



# St. Margaret Mary Mustang News Vol. 19

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Mission Statement...St. Margaret Mary Catholic School is a vital part of the educational ministry of the parish. In partnership with parents, we are committed to nurturing the uniqueness of each student as we provide a quality education program. We strive to prepare our students to become moral, responsible, and self motivated members of their church and community.

## News from Mrs. Sims

Dear Parents,

Happy Catholic Schools Week! Our celebration began this week with an All School Mass on Thursday and then an Open House for parents. I hope that you were able to join us. The Holy Spirit was definitely present as we joined our children in prayer and song. If you were unable to attend this week, please join us any week for mass. It will truly make your day!

On behalf of the faculty and staff I thank you for entrusting your beautiful children to us each day. The commitment to providing a Catholic education for our children is a gift that we give them that will last a lifetime. We know that a Catholic education means not only exemplary academics but also living and learning our faith each day. It is about serving God through serving others. It shows our children that the values and teachings of the Church are important to our lives. This commitment is a willing and loving sacrifice that we make for our children. Thank you so much for all the sacrifices you make each day to support our school and mission.

One way that you can effectively support our school is by taking an active role in the upcoming PTS conferences. These will take place on Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, and our teachers put a lot of effort into preparing for them. They will share information on students' academic and social progress as well as upcoming skills that will need to be mastered this year. Please feel free to ask questions and express any concerns that you may have at this time in the school year. If a longer meeting is needed, please also schedule to come in at a later date so that we can stay on track for all of our families. We want to be able to address everyone's needs in the best way possible.

May God Bless You and Your Family,  
Wendy Sims

## Catholic Schools Week Schedule

### Monday, January 28, 2013

- 1:15 Dismissal
- Students will decorate with signs of appreciation for the Bus Drivers, Cafeteria Staff, YMCA, Parish Office and Maintenance Staff
- School Wide Assembly /The Ned Show



### Tuesday, January 29, 2013

- Regional Catholic Schools Mass 10 am at Holy Family with the Archbishop (Mrs. Clark will take the Beta Club officers with her)
- 1:15 Dismissal



### Wednesday, January 30, 2013

- Breakfast for the Maintenance Staff, Parish Office, Cafeteria Staff and Bus Drivers on Monday morning in the Teachers' Lunch-room. We will also give the YMCA a small token of appreciation that afternoon.
- Free dress for students (no Yoga pants since we are attending church)
- 8:15 Liturgy planned by the students in 4R
- BINGO and door prizes
- 1:15 Dismissal



## PE Hints

### **Tips for cold weather activity:**

Don't let the cold stop your children from being active outside. It is perfectly safe and healthy as long as you make sure that they are properly dressed. Layers are very important in defeating the cold. The first layer should be a light weight material that will keep the moisture away from the body (make sure that you stay away from moisture absorbing materials like cotton). The second layer should be a warm thick insulating material like fleece and the last layer should protect from the elements of weather like wind and snow. It should be a windbreaker or something waterproof. Wearing a hat is very important in combating heat loss too. Up to 50% of the body's heat can be lost through the head. Lastly, don't forget the hands and feet. Extremities are the first to get cold and should be kept dry and warm. Exercising outside is still very healthy as long as you take precautions and dress appropriately. So don't tell them to stay inside or they will catch cold. Dress them up and send them outside and you can join them too! Maybe we will get lucky and actually get some real snow so that we can all get outside and have fun! Make sure that they come to school with hats and gloves as well!

Stay Healthy! Don't forget to hydrate!  
Mrs. Iceman and Mrs. Nelson



## Kindergarten and New Student Registration

This is a reminder that registration for all new students who will be entering the SMM School Community in August 2013 will be held on Monday, January 28, 2013, from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. (This includes any new Kindergartener or child in grades 1-8.)

Registration forms are now available in the school office. In addition to these documents, we also ask that you please bring the following items with you that day:

- ♦ copies of your child's Baptismal certificate,
- ♦ Social Security card,
- ♦ original Birth Certificate

There is a \$75.00 processing fee due at this time as well. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office at 426-2635 ext. 234 or school@stmm.org.

## News from the Music Teacher

### JUNIOR HIGH MUSIC - RELATED ARTS

Students, when you log on to PowerSchool and check your music grade, you will find a link that has all of the information about your composer project that is due starting February 5. Also, keep bringing your Wi-fi devices to music class so that you have easy access to the information you need to complete your project.

