

SAINT MARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

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CATHOLIC IDENTITY

LITURGY

Our next All-School Liturgy will be celebrated on Thursday, Nov. 17th. This liturgy is being planned by 8M.

Parents, grandparents, and parishioners are invited to join us at mass each week. Come celebrate Eucharist with us!

MONARCHS

MONARCH AWARD

The Monarch Award is given each trimester to one student from each homeroom in grades 3-8 who demonstrates the following attributes: shows effort, has a positive attitude, demonstrates appropriate behavior, models our PeaceBuilders' principles, and is a Christian example for others. The following students were recognized as Monarch Winners after mass last week:

3S- Anna McGreevy
3W- Emma Johnson
4S- Holly Ansert
4W- Jack Canady
5B- Charlie Schnell
5S- Ethan Thimme
6D- Lucas Mudd
6S- Kaelyn Harris
7K- Kate Anderson
7N- Cameron Luker
8F- Brandon Naber
8M- Brad Stephenson

We are so proud of all of these students!



THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

Our Third Annual Saint Mary Academy Thanksgiving Day Luncheon will be held this Thursday, November 17th. We look forward to celebrating all that God has given us with all of you!

ADVENT CALENDAR FUNDRAISER

Advent Calendars will be available to purchase at the Thanksgiving Luncheon on Thursday, November 17! These calendars feature a Bible verse when each day on the calendar is opened, along with a delicious chocolate treat! The covers of the calendar feature a beautiful Nativity scene. The calendars will be offered at \$5.00 each. All proceeds will help the 4th-5th Grade, 6th Grade, and 7th-8th Grade Quick Recall programs to purchase new equipment and learning materials. Thank you for your support of this Fundraiser!



BLUE RIBBON STATUS

We received word from the Office of Lifelong Formation and Education that Saint Mary Academy qualified once again, 3 years in a row, to apply for the United States Department of Education's Blue Ribbon Award. This qualification was based on our outstanding performance on the Terra Nova standardized tests last spring

While Saint Mary Academy qualified for the award, we are not eligible to apply for the award until we have been a school for 5 years. At the end of this school year, we will have 5 years as a school, so next year we will be able to apply. Congratulations to all on this remarkable achievement!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please be aware that the restroom floors in the school building will be deep cleaned and then sealed on Monday and Tuesday next week. This will help to improve the appearance and the longevity of the floors.

We will **NOT** have a restroom available in the building next Monday, Tuesday and possibly Wednesday and the restrooms will NOT be available for use during basketball practices. Only the gym will be available next week, not the restrooms. The restroom floors will not be accessible until Mass on Thursday. Thanks for your cooperation.



INFORMATION SESSION FOR INTERESTED FAMILIES Tuesday, December 13th 8:00-9:30 a.m.

Our December Information Session for Interested Families will be conducted on Tuesday, December 13th, in our Media Center from 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. This Information Session is for parents who may be interested in sending their son or daughter to Saint Mary Academy. We will provide an information packet, a question and answer session, and a tour of our beautiful building.

If you or someone you know is interested in attending SMA, please call the school office at 315-2555 to register for this session.

YOUTH FOR FOOD CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Please send in canned goods and non perishable food (no glass, please!) to school this week to help those in need. All canned goods will be delivered to Eastern Area Ministries and Immaculate Conception Food Pantries.

SMA JEWELRY

This is the last week to place your order for SMA jewelry. This reasonably priced jewelry makes great gifts and supports the SMA PTO. It is a conversation starter and a way to show how proud you are of your kids' activities at SMA. All profits from the sale of the jewelry go directly to the PTO. If you currently have a bracelet and need additional charms, we will be happy to attach them to your bracelet. If you need replacement charms or need a bracelet re-sized, please contact us directly. We want you to be happy with your purchase. All orders are due this Friday, November 18th. See attached flyer.



SECRET SANTA SHOPPE

Students, start doing such extra chores around the house to earn money for our annual Secret Santa Shoppe. It's nearly time to start shopping! The Saint Mary Academy Secret Santa Shoppe will be here on December 5, 6, and 7th so mark your calendars. More information will be coming home soon! If you are available to help on either of the three days for 2 hours, 8AM-10 AM, please contact Angela Kerr at angela.kerr@hotmail.com. We need many helpful elves!



THANKSGIVING BREAK Nov. 21- Nov. 25 NO SCHOOL

School resumes Nov. 28th

CHECKS ONLY

In order to be assured that all monies are credited to the right account and/or student, we would like for all monies sent to school for field trips, cafeteria lunches, fundraisers, etc. be sent in the form of a check, **NOT cash!** Thank you for assisting us in making sure we properly credit the correct accounts.

GALA AT THE BROWN

The Taste of SMA has a new name and a new twist! The Saint Mary Academy Gala will be held at The Brown Hotel on Saturday, February 25, 2012. Same wonderful evening of silent auction, live auction, but a the NEW twist will be a delicious buffet dinner provided by The Brown. Come dance the night away with The Monarchs! Tickets go on sale in January. They will be \$50 a person.



ALUMNI NEWS

Congratulations to the following graduates of Saint Mary Academy on their academic achievements at St. Xavier High School. We are so very proud of you!

