



# 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

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

- World Peace Day

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

- Liturgy @ 8:10 am
- 1:15 early dismissal

Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>

- Seton's "Meet Me In the Middle" @ Mirons

Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>

- Diocesan Bishop's Mass in Kimberly (10 am)

Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>

- Liturgy (8:10 am)
- SMC Service Day (9-11 am)

### 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."**

One of the main concepts found in the 1<sup>st</sup> Commandment is that God is number one and it prohibits idolatry or the worship of false gods. We look at the people of the Old Testament and scratch our heads as to the types of symbols, creatures and objects the people of Moses' time worshipped. What was wrong with them? However, if we stop and examine the idols/false gods of today maybe we shouldn't be so quick to judge those ancient people. The idols of today take the forms of ... power, money, materialism, fame, and addictions to alcohol and drugs. They aren't that much different than the idols of the past. They consume us to the point that we can't even recognize what is good and what God is calling us to do with our lives. God creates all things and those things provide us with the opportunity and ability to be successful in life. It is our choices and our free will of using those things that sometimes creates the idols of today. How many young people sacrifice everything for a chance to be a top model or a sports hero only to find that God's path for them is much different. How many of us purchase a lottery ticket weekly with the hope that our number will be called and our worries resolved. Since they are not grounded in God (lack of faith and hope), they easily fall into the grasp of the idols of our world. We need to ground our children in faith, hope, and charity.





### Early Dismissal

Just a reminder that this Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, all TCCES schools will have an early release time of 1:15 p.m. for a special teacher and staff in-service. Due to the change in our original calendar and the lateness in our dismissal, our After School Program will begin 2 hours earlier that day. **If you are planning to use the After School Program, please remember that your child/ren must be registered for the program.** In addition, we need to know by Thursday if you are planning to use the program that day, so that I can have it adequately staffed.



### The Power of Prayer

This week our prayers go out to the Beyer Family, the Manderfield Family, and the Skrzypczak Family. Please join as we pray for their needs and concerns.

### World Peace Day

Today is International Day of Peace. As you walk around the school campus today you will notice many pinwheels constructed by our students. Their pinwheels have special messages of peace on them. This morning we began our day praying for peace in our school family, in the community, and the world. It was a wonderful way for the students to realize that they can make a difference in our world by their words and actions.



**Colossians 3: 12-15** "Brothers and sisters: you must clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience ... "

### Magazine Sale Kickoff

Our POPS Magazine Sale has begun and will run until **Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**. Please consider helping us make this fundraising effort a success. A purchase of a magazine or two will definitely help us reach our goal. The proceeds from the sale will go to funding our POPS events this year and also continue the process of updating our classroom technology needs. Thank you in advance for your support.



### Community-First Fox Cities Marathon

St. Mary Elementary School was represented very well at the "Kids Fun Run" last Friday. Those students representing our school were as follows:

**Nyla Albecht, Charlie & Maddie Alft, Sydney Andersen, Braeden Brenn. Kyla & Hope Dunaway, Emily Finch, Mackenzie & Cullin Hayes, Amelia Herzog, Aniah Holbrook, Zachary & Jonathan Joseph, Katie Julius, Bryn & Drew Korth, Finn & Rylee McClone, Jack McMorro, Charlea Moede, Addison Moder, Aston & Gavin Post, Jacob, Rebecca, & Brianna Schultz, TJ Skrzypczak, Abbi Thelen, Max & Lydia VanRossum, and Sami Veitch.**



Congratulations to all of these students who participated in this healthy event. Thank you to the moms and dads for allowing them to participate and lastly thank you to Sue Thelen for organizing this fun event for the school.

## **Bishop's Liturgy**

On **Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**, students from our first through fourth grades will be representing our school at the Bishop's Mass at Kimberly Holy Name Church. All the diocesan schools will be represented at this special Mass that Bishop David Ricken will celebrate for the schools in the diocese. The Mass is being celebrated at 10:00 am and is open to the public.

## **Menasha Health Department News**

The Menasha Health Department will be offering flu clinics for children and adults this fall. Adults can receive flu shots at the Menasha Health Department (Racine St) on **Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**. The hours are from 1:30-3:30 pm and will cost \$10. Children will be able to receive free flu shots on **Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>** from 2-6:30 pm at Butte Des Morts Elementary School. This year the flu vaccine will include H1N1. For more information contact the Health Department at 967-3520

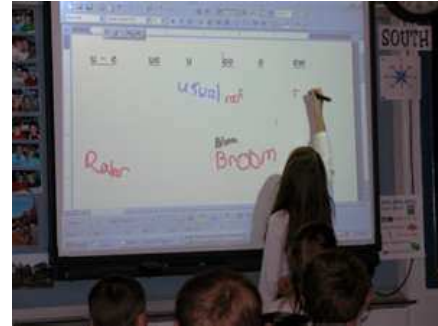


## **Seton's Meet Me in the Middle**

**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 McMahan 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.

## **Smart Board Purchase**

Thanks to the generosity of some anonymous donors, we are able to purchase another Smart Board for our classrooms. This board will be installed in the second grade classroom. Hopefully in a few weeks, they will have their new board. I will continue to search for more donations to complete our Smart Board goal.



## **SMC Service Day**

As part of their homecoming efforts, SMC students will be participating in a Service morning on **Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**. The students will be using their talents to assist the community at large. A group of SMC students will be servicing our school on that day. They will be refreshing our playground by spreading a new layer of wood chips over our grounds and doing some cleaning jobs within the building. We are grateful for their help.

## **Brewfest**

Mark your calendar for Brewfest on October 21 from 6:30-10:00 pm at the Holiday Inn, Neenah Riverwalk. We have a fantastic evening planned and are hoping that you are able to attend. For more information visit our event website at [www.gabesbrewfest.com](http://www.gabesbrewfest.com). We are looking forward to your continued support and to seeing you and your friends at Brewfest!

## 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.

## JUNIOR ZEPHYR BASKETBALL

**Parents, friends, coaches and basketball fans,** you're invited! The Junior Zephyr Basketball Club (JZBC) Board of Directors is meeting on **Sunday, September 18th at 6:30 p.m.** in the Commons at St. Mary Central High School and is inviting anyone interested in helping the Club during this upcoming season. The JZBC is in its third year and is looking for new board members, volunteers to assist with organizational and operational issues and additional coaches. If you are interested, please attend this meeting to learn more about how you can help the JZBC.

**We also invite your child to participate with pride as a Junior Zephyr!** The JZBC forms regional, competitive basketball teams for grades 3-8. The program is intended as a feeder program for the highly successful St. Mary Central High School girls and boys basketball programs. All students attending TCCES schools are invited and encouraged to participate. An invitation has also been extended to students from other SMC feeder schools that may have an interest in attending St. Mary Central High School. We are extremely pleased to announce the addition of 3rd grade team offerings for both boys and girls this year!

**Parent Meeting Date:** A parent information and registration session will be held on **Monday, October 3 at 6:30 p.m.** at St. Mary Central High School, 1050 Zephyr Drive, Town of Menasha. We will provide information about the club and also register prospective team members. Prompt registration is important to help determine team numbers for this year. Students are welcome, but are not required to attend. If you cannot attend and would like to register, please use this link to our online registration/payment systems or to download forms:  
<http://www.tcces.org/tcces/whats happening/Junior ZephyrBasketballClub.html>.

Please pass this information to anyone you know who may be interested in playing, volunteering or coaching! Thank you for your support!

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