



# 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

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

Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>

- Liturgy @ 8:30 am
- Early Dismissal/Summer Vacation begins @ 11:30 am

## May Birthday Wishes!

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|-------------------|------|
| 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 |

## June/July Summer Birthdays

|                   |      |
|-------------------|------|
| Molly Manderfield | 6-3  |
| Ethan Tines       | 6-3  |
| Ava Crema         | 6-13 |
| Sophia Grenell    | 6-14 |
| Julian Vera       | 6-21 |
| Lydia VanRossum   | 6-21 |
| Paul Nutini       | 6-22 |
| Emma Nutini       | 7-1  |
| Alex Albrecht     | 7-2  |
| Billy Walsh       | 7-2  |

## Catholic Identity ... Mission

**Our mission in life is two-fold. First, it is to be the best role model of Jesus to the world through our words and actions. Secondly, being that role model, we try to impact the world to make it a better place. This mission can take a few months or years. This past weekend, the TCCES family lost Brandon Willems. A little less than a year ago, Brandon's mission was to complete his work at SMC and begin a new challenge at the University of Wisconsin in Madison in the fall. Today, God has called back his servant Brandon, because in his short life span, he was able to touch the lives of many and complete his mission. We don't always understand the plan that God has for us, however there is a plan and it is God's not ours. As I read from the Caring Bridge excerpts, I was drawn to how Brandon was able to unite a community to do the work of God with very few words. It is very unfortunate that it takes a tragedy to call people to Christ's mission. In a world where one usually sees "wants" taking priority over "needs", Brandon's life caused everyone to look to others as opposed to themselves. Many people who were not at the hospital offered prayers or wrote messages on the website to show their heart felt concern for Brandon and the Willems family. We will never know what God's plan for Brandon was to be, but I offer this thought ... maybe through his short life, others will be touched to make their mission to be more Christ like to the world as Brandon was to all of us.**

## Matthew 25: 21

**"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy."**



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## Madison Capitol Trip

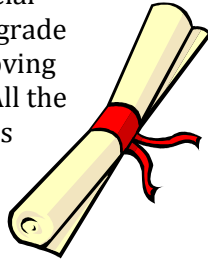
The 4<sup>th</sup> grade students had a wonderful time visiting the State Capitol. Representative Dean Kaufert took some time from his busy day to talk to the children at the end of their tour.

Afterwards the students visited the city zoo to view a "Birds' of Prey" presentation. For some students this was their first opportunity to view the Capitol.



## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition Liturgy

Next week our liturgy celebration will change to **Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am**. This special liturgy is geared to recognizing our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students who will be leaving us and moving on to the challenges of Middle School. All the 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents will be present for this liturgy, but other parents are certainly welcome to join us. After the liturgy, there will be a luncheon/recognition program for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade families in the Activity Room. Every year the 4<sup>th</sup> grade parents plan this event for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade families.



## Springstroh Dairy Farm

After studying about farms and farm animals, what better thing to do is to visit a real farm. That is exactly what the Pre-K group did last week. They were able to see cows being milked and find out what a real farmer does throughout the day.

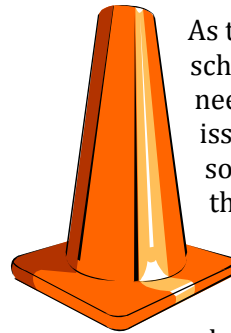


## May Crowning

Last Friday, we celebrated our May Crowning Prayer Service. It was a beautiful way to close our week and begin our weekend.



## Dismissal Safety



As the weather gets warmer and the after school events schedule gets fuller, we need to remember some of the safety issues about dismissal time. I realize that some are in a hurry to get home, but that rushing can sometimes lead to accidents if we are not careful. Allow me to explain. At dismissal, Second Street is extremely busy with traffic and with some cars moving more quickly than others. Therefore, children should always be picked up from the curb on the school side. Please do not ask your child/ren to walk in between cars or cross the street in the middle of the street. Always use the cross walks. It may take a little longer but it guarantees that children are a lot safer when leaving school. The last couple weeks, I have noticed more incidents of this kind. Take your time and enjoy are spring like weather.

## 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.



## Future Seton Families

### Attention 5th Grade families Attending Seton

We are having a planning meeting on Wednesday, June 9th at 7:00pm for this year's Meet Me in the Middle Fundraiser. MMITM is a fun evening of music, martini tasting and fundraising held at Miron Construction and is a great opportunity to connect with other Seton parents. This year's event will be held Sept. 11. We welcome new ideas and fresh faces to help raise money for Seton Catholic Middle School. Please contact Marsha Britt [mbritt@new.rr.com](mailto:mbritt@new.rr.com) or Jennifer Miller at [jmiller@tcces.k12.wi.us](mailto:jmiller@tcces.k12.wi.us) if you can attend and for meeting address.

## Track and Field Day



Congratulations to the students in Grades 4-5 who

participated in the annual Track and Field Day at Calder Stadium. Thank you to Miss Loughrin for preparing the students during their gym classes. All students received ribbons for their efforts.



## Menasha BIKE Program

How would you like to earn a free bike, helmet, and lock? The **Believing in Kids Efforts (BIKE)** sponsored by a group of Menasha organizations, will provide any child between the ages of 10-14 with a free bike if he or she completes 15 hours of community service between June 7th through July 31st. The quantity of bikes is limited, so plan now. Please checkout the flyer in your email for more information. For more information call Barb Taylor at 967-3530.



## May Moments with Mom

Mrs. Bowen's Preschool had a wonderful time creating little treasures for their Moms for Mother's Day. They made rosaries and flowers with mom and also enjoyed juice and cookies.



## Zephyr Hoopla 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

Mark your calendars for August 7th. 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!



## VIRTUS Training Dates

The TCCES system has scheduled several VIRTUS training sessions for our area. If you are in need of obtaining this training for volunteer service in our school system, mark down these dates. Sister Mary Arnoldussen will hold both training sessions at St. John's in Menasha. The dates are **Saturday, August 7th from 9-12 noon** and **Saturday, September 18th from 9-12 noon**. Please remember if you want to do any volunteer work in school involving the children, this is a Diocesan and TCCES requirement.



## Save this Date

Seton Catholic Middle School will host their 3rd 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 you calendar!