

SAINT MARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

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CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Living Rosary

Please join us on Thursday, Oct. 27th, for our Living Rosary at 8:15 a.m. in the gym. We will not have a liturgy that day, but will be sharing the prayers of the rosary together. Parents, grandparents, and parishioners are invited to join us for this special prayer service.

EIGHTH GRADE TRIP TO THE KENTUCKY HOLY LANDS

Please keep our 8th graders in your prayers as they prepare for their Confirmation. They will be visiting the Kentucky Holy Lands on Tuesday, November 8th

ST. BERNADETTE- SAINT MARY ACADEMY & WATKINS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

YOUTH FOR FOOD

Our community is invited to join our youth in doing the following:

NOVEMBER 12TH: Neighborhood Flyer Distribution; Meet at 9:00 AM till 2 pm ; Saint Mary Academy / St Bernadette ó Cafeteria; Donuts, Drinks and Lunch Provided

THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 14TH: Bring canned goods and non perishable food (no glass, please!) to school of church.

NOVEMBER 18TH: Community Day of Fast and Prayer for safely and successfully collecting food

NOVEMBER 19TH: Neighborhood Food Collection Meet at 9:00 AM till 2 PM; Watkins United Methodist; Donuts, Drinks and Lunch Provided

For information call Jeff Merman at 724-3037: Please visit our website www.youthforfood.org

Sponsored by St. Bernadette Social Concerns Committee & with the cooperation of St. Bernadette Youth Ministries, held

in conjunction with the Boy Scouts of America and Dare to Care

All Can Goods are delivered to Eastern Area Ministries and Immaculate Conception Food Pantries

COUPON BOOKS

Coupon Books is a simple fundraiser coordinated by the PTO for our School and only costs \$20.00 to purchase the book. It offers hundreds of money saving coupons and practically pays for itself. You have the option to purchase this book and/or sell additional books to family and friends. Please return the book or the envelope and money by November 11th. Thank you for your continued support of Saint Mary Academy!! If you have questions about this fundraiser contact Theresa Whalen by phone or email at: 442-7642 or rtwhalen@insightbb.com



RED RIBBON WEEK

A Message from Mrs. Kelly, Counselor

Red Ribbon Week is a nationally recognized week focusing on drug and alcohol awareness and education. Please join with us as we encourage our students to respect themselves, to respect their bodies, and to live a drug-free life.

Talking to your children about the use of drugs and alcohol is important. The latest statistics are:

- If a student has their first drink before the age of 15 they are 40.1% more likely to become alcohol dependent.
- If a student has their first drink by the age of 17, they are 24.5% more likely to become alcohol dependent.
- If a student has their first drink at the age of 21-22, there is only a 10% chance of alcohol dependence.

Please use this week as an opportunity to talk with your children about your expectations. It does make a difference in their future! If you need assistance with this conversation, feel free to contact me at 315-2559.



SKATING PARTY

It's Time to **SKATE!**

When- Thursday, November 3rd from 6:00-8:00

Where- Champs Rollerdrome 9851 Lagrange Rd.

Who- Our SMA family and any friends, family member or neighbors who want to join us!

Cost- \$5.00 admission and \$1 skate rental.

****Parents skate FREE!**

Fun! Fun! Fun! Door prizes too!



PICTURE RETAKE DAY!

Mark your calendar! Picture Retake Day is coming Thursday, Nov. 3rd. If your child needs his/her picture taken again (or if he/she was absent on picture day), he/she does not have to wear the school uniform that day.

If your children's pictures are being re-taken, have them bring their entire packet of pictures to school with them on picture-retake day.



The SMA Sporting News

By Jeff Medley - Athletic Director

I am proud of the effort our fall teams gave this year. God has truly blessed our children with many athletic talents. I am proud of our teams' effort on and off the field. Our fall teams raised thousands of dollars for many different charities as service projects led by our coaches. Whether it was for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, the Baptismal font, or school supplies for the Catholic Community, our coaches led our children not only on the field, but also in their walk with Jesus. Through sports our children can learn a lot, and those lessons will be applied by most later in life in some other realm than sports. I wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to our coaches, parents and players who represented Saint Mary

Academy so well. Fall equipment turn in dates and times are being determined and will be forwarded to you by your respective coaches. Now we turn to our winter sports.

Basketball Sign-up and Tryout Schedule

****The athletic board has extended sign-ups to October 26th at 6pm as we have received some late requests****

Additional sign-ups will be taken via e-mail at jeffmedley50@live.com. **This is the only extension that will be offered.**

- The 3rd/4th grade girls will have tryouts on October 26th at 5pm for skills, and October 30th at 6pm.
- 3/4 Boys will tryout on October 26th at 7pm for skills, and October 30th at 4pm.
- 5th/6th girls will tryout on November 3rd at 5pm
- 7th/8th girls will tryout on November 3rd at 7pm (there will likely be one team, but they will play and get fitted for uniforms.
- 5th/6th boys will tryout on November 7th at 5pm.
- 7th/8th boys will tryout on November 7th at 7pm.

