



FEBRUARY NEWS

St. Mary's School is dedicated to enhancing in each student a strong sense of Catholic values and enriching each child academically in a safe, caring environment.

Dear Parents,

The days are passing swiftly and February is fast approaching. There is much to celebrate here at St. Mary's School as we prepare for Catholic Schools Week 2010. The theme "Dividends for Life" certainly hits home as we constantly hear of the successes of our graduates who have benefited from the outstanding education they have received here at St. Mary's School.

As St. Mary's School is celebrating 100 years, we have many exciting events planned for Catholic Schools Week. We hope you can participate in some way in one of the events of the week.

Celebrating our faith is at the heart of Catholic education. On Sunday, January 31st, we invite all students and families to attend the 9:30 Mass at St. Mary's Church. Children are asked to wear their dress school uniform to represent and identify themselves as Catholic school students. Families who pray together, stay together. We hope you can join us for this special celebration.

Coffee and donuts will be served immediately following Mass.

There will be an Open House on Sunday, January 31 from 11-1 and Monday from 9- 11 for new families. At that time registration will be accepted on a first come basis for available spots. Registration for SMS students is now in progress until January 29th. If you have a sibling to register, you have priority, so please contact the office if you need to register your child.

A re-registration fee of \$400.00 is due on or before March 1 for each present family. This will be applied to next year's tuition and is non-refundable. Financial aid is available for those families who qualify. Applications are available online through FACTS Management. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the office.

On Monday, we will have Game Day in the afternoon from 1-2:30. Students will bring their board games to school to share with their classmates.

On Tuesday we will have Crazy Apparel Day. Students may wear a crazy hat, tie and/or socks to school. Also, on Tuesday evening we invite parents to come to their child's classroom from 6:30 to 7:30 to participate in activities with their child.

On Wednesday, Grade 8 will be presenting Geo-Homes the Centennial Version from 8:30 to 1:30 in the Lower Church Hall.

On Thursday, Grade 6 will be presenting Women in Math & Science.... the Last 100 Years from 8:30 – 12:30 in the Lower Church Hall.

On Friday, we will celebrate Alumni Day. All Alumni are welcome to visit from 9-10 a.m. Classrooms visits and tours will be available ending with coffee in the cafeteria. There will be a 11:00 dismissal.

On Wednesday, February 10th all parents and students are invited to come to Rollerworld from 6-8 pm and celebrate the 100th day of our 100th year here at St. Mary's School. Admission is free for all St. Mary's families. This is our way of saying thank you to you, the parents for sending your child to St. Mary School. We hope to see you there.

St. Mary's Parish is participating in the fourth season of ARISE. If you would like to participate please call the office for more information or you can sign up at Mass on Sunday.

St. Mary's School will continue to collect food for the Servant Heart Pantry. The following is needed for the month of February:

PreK & K: crackers	Gr. 5: canned fruit
Gr. 1: cake mix	Gr. 6: green beans
Gr. 2: rice/ rice products	Gr. 7: canned chicken
Gr. 3: cookies	Gr. 8: canned ravioli or spaghetti with meatballs
Gr. 4: baked beans	

You can also check your child's website for information.

Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday, Feb. 17th. This marks the solemn season of Lent. During Lent, pizza will be served on Fridays and subs will be served on Wednesday so that we observe the rules of fasting and abstinence. For the season of Lent, students will be given the opportunity this year to go to confession with their parents. Each Wednesday night during Lent from 6:30 to 8 pm confession will be available. We will designate grades for specific dates but if you go as a family, you may choose one of the dates that includes your child's class. This will give parents the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Penance with their children.

Catholic Schools Week is a time to highlight and celebrate the benefits of Catholic School education. One of the advantages of a catholic education is being part of a supportive, faith filled community. Thank you for entrusting your child to us each day. My goal is to continue to prioritize our catholic identity and academic excellence in my decisions in making St. Mary's School one of the top tier schools in the Archdiocese of Boston.

A reminder that if school is closed because of weather, you will be notified through the Connect Ed message system.

Please join me in welcoming Sr. Ellen Foley, S.N.D. to our staff at St. Mary's School. Sr. Ellen is the new teaching assistant in Grade 1. She comes with years of teaching experience and we are thrilled to have her with us.

Thank you for your generosity to the Haitian community. St. Mary's School sent over \$2000.00 to "Hearts with Haiti" from our donations last Friday.

May you feel the warmth of Gods compassionate love during this snowy winter season.

Warm Regards,

Mrs. Cynthia Boyle
Principal