

FAMILY FOCUS

January 12, 2011

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Dear Families,

As you know, Fr. Randy had a meeting on Sunday, January 9th at 3:00 pm, to share information with school families. The Parish Council, FAB, and SAC Boards have been meeting to discuss ways to keep the school vibrant, affordable and accessible. The decision has been made to go to one class from 5th grade to Kindergarten. The Parishioner In Good Standing and Admission policy will be followed. Protecting our Related Arts classes and support was important to everyone. We will still provide a quality Catholic education. One of the sad effects of making a decision of this magnitude will be three teachers losing their positions. We will follow Archdiocese of Louisville guidelines as we proceed.

Please keep all of our leadership of the Parish in your prayers. Keep our faculty and staff in your thoughts and prayers. Keep our children foremost in your care, thoughts and prayers.

Mrs. Margaret Bowen

Counselor's Connection

A permission form will NOT go home this year for the Good Touch/Bad Touch program, due to this curriculum being mandated by the Archdiocese. If you DO NOT want your child to participate in this program, please call Mrs. Price at 635-7141 or send a note to eprice@ssmartyr.org. If you do not call or write, your child WILL participate in this program.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

IMPORTANT REMINDER: We are accepting registrations through January 14, 2011. There is a \$100.00 fee due when you turn in the registration form. All fees will be deposited and applications processed. All applications will be evaluated. A letter of acceptance will be mailed by February 11, 2011. For anyone not accepted, the registration fee will be refunded.

There is a \$50.00 late fee for registration forms turned in after January 28, 2011 (No waivers).

Weekly Calendar

Wed, 1/12 New Family Registration, 8am-6pm
Report Cards go home
Second grade Parent Lunch

Thurs, 1/13 **1 pm dismissal!!!!**

Fri, 1/14

Mon, 1/17 **NO School**—Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday

Tues, 1/18 Activity pictures

Wed, 1/19

Thurs, 1/20 General PTO Meeting
Topic: Celebrate Calm
7 pm, Marteen Room

Fri, 1/21



Thursday, January 13th

EARLY DISMISSAL is at 1 pm

Please make the necessary arrangements for your child(ren).

- There is a lot of information coming home today about our 8th annual Reverse Raffle.
- Mark your calendar: February 26th
- We appreciate everyone's support of this important school fundraiser!!



Please send all Family Focus news items to Wendy Gerhard at wgerhard@ssmartyr.org by Tuesday at noon!!



KUDOS KORNER




A special "shout out" to our extraordinary Art/Computer teacher for all that she does to inspire the creative side of our students and staff. She does so much more than most people realize.

We are so very lucky to have *Mrs. Carolyn Brooks* at SSM! Give her a pat on the back and say 'thanks' the next time you see her!



Art to Remember

All classes are now participating in the Art to Remember program. This program gives you the opportunity to buy items with your child's artwork printed on it. You will be receiving a letter about the program in the next few weeks.

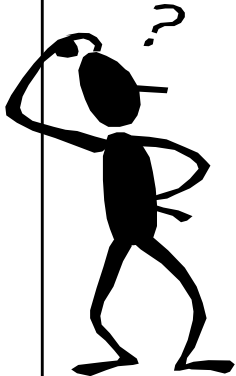
 **Fall Fundraiser Delivery Information**

We are still expecting a shipment of prizes and perhaps some more products!! If you still have items outstanding, need a refund, and/or need to exchange an item, please contact the company at 877-769-0832. It can be difficult to get through, but keep trying!!

The PTO Ways and Means Committee appreciates everyone's patience as this fundraiser has progressed.

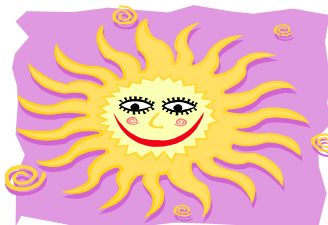
Please note that for next year, the PTO has already committed to using the Market Day gift catalog for that portion of our Fall Fundraiser. We hope everyone will continue to support this fundraiser next year despite the troubles we have had this year. The Market Day gift catalog has similar items but also some new ones!!!

4TH-5TH GRADE QUICK RECALL TEAM for 2011



- Matthew Clemons (5W)
- Derek Cornwell (5B)
- Trevor Guinn (5B)
- Mason Lewter (5W)
- Dillon Smothers (5W)
- Steele Whitney (5W)
- Leo Lane (4W)
- Andrew Norton (4W)

Next Match: St. Michael vs. St. Stephen Martyr
 January 18th after school
 in the SSM library



"The glorious lamp of heaven, the radiant sun, is Nature's eye."
John Dryden



Please take time to look over the policy for inclement weather in the school Handbook. Watch your local news channels or listen to the news radio stations for announcements of school closings or delays.

Lost & Found

There were some items left behind at Providence High School following the performance of Annie Jr. Please contact the school office if you are missing a pair of reading glasses or a gray, tweed wool cap.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Reverse Raffle is set for February 26th, but we need your help now! Please contact Angie Laemmle at 459-6691.