



# 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 28<sup>th</sup>

- Diocesan Bishop's Mass in Kimberly (10 am)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade trip to Ledgeview caves
- Pre-K trip to Sprangers Apple Orchard

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

- Liturgy (8:10 am)
- SMC Service Day (9-11 am)
- SMC Homecoming Parade for elementary students (4:45 pm at Seton)

Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

- TCCES Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

- Picture Retake Day.

Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

- TCCES Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences

## 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."**

The first commandment provides the respect, reverence, and worship that is due to God because of his goodness to mankind. During the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent this year, we will change our worship practice to the guidelines of the New Roman Missal and move away from the old version, which we call the Sacramentary. Change is always difficult but having lived through the Latin version of the Mass to the English version, I think that this new manner of worship will bring more meaning and reverence for why we worship God in the liturgy. As I stated above, the 1<sup>st</sup> Commandment deals with the respect and reverence that we give to God. As we embark on the changes that we will be asked to accept regarding our participation in the Mass, I hope that you keep an open mind and listen to the reasoning for the changes that will occur. I bring this up now because we will begin providing some of those worship changes in our school liturgies through the songs that Mr. Hebler will be introducing to the children. When the Mass was translated from the Latin to the English format, the translation version that was used was more conversational than literal from the Latin. That translation was not wrong but in some cases it lost the true meaning of the Latin and with that some of the reverence. In the next few weeks, the pastors will be providing insight to its parish members into the changes that will occur in our Liturgy. Please make sure that you are in attendance with your children. Praising God through the celebration of Eucharist is the greatest act of reverence that we can give to God.



## The Power of Prayer



Our school family will be praying this week for the needs of the DeBaal Family, the Krautkramer Family, and the Post Family. Please join us as we keep these families in our prayers this week.

## Parent Teacher Conferences

Letters have been sent to school families informing them of Parent Teacher Conferences scheduled for **Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> and again on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**. Please choose one of those days and along with a time that best fits your family and return the conference form to school by **Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**. During the conference time, you will be able to discuss with the teacher information about your child's progress and also the MAP Testing results/goals for this year.



## TCCES Headline News

I hope that everyone heard the fantastic news that was announced in the Sunday's newspaper over the weekend. The **TCCES school system will be building a**

**Fine Arts facility at SMC and the ground breaking will occur in April of 2012.** This facility, although it will be built at SMC, will be able to be used by all TCCES schools. As far as the elementary level is concerned, I see some wonderful opportunities for our students to perform, to speak, and even view some fantastic presentations at this facility. Research shows that students who are able to receive education in the arts become better all around students and leaders. Thank you to the great business leaders that support our Catholic system and have the vision to see the value that this educational facility can bring to our students and allow them to become future leaders in our community.

## Magazine Sale is Ending!

Our POPS Magazine Sale will be ending this week. If you have not made a purchase or gotten other people to support our sale with a purchase, please consider doing so before the end of the week. For every item sold, your child will be able to place their name in a special drawing for some really "cool" prizes. One of the students will be able to become the "**Principal for the Day**". And yes, the **pig race** is back with the classes. Remember that all proceeds go to our **POPS group**, which in turn channels the money back to all the students in a variety of ways. Help us make a sale a success with your support.



## Bishop's Liturgy

Today, students from our first through fourth grade represented our school at the Bishop's Mass at Kimberly Holy Name Church. All the diocesan schools were represented at this special Mass that Bishop David Ricken had celebrated for the schools in the diocese. The students representing our school were

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Maggie Krautkramer
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Nyla Albrecht
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Zachary Joseph
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Max Griffith
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Noelle Schumacher



## 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!



## Basketball Coaches Needed

Our TCCES Elementary sports programs depend greatly upon the generous help of parents volunteering their time. At this time, the TCCES Timberwolves 5<sup>th</sup> grade boy's basketball teams are in desperate need of some volunteer coaches for our school program. The boy's season begins in mid-October and runs through mid January. If interested in helping coach our school teams please contact us as soon as possible. **Thank you!**

**TCCES Athletic Coordinators**

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## Junior Zephyr Basketball

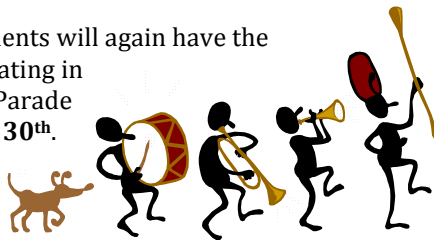
A parent information and registration session will be held on **Monday, October 3 at 6:30 p.m.** at St. Mary Central High School, 1050 Zephyr Drive, Town of Menasha. We will provide information about the club and also register prospective team members. Prompt registration is important to help determine 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/JuniorZephyrBasketballClub.html>.

Jim Prosser, Junior Zephyr Basketball Chair  
920-729-5686 or [jzbc@tcces.k12.wi.us](mailto:jzbc@tcces.k12.wi.us)

## SMC Homecoming

All the elementary students will again have the opportunity of participating in the SMC Homecoming Parade on **Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**. The Parade will begin for the elementary students at Seton. We will join the parade as it travels down Washington Street. This year, we will dance/sing behind the **"Move to the Groove"** van. If you or your children would like to join us in supporting SMC, you need to be in the Seton parking lot for assembly by 4:45 pm. After the parade, you can pick-up your child on Church St. in Neenah by the Westgor Funeral Home. Come and join us ... it will be a lot of fun.



## TCCES Uniform Change

Attention all TCCES parents and students. Beginning on **Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**, students will not be allowed to wear shorts as part of their uniform selection. The pant selection is navy blue or khaki. At this time of the school year, the weather can vary greatly, so we ask that you check the weather news in the morning and make sure that the students are properly dressed. Our back-up clothes supply is somewhat limited and definitely cannot supply everyone. We usually go outside for all recesses (weather permitting) and we would like to make sure the students are comfortable.



## Food Service News

Attn All Parents:

Anyone that benefited from our free/reduced lunch program in the last school year (2010-11) is automatically included in the program for the **beginning** of this year. However, **after October 7**, anyone that has not completed a new application for this year, or has not received a letter via mail from the food service office stating that benefits will continue this year, will lose the free/reduced benefit. If you feel you still qualify, please complete an application and either mail it to the food service office at 900 Geiger St. or leave at your school office to the attention of Anne Greif. If you need an application, please contact Anne at [agreif@tcces.k12.wi.us](mailto:agreif@tcces.k12.wi.us).



## Jumbo Gumbo

Our TCCES fundraising event **Jumbo Gumbo**, is a little over one month away. As the date, **November 12<sup>th</sup>** gets closer more information will be coming. If you have never gone to this event be sure to mark your calendar because it is a wonderful way to meet other TCCES families and enjoy a great evening of music, food, and fun. Check the TCCES website, [www.tcces.org](http://www.tcces.org) for pictures from last year's event.



## 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 **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.