News from the Library



# Story Laboratory

*Scholastic Book Fair*

Please visit the Book Fair in the library **during conferences** next week. We have lots of great books for all ages.

***Don't forget...*** at the checkout the teachers have chosen some great books they would like donated to your child's classroom. We would love it if in addition to your purchases you would buy a book to donate. ***This is a great way to build up classroom libraries for our kids.***

Thanks for your continued support!  
Diane Justice, Librarian

## FREE DRESS UPDATE

Next Monday, January 28 will be the last Monday that the students will be allowed to wear FREE DRESS from the Fall Festival raffle contest. When we return from Winter Break, the students will be required to be in their regular uniform on Monday's.

Also, next Wednesday, January 29th, the students are allowed to wear FREE DRESS in honor of Student Day. The children will be attending mass that day and YOGA pants or leggings will not be allowed to be worn. Thanks for your attention to this matter.

## Enrichment Classes

There will be no after school Enrichment classes (Arts and Crafts, Reading Reinforcement, Fun Fit Kids, Young Rembrandts, Math Mania, or Homework Club) due to conferences and Winter Break next week. All classes will resume the week of February 4th. We appreciate your attention to this matter.

## Many Thanks to our Room Parents

We would like to thank those parents who came to school today to provide classroom coverage so our Teachers and Assistants could enjoy lunch together in recognition of Catholic Schools Week.

We are very blessed to have wonderful parent volunteers who give of their time to assist our staff. Your time and dedication is very much appreciated.



## Stay Tuned.....

The 7th and 8th grade girls #1 basketball team will be featured on the Bellarmine Knights Coach Scotty Davenport show tomorrow Saturday, January 26th at 12:00 (noon) on WBKI channel 7! Be sure to watch our Mustangs in action.

## Upcoming Spring Basketball Opportunity

**ATTENTION** 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls - Teams are forming for the 2013 Toppers Girls Spring Basketball Program. We will play in a spring league and participate in tournaments as schedules allow. We make every effort to work with players in multiple spring sports. Our first workout will be held on **Sunday, February 10, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Presentation Academy Gym - 900 S. Fourth Street.** If you have any questions and/or are interested in participating, please contact Coach Tony Schnell @ 502-523-2668 or via [anthony.schnell@skofirm.com](mailto:anthony.schnell@skofirm.com). *A player does not have to be planning to attend Presentation in order to participate in the Topper Basketball Program.*

## District Governor's Cup Results

Congratulations to the following students for their achievements at the District Governor's Cup competition that was held last week-end. THANKS to everyone, including the alternates, for their hard work and preparation for this event!

### Final Standings for our District

3<sup>rd</sup> – **St. Margaret Mary**

#### Quick Recall

4<sup>th</sup> – **St. Margaret Mary**

(Parker Moorman, Griffin Mercer, Evan Sims, Kathryn Hall, Jordyn Priest, John Downs, Patrick Sweat, and Alex Duvall)

#### Composition

5<sup>th</sup> Kathryn Hall

8<sup>th</sup> Jordyn Priest

10<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Stein

#### Language Arts

4<sup>th</sup> Jacqui Stegman

6<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Stein

8<sup>th</sup> Evan Sims

#### Mathematics

4<sup>th</sup> Griffin Mercer

4<sup>th</sup> Parker Moorman

12<sup>th</sup> Katy Haering

#### Social Studies

4<sup>th</sup> Jacqui Stegman

7<sup>th</sup> Griffin Mercer

8<sup>th</sup> Zach Dedas

#### Arts & Humanities

1<sup>st</sup> Abbey Glover

6<sup>th</sup> John Downs

10<sup>h</sup> Jacqui Stegman

#### Science

1<sup>st</sup> Evan Sims

4<sup>th</sup> Abbey Glover

8<sup>th</sup> John Downs

All students who placed 5th place or higher will move on to the Regional Competition to be held on February 2, 2013. We are very proud of all of these students. Way to go Mustangs!

