School will host their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual **Meet Me in the Middle** event on **Saturday, September 11, 2010 at 7:00 pm** on the Terrace at Miron Construction Company in Neenah. Mark your calendar!

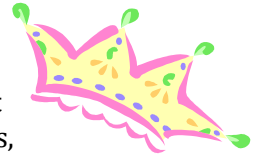
## City Track and Field Day



Next Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, the students in grades 4 and 5 will participate in the annual City Track and Field Day at Calder Stadium. The students will compete in field events as well as sprints and relays. You are cordially invited to attend this event. The program begins at 9:00 am at Calder.

## May Crowning

Our May Crowning prayer service will be held on **Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm in church**. Fourth graders, **Mason McParlon and MacKenzie Weber** will represent the student body in the crowning portion of prayer service. Please join us for this special prayer service. It is a wonderful way to end the week and begin the weekend.



## Zephyr Hoopla 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

Mark your calendars for August 7<sup>th</sup>. The SMC Booster Club is hosting their first annual 3 on 3-basketball tournament for 3-12 grade students in the SMC outdoor lot. Click [here](#) for more information and registration form. You won't want to miss this fun event!



Thank You ... POPS

Last week the teachers, staff, and myself were treated to a fantastic Appreciation Week. The meals and special little treats throughout the week were very much appreciated. It truly is a pleasure and a privilege to teach your children. I talk about Catholic Identity and you demonstrated it. Thank you!