

St. Mary's School Newsletter

Catholic Schools - "Light the Way"

April 2010



From the Principal's Office

I hope and pray that all the St. Mary's families will enjoy a restful Easter break and blessed Easter celebration with family and friends. When we return in April we will start the last quarter of the school year. I am looking forward to the events that are coming and I am also looking forward to planning next school year.

Upcoming Events

- April 1 & 2 – Spring break
- April 6 – ELC parent meeting
- April 7:15 PM Joan Young speaks at Sacred Heart Parish Center
- April 9 & 10 – 7:00 PM Play
- April 11 – K C Benefit breakfast for Serra Club
- April 12 – Home & School Meeting
- April 16 – NO School – Auction set-up and staff retreat
- April 17 – 24th Annual Night of Knight's Auction
- April 23 – Life Touch Spring Pictures
- April 24 – Aluminum Can drive
- April 25 – First Communion at St. Joseph
- April 26-30 – Grade 8 at ELC
- April 27 – School Board Meeting

Students at St. Mary's have been living the gospel during Lent. There have been opportunities for prayer, service, and education. A highlight was the presentation from Feed My Starving Children. Our students were touched by the information related to world hunger and were inspired to raise money to contribute to the organization. The junior high students continued their learning on prolife issues. I was blessed with a trip to the State Capital with fifteen students from SMS for the "Student Day at the Capital". We learned about lobbying and were able to practice our newly acquired skill with legislators who were voting on a prolife issue. I cherish the times I am able to work directly with students. Thanks for sharing them with us!

The Auction Committee has been working over time to prepare for the Night of Knights Auction on April 17th. It is great to see all the donations arriving at school and the support offered by parents and the community. If you haven't signed up to help, there is still time. I know the Auction Committee is looking for volunteers for this year and to sign up for next year. This is the biggest fund raiser of the year for SMS and the success of the night directly impacts the success of our school. I look forward to seeing you at my first Night of Knights Auction.

Easter Blessings for you and your family.

Mary Hawkins, Principal

8th Grade ELC Meeting

All eighth grade parents and students are invited to attend an informational meeting that pertains to the Environmental Learning Center trip. The program will be presented at **6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 6 in Mrs. Stewart's classroom.** We will have all scheduling materials, regulations and rules, and release forms ready for you at this meeting.

Shop and Share Week

Fliers were sent home with students this week for the **Hy-Vee Shop and Share week.** When you check out your groceries, HY-VEE will donate 5% of your purchases to our school. The final total will be announced at the 24th Annual Night of Knight's Auction on April 17th.

Remember to take your flier along. Additional fliers will be available in the school office. Dates to shop are:
Monday April 5– Sunday April 11

Registration

If you have not registered for next year, please turn in your registration information to the SMS office as soon as possible.

NURSE'S NOTES

By Mary Herzog RN

I hope everyone has a good time over spring break.

Scoliosis screening has been completed on all 5th grade students, 7th grade girls and 8th grade boys. If you did not receive a referral letter in the mail, then your child's test was negative.

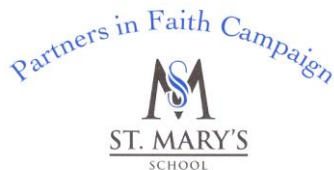
A reminder to all 6th grade students: tetanus boosters and a second chickenpox and MMR vaccine (if needed) are required before entrance into seventh grade in fall. I have received a few records from those who have already gotten their shots. When your student receives their vaccinations, please have an extra copy of the shots they got printed for you at the Clinic and turn it in to me.

Kindergarten immunization and health forms can be turned in as soon as immunizations are completed. If your child has not had pre-school screening, please call Linda Klecker at 444-7911 as soon as possible to schedule an appointment. It is a state law that all children have this screening before entering kindergarten.

We have had quite a bit of stomach flu going around. Please remember that if your child vomits or has diarrhea, keep them home for 24 hours after the last episode. This will help us to keep this from spreading as quickly as it has been.

Hear the Owl City Story

You are invited to hear Joan Young speak on Tuesday, April 6 at 7:15 PM in the Sacred Heart Parish Center. She will discuss raising the shy boy who became a superstar – Adam Young. Hear the story of Owl City.



Partner's In Faith Update

Thank you to all that have pledged to the Partner's In Faith Capital Campaign.

There are 383 who have pledged \$1,719,699.44 to the campaign. To date \$540,805.34 has been received in payments.

Aluminum Can Drive

April 24th is the St. Mary's Aluminum Can Drive. This will be the last pick up this school year. All the money collected goes towards St. Mary's Sports programs. Please drop your aluminum in the St. Mary's School parking lot on April 24th.



