



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, September 9th

- Mass @ 8:10 am
- Sept 11th Prayer @ 2:55 pm

Sunday, September 11th

- Remembrance Day

Monday, September 12th

- Health Screening Day (Gr 1-4)
- Beginning Band Meeting @ 6:30 pm (St. Mary)

Thursday, September 15th

- Pinnacle Picture Day

Friday, September 16th

- POPS Magazine Sale Kickoff
- Fox City Marathon Kids Fun Run @ 5pm

Saturday, September 17th

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

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 1st Commandment

The First Commandment reads: **I am the Lord your God; you shall not have strange gods before Me.**

This commandment calls us to have a strong faith in the one true God, and to love him with our whole mind, heart, and will. In this day and age, idolatry in false gods takes many shapes and forms; money, power, drugs, alcohol, jealousy, and envy to name a few. It is especially important for ourselves and our children to be grounded in our Catholic faith. The world is changing at an extremely fast rate and there are many challenges that we face as a society. Having a solid faith in God and a strong love for him gives us the confidence to meet those daily challenges in our lives but also the challenges of the future. This commandment also provides us with the hope of a promise that some day we will enjoy eternal life with God in his heavenly kingdom. God's promise of eternal life despite all of our faults and failings is always present to us if we just believe. His forgiveness is never ending. Without that faith, hope, and love in God, our life and our children's lives become a never-ending struggle of despair and hopelessness.

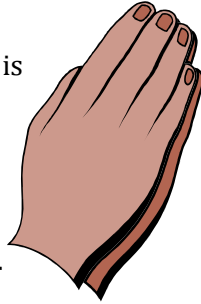
The words of St. Augustine really do put life in perspective, "You were with me, but I was not with you. Created things kept me from you; and yet if they had not been in You they would not have been at all ... You called, shouted, and You broke through. You breathed your fragrance on me ... I have tasted You, and now I hunger and thirst for more."
(The Confessions, bk. 10, no. 27)



Twin City Catholic
Educational System

The Power of Prayer

Since our belief in the power of prayer is fundamental to our Catholic faith, we, as a staff, have decided to pray for specific families throughout the course of the year. Our hope is that through prayer you will better see God's influence in your life and shower your family with what you need.



Sometime this year, your family will receive a prayer card in the mail from the school stating that we will be praying for your family that week. This act of prayer is part of our Commandment theme. May God be with you always! **This week our prayers go out to the Crane Family, the Sullivan Family, and the Gehl Family.**

Magazine Sale Kickoff

The POPS annual Magazine Sale will kickoff on **Friday, September 16th** 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 to sell or purchase of 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.



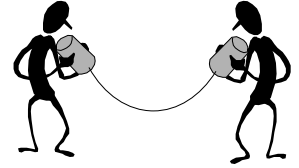
VIRTUS Training Dates

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 17th 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.



Parent Information Night

Tonight, **Wednesday, September 7th** is our Parent Information Night (6:30 pm). The evening event will begin with a prayer at 6:30 pm in the school gymnasium. After a short introduction by Mr. Buss, the parents will breakout and visit their child's teacher for a special presentation. The information provided by Mr. Buss and the teachers is very important for laying the foundation for a successful school year. As the saying goes ... it takes a whole family to raise a child. We are asking that one or both parents attend this important event. Keeping your children at home will allow you to concentrate on the information. **See you tonight!**



TCCES 5th Grade Basketball Sign-up

Attention all 5th grade students and parents who are interested in basketball for this season. Last week the registration form went home. The athletic directors will be meeting next week to formulate a schedule and team rosters. The sign-up forms are due on **Friday, September 9th**. Thank you for your attention to this matter.



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 16th**. 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



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. Please contact Ann Engelhard, Director of Advancement with questions or for additional information at 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 or 920-722-7796 ext. 807.



Quarry Quest

Mark your calendar for Quarry Quest! **Saturday, September 17th from 9 am until 4 pm.** This "earthmoving experience" is designed for all ages. For tickets, information, and parking visit www.QuarryQuest.com.

TCCES Elementary Band Meeting

There will be a beginning band meeting for parents on **Monday, September 12th at St. Mary Elementary School.** The meeting will begin at 6:30 pm and last about 1 hour. Information about lessons, choosing an instrument, concerts will be presented by Mr. Orth. The band students may be in attendance but it is not mandatory.

Elementary Guidance



Welcome back. I am really looking forward to this year, as I will be adding a **Forgiveness curriculum** to the Guidance program. You will see more information in a future newsletter.

This school years guidance schedule will be similar to last years. The students at St Mary's will **typically** receive classroom guidance two times a month taking place on Thursdays. For the month of September I will be in the building the 15th and the 29th and in October it will be the 13th.

Keep a look out for future dates and information. The best way to contact me is by email at jwhiting@tcces.k12.wi.us

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 or Lynn Parks lparks5@gmail.com with any questions.