

FAMILY FOCUS

March 16, 2011

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Dear Families,

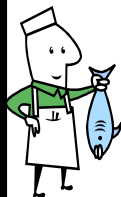
I wrote last time about an empty bowl and how one never knows what is going to be placed in it. That is exactly how this school year began. If you remember, we said good-bye to three teachers last year. We were also concerned about some of our related arts classes. As the year is three-quarters completed, we have continued on and continued on well!

Mrs. Stuecker has done a great job in the library. Books are flowing in and out. We have had two very successful book fairs. The profits go back into the purchasing of books for the library. Mr. Ramser has picked up on the PE classes. He was an activity director at Boys Haven and had instructed physical activities before. Ms. Sullivan incorporated Music and Motion for the younger students to get involved in their physical education. We definitely know how to make things work here at SSM. As we continue to stay viable and vibrant, we will continue to evaluate and improve our curriculum. Many people have expressed an interest in more Spanish. You do realize that having a class once a week is not the same as having a class every day.

That means that over the years from Kindergarten to 8th grade, your child gets two years of Spanish. We will continue to analyze, evaluate and update to bring you the best possible Catholic Education. We do need your help. We are currently working with the School Advisory Council to do our school self study. This is part of the Archdiocese of Louisville Accreditation process. We will be conducting a survey for all stakeholders. We will survey the students and teachers here at school. We will be asking you to complete a survey. This information will be shared with the Accreditation Team that will visit our school next Fall. We will send you more information on this process.

Thank you for all of your help and input.

Mrs. Margaret Bowen



Due to a fifth grade overnight field trip to the Zoo, the 4th and Kindergarten grade parents will be responsible for working the fish fry on Friday, March 25th. Fifth grade parents will be responsible for the weekend of April 1st. Please sign up to work a shift if you can. Don't forget your cake for the cake wheel!

Yearbook Order Forms are due back on 3/18.

Black & white yearbooks are \$10; Color yearbooks are \$15.



The Market Day order form is in your folder today. Please consider supporting this ongoing program that offers great value for your shopping dollars while contributing to the school!!

If you are interested in being on the School Advisory Council, submit your name to the School Office.



Students may dress down on Friday and wear a green top with jeans or regular uniform pants/skirt/shorts to celebrate St. Patrick's Day!!



Weekly Calendar



Wed, 3/16
Thurs, 3/17 St. Patrick's Day
Fri, 3/18 6th & 3rd Grade Fish Fry
Wear green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day
Sat/Sun, 3/19 & 20
Mon, 3/21 Talent Show Practice, 3 pm
Marteen Room
Tues, 3/22
Wed, 3/23
Thurs, 3/24 **Early Dismissal**, 1 o'clock
Fri, 3/25 4th & Kindergarten Grade Fish Fry
Talent Show, Marteen Room

WE NEED YOU!!!



Please consider sharing your time and talent on the PTO Board next year! There are several positions available. You can make a real difference in your child's school! Contact Ben Cawthon (637-1259), Mary Ellen Sant (365-3344), or Amanda Thompson (637-1166) for more information!

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