## Cold Weather Recess

Because we want to do what is best for children, and we know that the cold weather is not going away anytime soon, we have devised a Cold Weather Recess Plan. The children will be able to go outside when the temperatures are at or above a wind chill of 25 degrees, even if it is only for a short period of time. The assistants and teachers have agreed to a new schedule for recess that best serves the children and themselves in extreme temperatures. If it is below 25 degrees, they will have indoor recess. We all believe that children need this time to play, relax, and unwind each day. **Be sure to send in coats, hats, and gloves each day!**

### Attention 6th grade families:

Please mark your calendars to join us for the Festival of Nations.

The event will be held on Wednesday, March 6, 2013, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the PAC. More details will follow in the next few weeks.



### Save the Date

SMMAA BASKETBALL BANQUET

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

SMM PAC

More information to follow!

### Basketball Games tonight at SMM

Come cheer on the Mustangs this **Friday, January 25, 2013**, as they host the Holy Trinity Eagles in four basketball games. The fun will begin in our gym at 7:00pm with the last game beginning at 9:00pm. The complete schedule is as follows:

6:30- 7/8th Boys #6

7:30- 7/8th Boys #5

8:30- 7/8th Boys #2



Again, come show your school spirit and make sure to wear your Mustang shirts.

## Father-Daughter Dance



The annual Father-Daughter Dance is tomorrow **Saturday, January 26, 2013**. This year's theme will be "A Winter Wonderland". The event is from 7:00-9:00pm. Tickets went home this week with your daughters. If you did not receive your tickets, please contact Tracy Spalding at [tracy.spalding@insightbb.com](mailto:tracy.spalding@insightbb.com)

If you did not purchase your tickets in advance, you can do so at the door. They are \$20 per couple and \$5 for each additional daughter.

We look forward to seeing you there and appreciate your support of the Girl Scouts.

## News from the Parish

### **An Introduction to the Theology of the Body**

January 31 – March 21 (Thursdays)  
7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Hospitality Room

Theology of the Body (TOB) is the working title John Paul II gave to 129 talks he delivered between September 1979 and November 1984. It is a biblical reflection on the meaning of human embodiment as male and female, particularly as it concerns the call of the two to become "one flesh." But it is crucial to realize that the TOB is not only meant for married people. There will be 8 classes, and we encourage you to invite your friends, parishioners and non-parishioners. Our classes will be facilitated by parishioner Michelle Haire and are sponsored by the SMM Catholic Life Issues Committee. The cost for the class and student workbook is \$10. For more information and to register, please contact Michelle Haire at [gabbysshell@hotmail.com](mailto:gabbysshell@hotmail.com) or 502-671-9942.

## Emergency Closings

As the weather begins to change, we wanted to take a minute and remind everyone about the policy on Emergency Closings at St. Margaret Mary school.

In the event, our school is closed, we will send a Honeywell Instant Alert message as well as an e-mail to all school families in regards to specific closing information.

The following guidelines will be adhered to:

All Catholic elementary schools in Jefferson Co. are OPEN:  
We will operate on our regular schedule.

All Catholic elementary schools in Jefferson Co. will be OPEN,  
but on a DELAYED SCHEDULE:

The school building will be open at 9:00am. Classes will begin at 10:00am and end at 2:45pm.

All Catholic elementary schools in Jefferson Co. are CLOSED.

***Schools are open unless announced otherwise. Once we are in school, students will not be dismissed unless a parent or guardian is notified. Please do not call the school seeking early dismissal information.***

## The Ned Show!

Next Monday, the Ned Show is coming to SMM. This event combines a positive message with humor, storytelling, audience participation and memorable object lessons like yo-yo and magic tricks. The assembly teaches students how they can develop three valuable characteristics to become CHAMPIONS at school and in life. **(NED) Never Give Up, Encourage Others, Do your Best.** Today in your child's Friday folder, you received an order form to purchase NED items. If you would like to purchase any item, please send your order form and money into school on Monday, January 28, 2013.





# PTO Update

## GALA Update



We encourage everyone to stop by the GALA table at conferences. We will be selling chances for the 50/50 Split the pot. (Last year's winner won just over \$400.) Let's help build that pot. We will also be selling Wheel of Chances. Lastly, we will be selling Mustang Mystery bags for \$20. This opportunity will allow you to spend \$20 and receive a bag filled with mystery items valued at \$25-\$40.

