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# FAMILY FOCUS February 23, 2011

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## Dear Families,

Last Wednesday night, our PTO and Elizabeth Price, our counselor, sponsored a speaker. His name is Kirk Martin and his topic was "Celebrate Calm." He listed "5 Ways We Sabotage Our Kids' Success."

1. We control and become responsible for our kids.  
The quickest way to change your child's behavior is to control your own.
2. Our anxiety causes power struggles and destroys relationships.  
Are you willing to do what it takes to get control of your anxiety?
3. We misunderstand our kids' motivations and behavior.
4. We don't take care of ourselves.  
We want our kids to learn how to get along with others, but what do they see from us?
5. We dump fuel on the fire and allow our kids' reactions to dictate us

One important point he made was that our kids mess up. Then we yell at them and send them away from us. We want them to be successful. He suggested bring them closer. Give them choices. "You didn't do your homework last night. Would you rather I take X Box or your phone away for the one hour it would have taken you to do your homework?" We want them to become responsible for themselves. He had some very good points and he was entertaining. Thank you to our PTO and Elizabeth Price.

It is time for Reverse Raffle. We have people working here constantly to make this a huge success. I keep thinking about what I could do with the many things I could win. I haven't, but I can still keep wishing. Please come and work and enjoy!!

Mrs. Margaret Bowen

We have CD's & DVD's from the Celebrate Calm workshop. We want to provide the opportunity for families that weren't able to attend the workshop, & for those that did come but want to hear this message again. Families can borrow these for a **one week period** to allow all families the choice to view/listen to these. If you are interested in borrowing a CD/DVD, please contact Elizabeth Price at 635-7141 or by email at [eprice@ssmartyr.org](mailto:eprice@ssmartyr.org). Thank you.

Can you spare a couple of hours?  
We need help cleaning up after the Raffle, starting Sunday morning at 9 am.  
Email [angelaemmle@yahoo.com](mailto:angelaemmle@yahoo.com) or just show up!!



8th Annual  
Reverse Raffle  
Saturday, 2/26  
Doors open at 5:30 pm

## Weekly Calendar

Wed, 2/23	
Thurs, 2/24	
Fri, 2/25	
Sat, 2/26	!! REVERSE RAFFLE !!
Sun, 2/27	TOSS Mardi Gras (see flyer) (5th, 6th, 7th, 8th graders)
Mon, 2/28	
Tues, 3/1	
Wed, 3/2	
Thurs, 3/3	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences
Fri, 3/4	Professional Development Day No School

SSM extends a huge  
**THANK YOU**  
to the following  
2011 Reverse Raffle  
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Please support our sponsors!!!

Please send all Family Focus news items to Wendy Gerhard at [wgerhard@ssmartyr.org](mailto:wgerhard@ssmartyr.org) by Tuesday at noon!!



# KUDOS KORNER



How about *Miss Helen Herberger (1C)* who danced her heart out this weekend! She took Cincinnati by storm and won the National Title in the "Tiny Duets" category. Her All Star team won the National Title for "Variety" team. And if that isn't enough, Helen's "Hip Hop" team won 4th place!!

Way to move those toes, Helen!!

The 8th grade fish fry will be March 4th. Sign up forms will be in the back of church. Please consider working one shift to help support the 8th grade trip to Washington DC.



## Student Council News!

Applications for the Talent Show are available in the office. They are due 2/25. The Talent Show is scheduled for March 25th.

The Craft Fair is scheduled for April 12th. Applications will be available in the office starting on March 7th.



Congratulations to the 4th & 5th grade Quick Recall Team for a great year!!

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

!!!Awesome Job!!!

If you would like to sponsor a friend of the Sullivan's who is running the mini-marathon this year with donations going to the Sullivan family, check out [www.gofundme.com/TheFightingSullivans](http://www.gofundme.com/TheFightingSullivans).

You can send a card or note to Joey at Target House 1, Room 305, 1811 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, TN 38104.



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

**Volunteers!**



# Go Cards!!



This past weekend, two of our 7th & 8th grade girls basketball teams played and won their city championship games!! The weekend before, the third 7th & 8th grade girls basketball team played and was runner up! Congratulations to all the SSM students, coaches, cheerleaders and spectators who played and cheered with team spirit and good sportsmanship!!

### 7th & 8th Grade Girls #3 City Champs:

Bayley Killmeier	Taylor Smothers
Hannah Fouts	Lexi Sauer
Macy Spears	Taylor Duvall
Victoria Shircliffe	Alex Gaines
Emily Woodburn	

### 7th & 8th Grade Girls #2 City Champs:

Sydney Welch	Kristina Coogle
Diana Roberts	Ruby Allgeier
Lauren Koenig	Summer Wright
Kali Borho	Savannah Burnett
Kirsten Swikert	Emily Bartley

### 7th & 8th Grade Girls #1 Runner-Up:

Madison Woods	Jessica Laemmler
Erin Muthler	Allison Just
Dara Jackson	Alannah Macaulay
Chelsea Wright	Angelica McBride

Special mention for all the 5th & 6th grade girls teams!! They all made it to the semi-finals in their tournaments.

"Athletics makes 'one' strong.  
Study makes 'one' wise.  
Character makes 'one' great.  
Faith makes it all possible."

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