



# 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, September 15<sup>th</sup>

- Pinnacle Picture Day

Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>

- Mass @ 8:10 am
- POPS Magazine Sale Kickoff
- Fox City Marathon Kids Fun Run @ 5pm

Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>

- VIRTUS Training Session @ SMC from 9-12 noon
- Quarry Quest

Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

- World Peace Day

Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

- 1:15 early dismissal



### September Birthdays

Sophia Kobs	9-11
Lainey Becker	9-12
Max VanRossum	9-13
Josie Voigt	9-13
Lilly Griffith	9-15
Anna Griffith	9-22
John Romnek	9-23
Cullin Hayes	9-25
Aniah Holbrook	9-26

### Catholic Identity ... The 1<sup>st</sup> Commandment

**"I am the Lord your God; you shall not have strange gods before Me."**

This past Sunday, we, as a community and a nation, remembered the most horrific event in our history as a country ... the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attack on New York, Pennsylvania, and Washington DC. As I recall that day, I remember the myriad of emotions that I experienced as the events of that day unfolded on the TV. I felt a surreal experience along with feelings of anger, hatred, sadness, and yes, even revenge. I would bet a few of you felt the same way. In church on Sunday, as I listened to the readings, I was amazed how appropriate those readings were to this day of remembrance. Each one of the readings echoed the message of forgiveness and mercy in a slightly different way. God has looked at all of our faults and failings and has forgiven us with the message that we need to do the same toward our fellow man. All of us understand the need to forgive, but each of us reach a turning point where we ask ourselves...

Enough is enough, I can't take it anymore. God's message, however, is that we must somehow find the strength to forgive. Now forgiving does not mean that we don't seek justice. Forgiving does mean that we must find in our hearts a way to move on and bring out the good that is present in mankind. For as the reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans states;

**"None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. We live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord ... whether we live or die, we are the Lord's."**



Twin City Catholic  
Educational System

## Early Dismissal

***On Friday, September 23 all TCCES schools will have an early release time of 1:15 p.m. for a special teacher and staff in-service.*** I apologize for any inconvenience that this change to the calendar and regular schedule may cause. However, this was the date and time that the presenters were available.

TCCES has made arrangements with all the local bus companies to accommodate this early release. The bus companies are aware of the release and the school busses will be picking up students immediately after the 1:15 p.m. release.

The TCCES Elementary Schools – St. Gabriel, St. Margaret Mary and St. Mary – will provide extended after school care that afternoon beginning at 1:15 p.m. You will need to sign up for the after school care through your child's school office.

Once again, on Friday, September 23 all TCCES schools will be released at 1:15 p.m. Thank you for your understanding and allowing us to host this teacher and staff in-service.

Sincerely,

Michael Sullivan  
TCCES President

## Student Council Officers

Congratulations to our new Student Council Officers who have been chosen for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter. They are:

**President-- TJ Skrzypczak**  
**Vice President-- Anna Griffith**  
**Secretary-- Sydney Andersen**  
**Treasurer-- Joseph Lambie**  
**Store Buyers--Isaac Griffith and Jacob Schultz**



## The Power of Prayer

This week our prayers go out to the Brumbeloe Family, the Latreille Family, and the VanRossum Family. Please join as we pray for their needs and concerns.

## Community-First Fox Cities Marathon

St. Mary Elementary School is again building a running group to participate in the **"Kids Fun Run" on Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**. The event is at Time Warner Cable Field (Fox Cities Stadium). It begins at 5:00 pm with the ½ mile run followed by the ¼ mile race and the mini-dash (ages 6 and under). All students participating in this event may wear their T-shirt and their medal to school on Monday. A registration form went home last week in your child's Wednesday folder or you can register online at [www.foxcitiesmarathon.org](http://www.foxcitiesmarathon.org)



## Magazine Sale Kickoff

The POPS annual Magazine Sale will kickoff on **Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>** with a presentation at the end of the school day. This fundraising effort is sponsored by the POPS group and provides the operational funds for the year. We ask that you consider selling or purchasing 5 items or more. The proceeds from this effort go directly back to your child in the form of both educational and classroom items. Thank you in advance for your participation.