This is just another reminder to return your reply cards as soon as possible. We need to give the caterer a firm count of how many people we expect to attend. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the GALA committee. Again, they will be on hand during conferences on Monday and Tuesday to sell Wheel of Chance packages, Mystery bags, raffle tickets, or answer any questions you may have. Thanks again for supporting this the PTO. **More details on each of these activities can be found on the school website.** Please make sure that you continue to check the GALA website (<http://gala.tripcat.net/>) for more information about this event.

## PTO GALA...Wheel of Chance

### **Wheel of Chance Update**

Only 20 chances sold per package, don't miss your chance to participate!

**\*\*We are already sold out on the following packages:  
\$250 ??? Gift Card, Kroger Card and SMM Book Bill**

Support your school today through this Gala activity and win fabulous prizes! Please check out attached form or on the [www.stmm.org/school](http://www.stmm.org/school) for more information.

## Muffins with Mom

**You're invited to Muffins with Mom**

**Tuesday, February 5th** (last names starting with A through L)

**Thursday, February 7th** (last names starting with M through Z)

**7:00 to 7:45 a.m. in the Hospitality Room**

Drop-in anytime between 7:00 and 7:45 a.m.  
with your child/children  
for complimentary muffins, coffee, milk and juice  
*Sponsored by the St. Margaret Mary PTO*

## SPIRIT WEAR NEWS

The next Spirit Wear sale will be held in the middle of February. Please continue to read the school newsletter for more information.



## Our Sympathy

- Dottie Sullivan and her family on the death of her father.
- Sophie Ringer and her family on the death of her grandfather.
- Kalista Buono and her family on the death of her grandmother.

## Keep in your Prayers

- ◆ Alyx and Kathryn Sander's dad
- ◆ Logan and Olivia Hall's aunt
- ◆ Mike Eimers
- ◆ A friend of Mrs. Pfeifer's
- ◆ Mr. Denny's (Bus Driver #7) daughter
- ◆ Mrs. Moth's dad
- ◆ Lilly Maddux's aunt
- ◆ Megan, Marissa and Drew Findley's great grandmother
- ◆ Lauren and Olivia Spalding's grandfather
- ◆ Justin McClelland



## Junior High Day of Service

Mark your calendars.  
There will be a day of service at St. Margaret Mary for Junior High Students on  
**Saturday February 23, 2013**  
from 9:00am-12:00 noon.

The hours will count toward  
Confirmation service hours for both  
7th and 8th graders.

More information will be sent home  
next week.

## MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. Jan. 28  
Tues. Jan. 29      5th grade  
Wed. Jan. 30      All School Mass  
Thurs. Jan. 31  
Fri. Feb. 1

## A Look Ahead....

- ◆ Mon, January 28  
**BOOK FAIR**  
7:15am      Supernova Rehearsal  
7:30-10:00am      New Student Registration  
1:15pm      Early Dismissal  
1:15-3:00pm      All Cast Rehearsal/Beauty and the Beast  
2:00-7:30pm      Conferences  
7:00pm      Parents Meeting - Beauty and the Beast
- ◆ Tues, January 29  
**BOOK FAIR**  
7:15am      Beginning Band  
1:15pm      Early Dismissal  
2:00-7:30pm      Conferences
- ◆ Wed, January 30  
**BOOK FAIR**  
7:15am      Advanced Band  
7:30am      Supernova Rehearsal  
8:15am      All School Mass (4R)  
1:15pm      Early Dismissal  
Student Day (Catholic Schools Week)  
Free Dress for Students
- ◆ Thurs, January 31  
NO SCHOOL
- ◆ Fri, February 1  
NO SCHOOL
- ◆ Saturday, February 2  
Regional Governor's Cup
- ◆ Monday, February 4  
3:00-4:00pm Fun Fit Kids  
3:00-4:00pm Young Rembrandts  
3:00-4:00pm Homework Club

## Franciscan Shelter House 2012-2013 Schedule

Jan. 29      **Debbie Frisbie**, John Frisbie,  
   Shannon Wolfe, Gabriel Wickel  
Feb. 5      **Sara DeBeer**, Payton Sims, Tonner  
   DeBeer, Victoria Renderio

\* When driving to the shelter please arrive to school by 10:00am. You must be at the shelter by 10:30am and you will return to SMM about 1:00 pm.