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CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Shaping Spirits and Minds



FAMILY FOCUS March 9, 2011

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Dear Families,

On Tuesday, March 8th, I attended a Retreat. It was about... "Building a Spiritual Community Among Faculty." I thought that was a very interesting title. We talk a lot at SSM about building community and there is no place better to show support and community when you are in need than at SSM. What caught my eye was building a "Spiritual" community. We have to be able to build a spiritual community among ourselves to enable us to develop and build and extend the "Spiritual" community to others. One of the activities, "A Teacher's Empty Begging Bowl," was based on a statement by the monk, Thomas Merton. A monk accepts with gratitude, whatever is given in the bowl. No matter what you are given – things no one would want in their bowl – you learn to accept – and feel grateful. Teachers and Principals are like that too. Some days we are lucky to be able to find our bowl, but one child, one smile, one hug, makes us ready to open each day with wonder, challenge, and life. Thank God!


Mrs. Margaret Bowen

Calendar Corrections/Confirmations

Please disregard the notice in last week's church bulletin that we are not in school on Friday, March 11th.
WE ARE!!

Also, we WILL be dismissing at 11:30 on Good Friday, April 22nd!

Weekly Calendar

Wed, 3/9	Ash Wednesday	
	Market Day (5:30-6:30)	
Thurs, 3/10	SAC Board Meeting, 7 pm	
Fri, 3/11	7th Grade Fish Fry	
Sat, 3/12		
Sun, 3/13	CPR Update Class, 1-3:30	
	Marteen Room	
	TOSS Meeting	
Mon, 3/14		
Tues, 3/15		
Wed, 3/16		
Thurs, 3/17		
Fri, 3/18	6th & 3rd Grade Fish Fry	



Market Day Delivery
today in the Weiker
Room, 5:30-6:30 pm

Way to go SSM!

We have collected over 14,000 Label for Education points so far this school year and will earn a point bonus in June due to your hard work! Labels aren't just on soup cans; a sheet listing the various products will be included in the Wednesday folder along with information on how to sign up with your frequent shopper card online to get even more points for our school. We use these points for playground equipment, art supplies and many other items to help out our teachers. Keep clipping those labels and sending them in to the attention of Amanda Thompson!



Please remember that we **MUST HAVE THE UPC ON THE LABEL.** *Good job SSM!*

Yearbook
Order Forms
are due back
on 3/18.
Black &
white year-
books are
\$10;
Color year-
books are
\$15.



TOSS Meeting
Sunday, March 13th
6:00-7:30 pm
Open Gym Night

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



KUDOS KORNER



Congratulations to **Jacob McNiff (5B)** for completing the Anthem 5K run recently!! He finished his race with an outstanding time of 46:23! Awesome effort, Jacob.



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.

WE NEED YOU!!!



Please consider sharing your time and talent on the PTO Board next year! Look for the notice in your child's folder! There are several positions available...sign up and make a real difference!

St. X Swim/Dive Clinics
Register by 3/15
Contact Todd Larkin
for more information
at 634-2131.

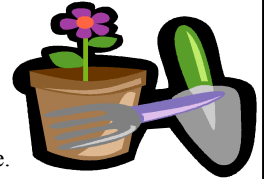


Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary,
How Does Your Garden Grow???

Why, with SSM Mulch, that's how!!!

The deadline for ordering mulch is **March 14th!**

Samples of the mulch will be in the courtyard in the little garden to the right of the school door.



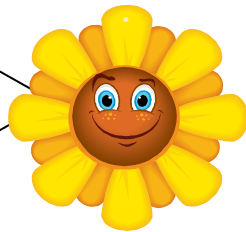
If you need a form, contact the school office.



3rd & 4th grade co-ed soccer players needed. Call Tammy Allgeier if you are interested at 836-1723.



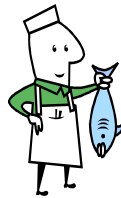
"It's not the load that breaks you down, it's the way you carry it."
Lena Horne



8th graders: Bring a dessert for the MOSS Club Chicken Dinner on 3/12 and MOSS Club will donate dessert sales for the DC trip. Label your dessert 'MOSS CLUB' so it gets to the right place. Desserts can be dropped off in the Marteen room Friday or Saturday.

7th grade parents are responsible for working the fish fry this Friday. Please sign up to work a shift if you can.

Don't forget your cake for the cake wheel!
Label your dessert as FISH FRY so it will get to the right place!!



If you have a child interested in golf, contact The First Tee at www.thefirstteelouisville.org for more information. Registration is only available online and has already started!

Student Council News!!

The **Talent Show** is scheduled for March 25th.
The **Craft Fair** is scheduled for April 12th. Applications are available in the office.



Tap, Jazz, Ballet & Hip Hop

at Presentation

ages 3-14

Contact
Melissa Herberger
541-2054

begins 3/9



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.