PRINCIPAL'S LIST

Sean Hynes
Alex Gornet

FIRST HONORS

Gabe Turner
Michael Turner
Zachary Denzik

SECOND HONORS

Baxter Moneypenny
Matthew Parker
Christopher Smith
Cameron Franck
Liam Friel
Ben Gornet
Matthew Greene
Jarred Mudd



REPORT CARDS

We will be sending home Report Cards on Friday, November 18th. Please look for your child's report card in their backpack or folder. Take some time over the break to review the grades with your child, praise him/her for the academic successes and set some goals for this second trimester. Return the envelope with your signature on Monday, November 28th.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov. 14-16: Domino Dough Nights for SMA
- Nov. 17 – School Liturgy at 8:15 a.m.
- Nov. 17 – Thanksgiving Feast

- Nov. 18 – Report Cards sent home
- Nov. 19 – St. Bernadette's Italian Dinner
- Nov. 21-25: Thanksgiving Break (No School)
- Nov. 28 – School Resumes
- Nov. 30 – First Reconciliation at St. Bernadette Church @ 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 1 – School Liturgy at 8:15 a.m.
- Dec. 1 – First Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception Church @ 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 5-7: Secret Santa Shoppe
- Dec. 6 – St. Nick Day
- Dec. 6 – Chick-fil-A Night
- Dec. 7 – PTO Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 7 – Board of Directors' Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 8 – Liturgy for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception at 8:15 a.m. in the gym
- Dec. 10 – High School Placement Test for 8th graders
- Dec. 12-14: Domino Dough Nights
- Dec. 13 – Information Session and Tour 8:00-9:30 a.m.
- Dec. 15 – Reconciliation for Grades 3-8 after school liturgy
- Dec. 15 – Christmas Program for grades K-3
- Dec. 16 – Class Parties
- Dec. 16 – Early dismissal @ 11:30 a.m. for Christmas Break
- Dec. 19-Jan. 2 – Christmas Break
- Jan. 3 – School Resumes



PRINCIPAL POINTS

Dear Parents,

This Thursday we will celebrate Thanksgiving with our Third Annual Feast. Next Thursday many will be celebrating the holiday with family and friends. Many hours and much love go into the preparation of the meal we share. During this week, let us remember to give thanks for all the blessings God has given us this year and pray for those who are not as fortunate as we may be. Many Blessings to you all this Thanksgiving.

O Heavenly Father,
We thank thee for food
And remember the hungry.
We thank thee for health
And remember the sick.
We thank thee for friends
And remember the lonely.
We thank thee for freedom
And remember the enslaved.

May these remembrances stir us to service,
That thy gift to us may be used for others.
(by Abigail Van Buren from "Dear Abby")

God bless,
Julie Tobbe, M.Ed.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

First Reconciliation Celebration

Dec. 1, 2011 At 7:00 p.m.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Immaculate Conception

Saturday – 5:00

Sunday – 8:00 and 10:30



ST. BERNADETTE PARISH

Youth for Food Drive

bring in canned goods the week of November 14th

Nov. 16/17– Reconciliation:

Parent/Child Meeting
at 7:00 p.m.

Italian Dinner

November 19th

First Reconciliation Celebration

Nov. 30th at 7:00 p.m.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

St. Bernadette

Saturday – 5:00

Sunday – 8:30 and 11:00

COMMUNITY EVENTS

OPEN HOUSE FOR MERCY ACADEMY

Mercy will have their annual Open House on Saturday, November 19 from 1:00-3:00pm. They invite all 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls and their parents to attend and learn about the amazing opportunities Mercy has to offer. You will hear about their academic, spiritual, service and extra-curricular programs as well as take a guided tour of the campus. You will see their choral or theatre groups perform and see the dance and cheer teams in action! For more information contact Heather Blazis at 671-2021 or hblazis@mercyacademy.com.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

Sacred Heart School for the Arts registration underway for music, drama, dance and visual art classes

Boys and girls of all ages love acting, dancing, singing, playing instruments and drawing. In time for holiday gift-giving, Sacred Heart School for the Arts announces that spring semester registration is now underway. After school classes begin January 9 for preschool children to adults.

Open to the entire community, Sacred Heart School for the Arts offers a wide variety of learning opportunities in the arts, including visual art, music, dance and drama classes for students of all ages. Students can engage with the arts across the entire spectrum of aesthetic expression, from Creative Movement to Advanced Ballet, Fairy Tale Theatre to Youth Drama, Art for preschoolers to Painting for adults, and private voice and music (all instruments, including piano and violin) to group lessons for rock bands. Classes are also offered in Harp, Keyboarding for Singers, Kindermusik, Ballet, Tap, Modern and Jazz Dance. Zumba and Pilates are also available for both teens and adults.

For class times and registration information, go to www.sacredheartschools.org/arts/ and click on “online registration” or call 502- 897-1816.

Saint Xavier Winter Stroke Clinic 2012 Attention: All Catholic Grade School Swimmers!

Get ready for the Catholic Grade School Swim Meet, and a jump on summer swimming by attending the Saint Xavier Winter Stroke Clinic. The clinic is open to all swimmers and is taught by our experienced coaching staff. Our staff will provide positive instruction for the beginning level swimmer to the advanced. There is something for all types of swimmers in our clinic. Highlights of the clinic include stroke development for all four competitive strokes, starts, and turns, learning how to race, and having fun in the water. There is *limited* space for this clinic, nine out of ten sessions sold out last year. For more information contact Todd Larkin (Aquatic Director) 634-2131 or larkint@saintxfac.com