



March 2010



Important Reminders

This winter, the cold and flu season has been especially hard on everyone. PLEASE, if your child is ill, keep him/her home until they are better. We **need everyone's help** to keep all of the students and staff as healthy as possible.

If you are driving your children to school, please remember the **Haney Hall doors open at 8:10AM** and **students go up to their classrooms at 8:25AM**. The first bell rings at 8:30AM.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Comfort Packs for Mott's Hospital

Lent is not only a time to reflect and give up something, but it can also be a time to DO and SHARE! As you know, one of our students, is undergoing cancer treatment at Mott's Children's Hospital. This year for our LENTEN CARE PROJECT, our students will be collecting items to be used in Comfort Packs for children at Mott's who are going through treatment. Each grade has been assigned specific items. The last day for donations is March 3rd. (Detailed flyer went home February 23.)

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| K-Coloring Books | 4-(208) Mouthwash (travel size or larger) |
| 1-Crayons | 5-Hand Sanitizer |
| 2-Play Dough | 6-Small packs of Kleenex |
| 3-Hand Lotion | 7-Refillable water bottles |
| 4-(209) Lip Balm/Chap Stick | 8-Baseball caps (Does not have to be expensive) |

UofM Life Flight Team

On March 4th, the UofM Life Flight Team will be landing on the Wayne Courthouse grounds as part of a training flight. Our students will walk there and have the opportunity to learn how the flight team works. The Wayne Fire Department will also be on hand. At the end of their presentations, the Life Flight Team has generously agreed to fly back all of the donated items for the Comfort Packs to Mott's. Your kindness and support is very much appreciated.

March 1st – 31st



Read-a-thon

March is Reading Month

Be sure to check your child's classroom websites for specific reading month information as it relates to your child.

This year, our Read-a-thon will take place March 1st through March 12th. On March 12th, there will be an all day reading session here at school. However, we are asking students to read at home as well during the previous two week time span. Students are asked to secure financial pledges for the time they spend reading. A pledge form is being sent home with each student. Parents, please help your students collect their donation pledges. The money raised will go towards the purchase of **Interactive SMART Boards**. Thank you very much for all your support!

Open Registration

Registration for the 2010-2011 school year is moving along very well. On March 8th, Open Registration begins. If you plan to send your child/ren to St. Mary School next year, even though you have not turned in the money for the registration fee yet, please notify the school office immediately. We want to be sure that there are slots available for our existing families before we open up to outside registration.

Tuition Assistance Programs

Please do not forget to pick up the **Archdiocese of Detroit Tuition Assistance** form (PSAS) in the school office at your earliest convenience. The form may also be downloaded from the Archdiocese of Detroit website. **This form must be postmarked no later than April 12, 2010.**

We have not yet received the new applicant forms for **Education for a Brighter Future**. There is information on the Archdiocese of Detroit website regarding this program. Those families who are already in the program will be receiving information sent directly in the mail.

The **Community Caring Program** is also available. Go to www.communitycaring.org to download a scholarship application packet. **This application must be postmarked no later than March 12, 2010.**

Lunchroom
Volunteer
Notes

We would like to extend our appreciation to the parents who have helped us our so readily during this year in the lunchroom. We can't thank you enough!!!

We try not to take advantage of the kindness of our volunteer lunchroom parents and we need your help. Please check your schedules. If anyone has time to help out either on a regular basis or once in awhile, this would ease the load on our regular helpers. Your child/ren will really enjoy having you visit. Thank you in advance.

Aquinas Olympics

Students from our 7th and 8th grades participated in the Aquinas Academic Olympics on January 29th at St. Frances Cabrini. This is an annual competition that brings together 7th and 8th graders from all of the surrounding Catholic Schools to compete in the individual subject areas. Gold, silver and bronze medals are awarded to the students who receive the top three scores in each subject tested. Congratulations to:

Cristina Reyes	Math	Silver Medal
Keith Melong	Social Studies	Silver Medal
Richard Nguyen	Art	Bronze Medal
Alex Wallo	Religion	Silver Medal
Max Fister	Religion	Bronze Medal

We are very proud of all of our Olympians!! Great job everyone!!

McCotter Awards

The McCotter Award recipients for the month of February 2010 are:

Kindergarten	Abigail Antonio	Grade 4	Isaiah Antonio (209)
Grade 1	Jamie VanNeste	Grade 5	Jacob Kalinowski
Grade 2	Aleena Jose	Grade 6	Suzanne Cardosi
Grade 3	Jimmy Fister	Grade 7	Jeffrey Andrews
Grade 4	Jake Marciniak (208)	Grade 8	James Andrion

Thank you for being fine examples to all of the students in our school. Keep up the good work!!

America & Me
Essay Contest

This program was started in 1968 and is sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance. It is open to all Michigan eighth grade students. This essay contest encourages students to explore their roles in America's future. This is the 41st anniversary year of the contest. The essay theme this year is "My Personal Michigan Hero".

Three essay winners are chosen from each participating school across the state. The 1st Place essay winner from each participating school will then compete against others throughout the state. From this group, ten winners will be announced and will be eligible for state recognition.

The winners from St. Mary are:

1st Place Adam Kalinowski
2nd Place Michael Irwin
3rd Place George Villasenor

Congratulations to all!

Fun Fair~May 21st

It's that time of year again!!! Even though it is only March, May is just around the corner. Fun Fair planning has already started. Mrs. Zyck and Mrs. Strieter have graciously volunteered to chair the event again this year.

Each class already knows what theme basket they will be working on for the Fun Fair. During the first week of March a list will be sent home with more basket timeline information and gift suggestions.

Once again this year we will have our continuous raffle on the stage in the Activity Center. All are welcome to donate to this raffle! The more donations we have, the more opportunities to win? Winning is fun!!!

Many volunteers are needed to make the Fun Fair a success. There are many parents who are unable to volunteer during the year and this would be a wonderful opportunity to lend a hand and have some fun. Please contact Mrs. Julie Strieter at 734-981-1059 (email julie.strieter@comcast.net) or Mrs. Christie Zyck at (email clzyck@yahoo.com) for volunteer opportunities.