

March 2008

Principal's Message

As we begin the month of March we can hope that the snow, ice and wind will soon come to an end and clear fields and parks will take its place as the season of renewed hope. For many it will be a break from the past few months. Our seasons are so diverse that it is easy to look forward to each one.



As Catholics we continue our journey through the season of Lent. Lent consists of the forty days preceding Easter Sunday, beginning with Ash Wednesday and not counting the Sundays. As a school community we celebrated a beautiful Ash Wednesday Mass. The Lenten season is a time of preparation for the Easter celebration. During this time we focus on Jesus' journey to Jerusalem and on the events that preceded Jesus' death and resurrection. The students worked hard for two terms and deserve a much needed spring break. Enjoy the break and come back ready to finish the year with a strong third term.

Remember, at St. Mary's School, We put our Faith in Learning!
Don't forget to check out our website: www.stmaryspg.org

Important Dates to Remember

March 4th—Parent Support Group Meeting @ 7pm
March 6th—Pro D Day
March 7th—Pro D Day
March 14th—School Mass @ 9 am
March 14th—1/2 Day, Last day before March break
March 17-28—March Break
March 17th—St. Patrick's Day
March 21st—Good Friday
March 23rd—Easter Sunday
March 31st—First day back after spring break
March 31st—Assembly at 1:15



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**How to set routines
to make your child
feel more...**

- Energized—A good breakfast increases concentration.
- Connected—Talking about the school day lets your child know you care.
- Prepared—Studying a little bit every day is the best way to learn new material.
- Rested—A set bedtime helps kids fall asleep more quickly.

Student Notices

Kids for Kindness—The theme for March is Perseverance. Perseverance is working hard to reach your goals, even when things are tough, and believing in what you can accomplish through Christ. When you practice perseverance, you never give up and keep on trying.

“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end.” - Lamentations 3:22



Science Fair – The Central Interior Science Fair will take place on March 8th. A total of 8 projects and 11 students will represent St. Mary’s School. Good Luck to: Liam L., Thomas G., Braeden, Sartaj, Taylor D., and Lindsay in grade 6 and Vanessa, Victoria, David, Brian and Kyra in grade 7.

CanWestCanSpell—The winner of the school spelling bee was Connor Sarrazin. Connor represented the school very well at the regional spelling bee held at Vanier Hall.

Parent Announcements

Bussing Registration Forms—Please return forms by Wednesday, March 12th.

Sports Beat – Good Luck to the senior boys and senior girls basketball teams who are participating in the annual Knights of Columbus basketball tournament held at Sacred Heart School. Special thanks to coaches Ms. MacKay and Ms. Garden for the Girls team and Mr. Arsenault for the boys team.

Kindergarten Registration—We are currently accepting registrations for Kindergarten for the 2008-2009 school year. The Kindergarten classes are filling up, so if you have yet to pick up an application form, or know of someone interested in registering their child, please ask them to contact Mrs. Boyes.

Raffle Ticket Sales – Thanks goes out to all parents and students who sold raffle tickets. The school made just under \$9000 for the purchase of new playground equipment. The winners were: 1st—Trish Lazar, 2nd—Brittany Hebert, 3rd—Kathleen McNeil. Taylor Doran of grade 6 won the student prize.



Parent Groups

First Communion and Confirmation— A number of preparatory evening sessions for students receiving the sacraments of first communion and confirmation will be taking place in April and May with the celebration of the sacraments taking place on May 10th at St. Mary’s Church.

Family Fun Night: April 4th is the date for this fun evening but it requires **a lot** of volunteers. Sign up sheets and phone calls will be starting soon please consider donating some time to make this event a success. Watch for more information to follow! We will also be offering our St. Mary’s Cookbooks for sale at this event.