

FAMILY FOCUS

March 2, 2011

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Dear Families,

Tremendous thanks to everyone for making the Reverse Raffle such a HUGE success! I say it was a huge success not by dollar amount but by the enthusiasm of the people. The crowd was huge, the workers were friendly, and the gift baskets were works of art! If you saw what all that stuff looks like before it is made into baskets, you would be amazed also. Someone came up to me and said they loved the Reverse Raffle just because they could mingle and catch up with people in the parish that they had not seen for awhile. It was truly spectacular! Thank you to Angie Laemmle for being so amazing that everyone wants to work with you for the good of the students. Thank you to all the people behind the scenes who make everything click.

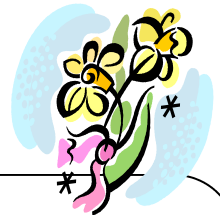
At Mass, Father told everyone that he prays that the person who wins is someone who really needs it. One lady told me that Father took her right out of the running! We are so thankful for the support.

I can't say it enough, **Thank you!!**

Mrs. Margaret Bowen



	<p>Conferences are here! Remember this is a time to help your child set Academic and Core Value Goals. You are an important part in your child's success in school. One of the most important pieces, is the "Action Taken." Here is where you work with the teacher to form a plan. Another part is the "Who is Responsible" section. This gives the ownership back to the student. Conferences are so important! We will see you on Thursday!</p>



Dear Parents,

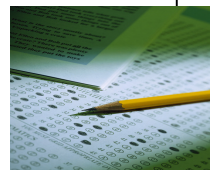
Next Monday, March 7th, 2011, the students in 1st through 7th grades will take the Terra Nova Assessment. The testing will last into the week. Please encourage your child/ren to do their very best on the test. Test-taking is a life skill not only experienced in the academic world, but also in the work world. I hope you will encourage your child/ren to do their very best. While the students are not given a grade for the test, the teachers and parents learn a great deal about the student's achievement and cognitive learning. This helps all of us in assisting and supporting your student's success in school.

Please make sure your student has a good night's sleep, a great breakfast and a healthy snack and drink for the test taking days.


More importantly, help them feel comfortable taking the test with your positive encouragement to do their best!

I appreciate your support and cooperation in this important school matter.

Barbara G. Stuecker
Special Needs Coordinator



Weekly Calendar

Wed, 3/2		
Thurs, 3/3	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences	
Fri, 3/4	Professional Development Day	
	<u>!! No School !!</u>	
	8th Grade Fish Fry	
Sat, 3/5		
Sun, 3/6		
Mon, 3/7	Terra Nova Testing this week	
Tues, 3/8	Peer Leaders, 1:30-2:40pm	
Wed, 3/9	Market Day, 5:30-6:30pm	
Thurs, 3/10	SAC Board Meeting	
Fri, 3/11	7th Grade Fish Fry	

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



KUDOS KORNER



Congratulations to *Macy Spears (8W)* and *Kaden Woo (3S)* for having the winning posters for the AAA Traffic Safety Poster Contest! Kaden won 1st place in the Elementary category and Macy won 3rd place in the Jr. High category.

“Kudos to Tom Koenig who was working very hard on Thursday setting up the gym for the Reverse Raffle when I noticed that he was using a lift to put up decorations in the ceiling, and jokingly asked him to wash the windows of the daycare facing the gym (with the 1-1/2 inches of dust on the ledges). I was really pleased when Tom came up and borrowed the Windex to wash them for us! And boy do they sparkle. Thanks Tom!! (Finally, a man that does windows.)

Mrs. Dora Beck

Congrats to *Victoria Shircliffe (8W)* for winning the school-wide spelling bee and competing in the Archdiocesan spelling bee against 31 other students!! She did very well and we're all so proud of her!!



AND THEY'RE OFF.....JAKE KEHOE (3S) AND HIS DAD HAD A WINNING TICKET THIS PAST WEEKEND AND CROSSED THE FINISH LINE OF THE FIRST LEG OF THE TRIPLE CROWN. IT WAS JAKE'S FIRST ORGANIZED RUN!

Student Council News!!

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.



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.



Horseshoe Casino Fundraiser

The 8th graders are sponsoring a fundraising trip to Horseshoe Casino on March 20th to support their trip to Washington, D.C.

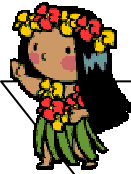
⇒ Participants must be 21 years of age and arrive on the bus to be counted.

⇒ Cost: \$25. You will receive vouchers for food (\$12) and gambling token (\$5).

Sign up sheets are due on **March 8th**. Call Mary Beth Wright (452-9942/777-9164) or Linda Bogner (638-0462) to sign up and/or for questions.



Yearbook Order Forms are coming home today. They are due back on 3/18. Black & white yearbooks are \$10; Color yearbooks are \$15.



Thanks, thanks, thanks!!

We can't say it enough. The parents, faculty, staff and friends of SSM made this year's Reverse Raffle one of the best ever!!



The 8th grade fish fry is this Friday. Please consider working a shift to help support the 8th grade trip to Washington DC. If you can't work, support the 8th grade by having a fish sandwich!

8th grade parents—don't forget your cake for the cake wheel!



Tap, Jazz, Ballet & Hip Hop

at Presentation

ages 3-14

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begins 3/9