Remember you can also:

SAVE YOUR ALUMINUM CANS ALL YEAR.

Owatonna Metal Recycling -1210 Industrial Road
Owatonna, MN 55060 (across from the Waste Treatment Plant)
451-1470 will collect aluminum cans for St. Mary's Sports Boosters all year. All you have to do is turn your cans in there and take the slip into the office at the recycling center. At the end of each month they will send St. Mary's a check for the cans collected

Athletic Banquet

The annual Athletic Banquet for grades 6-8 will be held Tuesday, May 11th at 6:30 PM at Sacred Heart Parish Center.

The Sports Boosters will furnish plates, silverware and beverage. Each family is asked to bring a small dessert.

The banquet is open to all students in grades 6-8 who participated in floor hockey, volleyball, basketball, cheerleading, softball, or baseball. Due to space limitations, we ask that it be limited to athletes and their parents. Hope to see you there.

Umpires Needed

We are in desperate need of umpires for softball and baseball. This is a paid position. Any question please contact Terri Grose at St. Mary's School.

Beginning Band

There will be an informational meeting for 4th grade parents about band on Monday, April 12 at 6:15 pm in the St. Mary's cafeteria. At this meeting, I will present information about the process for beginning a band instrument. This will include how instruments are demonstrated to the classes, the individual sign-up meeting, summer lessons, and other parent information.

You will also be checking out a copy of a wonderful parent resource book "Growing Your Musician: A Parent's Guide to Band and Orchestra Students." The St. Mary's Home and School has purchased a set of these books for parents of beginning band students to read. The book contains information on how to choose an instrument, practice tips, and other help for parents.

The timeline for beginning band sign-up is as follows:

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| April 12 | Parent Information Meeting |
| April 19-26 | Instrument Demonstrations to 4 th Grade Classes |
| April 26-30 | Individual Meetings with Parents & Students |
| June 1-10 | Students will start on their instrument during school |
| June 14-July 1 | Summer Band Lessons |

If you cannot make the meeting, please contact Mrs. Kuklok to check out a book and sign-up for an individual meeting time. If you have any other questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at home (455-9737) or at school by phone (446-2300) or e-mail (skuklok@stmarys-owatonna.org).

Auction Update



We hope you are planning on joining in on all the fun and excitement on **Saturday, April 17th at the Night of Knights Auction**. We will be introducing our new **Hawaiian** theme, complete with Piña Colada's!! We have a special evening planned filled with sensational items, raffles, food and beverages. The doors will open at **4:00 p.m.** Come before 5:00 to be eligible for our free "**Early-Bird Drawing**". The silent auction and "Buy It Now" areas will be clearly marked with their respective closing times beginning at 6:00.

At 7:00 all the activity moves

upstairs to the Live Auction area. We will offer plenty of opportunities to purchase tickets for our raffles. The "Split the Pot" will win you cash, and our "Mystery Raffle" promises to be something really great. New this year will be a 6 day/7night Maui vacation raffle! We'll also draw for our "Staff Appreciation" Raffle. At **10:00 p.m.** we will draw the three winners in our "**Car or Cash**" Raffle. Be sure to get your chance at winning a 2010 Ford Fusion or \$15,000 cash, second prize \$1000, or third prize \$500. You need not be present to win. Tickets are available in the school office, Owatonna Shoe, KC Hall, after mass when script is sold, and by Committee Members. Don't delay, get your "**Car or Cash**" Raffle Ticket today!!

Our Silent and Live Auctions have been receiving fabulous donations for many weeks now. Check out our new website, www.nightofknights.com, for a

sneak preview of items that will be available at our Silent and Live Auctions. There is something for everyone and something for every budget!! We've planned an entertaining evening for all, so please invite your friends and families to join us for some great food, socializing and all the excitement that comes with an auction – all in support of St. Mary's School!! You must be 21 years old to attend and for a nominal admission of \$5 per person, it is sure to be a fun night out!

Thank You to everyone who has donated time, talent and items for this year's auction. We look forward to having you join us at the auction – Come early and stay late!!

The Auction Committee
P.S. The Night of Knights Auction is now on **facebook!** Check us out!

2009-2010 Night of Knights Auction Committee Members:

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Culvers Fundraiser



Thanks to Culver's of Owatonna, you can satisfy a hungry appetite with great food while supporting the Night of Knight's Auction. Between March 27 and April – 10% of your meal total will be donated to the SMS Night of Knight's Auction. The coupons were sent home with students before spring break! If you forget to bring your coupon, just ask for one at the register!