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FAMILY FOCUS

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Dear Families,

Last week we celebrated Catholic Schools Week. Boy, did we celebrate! My favorite thing is the skating party for all the students. I love to see them attempting something that is out of their comfort level. Yes, it can be hard but you can do it! It does make me sad that upper grade students are getting way too cool to attend. They are a lot of fun and part of the school. I miss them not being there with their buddies. One of the things I said in the bulletin was to write a note to someone about your Catholic grade school experience or thank someone. I received a note from Mr. John Frankrone. He is a legend here at SSM. He is a perfect example of our past at a Catholic School and he is also one of the reasons we will have a future as a Catholic School. Here is the letter:

"Dear Margaret,

I am writing this to do what you said in the Sunday bulletin, to thank all the teachers for what they do.

I want to go way back when most of the teachers were Nuns and Sister Ann Austin was the principal. Father Prendville was here and also Walter Roos. Even then I did a lot for the Sisters and school.

But what I really wanted to say is that all the teachers and helpers at S.S.M. are always so nice to me. Donna and all the cafeteria workers are very nice to me.

I have always enjoyed everything that I did for the school and church. So best wishes to all and have a great week.

Best wishes—John"

Mrs. Margaret Bowen

Reverse Raffle donations are still needed for our silent auction. Help us make this the best auction ever. Bring in all those gifts you've gotten and have no use for and can't take back to the store. Donate them to the Reverse Raffle. If it's **NEW**, we will put it to good use. Wheel of Chance sponsors and students who bring in items on Friday can wear their favorite team jersey over regular uniform bottoms. **WE WANT THIS TO BE OUR LAST GIFT COLLECTION DAY!**
 Thanks for all the great items so far, let's finish strong!!



Please note that we have early dismissal on Thursday, February 10th. School will dismiss at 1 pm. This was marked incorrectly on the school calendar as an 11 o'clock dismissal. Please make arrangements to pick up your child at 1 pm.

Weekly Calendar

Wed, 2/9	Kindergarten Parent Lunch RR Class Basket Items due
Thurs, 2/10	1 pm dismissal
Fri, 2/11	RR Donation Day for \$10 gift "Team Jersey Day"
Sat, 2/12	
Sun, 2/13	
Mon, 2/14	8th Grade Confirmation 7 pm at the Cathedral Happy Valentine's Day
Tues, 2/15	
Wed, 2/16	RR Donation Day "Mix Match Dress Down Day"



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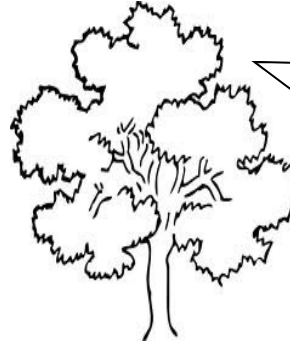
SSM Teachers & Staff want to send a special thank you to the 8th grade Girl Scouts for planning to etch glasses for them for Teacher Appreciation Day during Catholic Schools Week. Their meeting was cancelled due to snow—but three of the girls, **Deanna Allen (8D)**, **Lauren Koenig (8W)** and **Courtney Carrico (8D)**, gave up a Saturday to make sure all these glasses were done. These girls truly live by the Girl Scout law!

The SSM Teachers & Staff also appreciated the luncheon on Friday!! This year room parents arranged for homemade side dishes which was a huge hit and has already been requested again for next year! Thanks to all the PTO board members, room moms, and parents who came to help at the luncheon, making our teachers and staff feel very special!



I have 9 fake apples that were used on the set of Annie Jr., borrowed from a family of a 4th-8th grader. If these are yours, please let me know so I can return them to you!
THANK YOU!!!!!!

Ms. Sallee (3S)



"From little acorns, mighty oaks do grow."

American Proverb

!! 28 days, 28 winners !!

1000 Bonus Box Tops given away every day in February. Go to the Box Tops website and see how to enter!!



QUICK RECALL UPDATE

Next Match: February 15th at Ascension
!!Good Luck Guys!!



SPRING MULCH MADNESS

- SSM Athletics will be sponsoring a Spring Mulch Sale in April. The proceeds from the sale will benefit the children of SSM.
- Order as many bags of mulch that you will need for your spring gardening and the delivery will be **FREE!**
- More information will be coming home in the Wednesday folders in the coming weeks. So, start thinking about the spring and let SSM help you with the mulch.



TRAFFIC SAFETY RULES



PLEASE do not park in the parking spots along Greenup to drop off your children in the morning and/or pick your children up in the afternoons. These spots are reserved for our teachers and staff. Please take a few extra minutes in the morning and afternoons and follow the drop off/pick up guidelines!!



Thank you for putting the safety of our children and staff first!

The Learning Disabilities Association of Kentucky is sponsoring a workshop on 2/19 from 9—noon at the Central Bank, 9900 Shelbyville Road. Topics include **Strategies for Parenting Children with Special Needs" with Coleda Tackett, KYPIRC Regional Parent Involvement Coordinator and Central Auditory Processing Disorder with Dr. Norma Hogan.** Registration is free and is on a first com-first serve basis. Seating is limited. To register contact LDA of KY at (502) 473-1256, by email at info@LDAofKY.org or visit our website at <http://www.LDAofKY.org>.



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.

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 Laemmle at 459-6691.