The tryout process has been changed to one night for 5th through 8th graders by the athletic board.

I am truly thankful that the only 2010 defending national champion basketball coach in this state, **Bellarmino Head Coach Scotty Davenport**, presented a great coaching clinic to many of our prospective coaches on October 23rd at Saint Mary Academy. I appreciate all those coaches who attended. It shows a desire to make yourself a better coach for the kids and your dedication is recognized.

Go Monarchs!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 24-31: Red Ribbon Week
- Oct. 25 ó Information Sessions, 8:00-9:30 a.m. and 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 26 ó 5th Grade Field Trip to Locust Grove
- Oct. 27 - Living Rosary at 8:15 a.m. in the gym
- Oct. 28 ó Limo and Lunch Rides
- Oct. 28 ó PTO's Fall -O Ween Festival and Haunted House
- Oct. 30 - Trunk or Treat at Immaculate Conception 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 31 ó Stranger Safety Program: Grades 6-8 from 8:15-9:00 am; Grades K-5 from 9:15-10:00 a.m.
- Oct. 31 ó Halloween Parties at 1:45
- Nov. 1 - All Saints Day liturgy at 8:15 a.m. in gym
- Nov. 1 ó Chick-fil-A Night for SMA

- Nov. 3 ó Picture Retake Day
- Nov. 3 ó Skating Party 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Champs
- Nov. 8 ó Information Session and Tour 8:00-9:30 a.m.
- Nov. 11 ó Veteranø Day Celebration at 9:30 a.m.
- Nov. 11 ó End of First Trimester
- Nov. 12 - Fall Festival & Turkey Supper at Immaculate Conception Church from 4:00-8:00 p.m. (Dinner Served 4:30-7:30 p.m.)
- Nov. 14-16: Domino Dough Nights for SMA
- Nov. 17 ó Thanksgiving Feast
- Nov. 18 ó Report Cards sent home
- Nov. 19 ó St. Bernadetteø Italian Dinner
- Nov. 21-25: Thanksgiving Break (No School)

The friend replied, "When someone hurts us we should write it down in the sand, where the winds of forgiveness can erase it away.

But, when someone does something good for us, We must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase itø Learn to write your hurts in the sand and to carve your benefits in stone.

Letø try this week to be the loving neighbor who has their good deeds written in stone.

God bless,
Julie Tobbe, M.Ed.



PRINCIPAL POINTS

Dear Parents,

When I was a child my mother would tell me that østicks and stones can break your bones, but words can never hurt you.ø As I grew I found that more often than not øwordsø can hurt more than sticks and stones.

Recovery from harsh words definitely takes longer.

Teaching others to love another in word and deed is no easy task. Jesus tells us in the gospel this week that it is as important as loving God with our whole heart, whole mind, and whole soul. Each day love for another can be shown in small ways: a smile, a greeting, holding the door for someone, helping someone who is struggling with a task or simply being present for another.

I want to share something that I received this week. It is called the øSTONE.ø I would share the author but it was not given to me. I hope you enjoy the message as much as I did.

Stone

Two friends were walking through the desert.
During some point of the journey, they had an argument;
And one friend slapped the other one in the face.

The one who got slapped was hurt,
But without saying anything wrote in the sand,
"Today me best friend slapped me in the faceø"

They kept on walking until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a bath.

The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning,
But the friend saved him.

After he recovered from the near drowning, he wrote on a stone:

"Today my best friend saved my life.ø"

The friend who had slapped and saved his best friend asked him,

"After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now, you write on a stone, why?ø"

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

You are cordially invited:

Trunk or Treat ó Sunday, October 30, 5-7 p.m.

All Saints Day Masses, November 1: 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Mass of Remembrance, November 2: 7:00 p.m.

Confirmation Holy Land Tour, November 8

Fall Festival & Turkey Supper: November 12, 4:00-8:00 p.m.
(Dinner Served 4:30-7:30 p.m.)

ST. BERNADETTE PARISH

Confirmation Holy Land Tour, November 8

Youth for Food Drive ó bring in canned goods the week of November 14th.

Italian Dinner ó November 19th

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULES

Immaculate Conception

Saturday ó 5:00

Sunday ó 8:00 and 10:30

St. Bernadette

Saturday ó 5:00

Sunday ó 8:30 and 11:00