## School Pictures

On **Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**, Pinnacle Photography from Neenah will begin taking school pictures around 8:00 am. We usually do the preschool children first and then move to the other classes. Please make sure that your children are dressed up for their pictures. After the pictures are complete you will receive a proof package to determine what you would like to order.



## Parent Information Night

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend our Parent Information Night last week. For those who were unable to attend, I would like to highlight a couple of important notes that I provided in my presentation.

- School Goals
- Keeping student emergency information current (emails, phones, contacts, etc)
- Volunteering requirements
- Medication always in original packaging
- Over communicate to the office and teachers is better than under.

Contact the office or the teacher if you would like any of the handouts that were provided.

## VIRTUS Training Dates

The TCCES system has scheduled a VIRTUS training session for our area and for our school families. If you are in need of obtaining this training for volunteer service in our school system, mark down this date. Two Diocesan representatives will hold the training session at SMC. The date is **Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 9-12 noon**. Please remember if you want to do any volunteer work in the school involving contact with the children, this is a Diocesan and TCCES requirement that must be completed.



## Seton's Meet Me in the Middle

Seton's Meet Me in the Middle is September 24, 2011 from 7:00 - 10:00 pm at the Miron Construction Offices located at 1471 McMahon Road, Neenah. Tickets are \$20. This is a relaxed and casual evening with live music by Mark Te Tai and his crew.

Hors d'oeuvres, cocktail tasting and more!  
So kick off the new school year with a fantastic night out celebrating with friends while supporting our fabulous kids, teachers and school!!!!

Contact Kim Bittner [kbittner@new.rr.com](mailto:kbittner@new.rr.com) or Lynn Parks [lparks5@gmail.com](mailto:lparks5@gmail.com) with any questions.



## Quarry Quest

Mark your calendar for Quarry Quest! **Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 9 am until 4 pm**. This "earthmoving experience" is designed for all ages. For tickets, information, and parking visit [www.QuarryQuest.com](http://www.QuarryQuest.com).

## World Peace Day

This year our TCCES elementary schools will be participating in International Day of Peace on **Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**. Participation will involve an early Morning Prayer service along with the placing of Pinwheels for Peace around the school property.

## Zephyrfest Event Planner



**TCCES is looking for a talented, creative and detail oriented person to fill the part time position of Zephyrfest Event Planner.**

The primary focus of this position is to build strong relationships with the chairpersons, donors, sponsors and volunteers that create Zephyrfest each year. The revenue from this event is essential to the growth and strength of TCCES. Therefore, it is essential that the candidate have a strong belief in Catholic education, possess excellent communication skills, be meticulous with details, possess strong technology and marketing skills, have a creative flare and foster an environment of inclusion.

The qualified candidate will possess astute marketing and public relations skills. A bachelor's degree in marketing, communications, public relations or a related field is preferred and prior event planning experience is favored. The candidate must possess a strong leadership ability and willingness to work harmoniously with people at different organizational levels both inside and outside of TCCES. The individual must have the ability to plan, organize, develop, implement and interpret the programs, goals and objectives of Zephyrfest, SMC and TCCES. The Zephyrfest Event Planner position will be a half time position. Send resumes to TCCES Business Office 1050 Zephyr Drive, Neenah, WI 54956 or [aengelhard@tcces.k12.wi.us](mailto:aengelhard@tcces.k12.wi.us). Please contact Ann Engelhard, Director of Advancement with questions or for additional information at [aengelhard@tcces.k12.wi.us](mailto:aengelhard@tcces.k12.wi.us) or 920-722-7796 ext. 201 or contact Jeanne Lee, Director of Business Services and Human Resources at [jlee@tcces.k12.wi.us](mailto:jlee@tcces.k12.wi.us) or 920-722-7796 ext. 807.