

2010 2011



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ST. STEPHEN MARTYR
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Shaping Spirits and Minds



FAMILY FOCUS August 24, 2011

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Dear Families,

Do you ever wonder why we start school the way we do? We start school on Wednesday because the students seem to handle three days pretty well. The first three days is a great way for us to go over all the details that the students need to know and learn to make their school year run smoothly. They have gone over the handbook. They have practiced our safety drills, which include: Fire, Tornado, Intruder in the building, and Earthquake. By 1:00 pm, everyone is tired and ready to go home!

Now that everyone has become acclimated to the start of school, we can jump in and get going. It has been a smooth and very happy and upbeat start. At our first School Liturgy, Fr. Harry's cell phone rang! He looked at his phone and he told the students it was God! I wish you could have seen their faces. Fr. Harry told the students that God hoped that they would try to do their best and that He was always with them. It was just a great way to start our year.

Thank you so much parents, faculty and staff, and students, for helping us start another great school year.

Mrs. Margaret Bowen

Teachers' Corner...



Congratulations to Mrs. Mary Waskevich, one of our eighth grade teachers, who became a 2011-2012 recipient of the Catholic Education Foundation Teacher Award. She was surprised by her family and friends and fellow educators at the Opening School Event on August 12th!



Weekly Calendar

Wed, 8/24	
Thurs, 8/25	
Fri, 8/26	Fall Fundraiser Kickoff 2 pm, Marteen Room
Sat, 8/27	
Sun, 8/28	TOSS Back to School Night 6-7:30 pm, SSAC
Mon, 8/29	Boy Scout Assembly in School
Tues, 8/30	Boy Scout Parent Meeting 7 pm, Marteen Room

SSM IS GREEN AND ONLINE

The Family Focus is now available via the SSM website (www.ssmartyr.org). It will be updated every Wednesday, usually by noon. To view, click on the 'School' tab and then click on 'Family Focus Update.' Please help us to be environmentally proactive by using the SSM website. Other things you can see/get online include:

Parish Information and forms
Athletic Information and forms
Market Day order form,
Lunch Menu
School Handbook,
PTO/SAC Board Information
PE uniform info (form coming soon!)
and check the *Daily School Bulletin*...daily!!



SSM Health Fair

October 2, 2011
12:30—3:30 pm

FREE admission,
FREE door prizes,
FREE give-aways!!

Look for the flyer in your folder today with more information!

Finger Painting
Face Painting,
snow cones, frog pond, exercising area, coloring, LOTS OF FUN, LOTS OF INFORMATION!

Flu shots for ages 3 or older for \$29.99 (free with Medicare B, file insurance with Walgreens; cash payment accepted).

Norton Cancer Van will participate again. Call 899-6842 to make an appointment for mammogram (free but file insurance) or prostate exam (free).

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



KUDOS KORNER



• Congratulations to everyone who participated in the 2011 Mitchell Klausing Jamboree Kickoff Classic this past Saturday at St. X against St. Nicholas. The 5th & 6th grade boys didn't win but played their hearts out, the 7th & 8th graders won their game 20-6, and the 3rd & 4th grade boys won 33-6. Everyone who participates in this great event is a WINNER!!!

You were lucky if you got the 'ticket' to see *Max Wright (7M)* over the summer. He performed in the Stage One production of "Big" at the Kentucky Center for the Arts!!

Way to go, Max.



Three cheers for third place winners **Maria Osbourn (6A)** and **Blaire Killmeier (6S)** at the 4H State Competition this summer!



How about these families and their children for volunteering their time at the St. Joseph's Children's Home picnic this summer! A huge *thank you* goes to all of them for generously helping with this event! **Max and Zach Wright (7M, 7H)**, **Nicholas Koenig (7M)**, **Josie and Maddie Woods (7H, 8D)**, **Nathan Hess (7H)**, **Marissa and Justin Lotz (6A, 8W)**, and **Steele Whitney (6A)**.

We will be placing another order for PE uniform clothing next week. Order forms are being sent home in the Wednesday folders. If you need something new or need to exchange an item that didn't fit, please return it to Wendy in the school office **NO LATER THAN** Friday, 8/26. Please call 635-7141 if you have any questions. Thank you!



Boy Scout Parent Meeting

There will be a parent meeting in the Marteen Room at 7 pm on August 30th for boys in grades 1-5. Students will also have a meeting about this during school on the 29th.

"Life Style" is Market Day!!!

The Fall Fundraiser will get underway this Friday. The kickoff is at 2 pm in the Marteen room and packets will come home.

PLEASE LOOK THROUGH THE PACKET THOROUGHLY...order forms for coupon books, cookie dough, and the gift catalog are all in the same envelope....

PLEASE put your child's name on all three order forms....

LOOK for the PTO blue incentive sheet with instructions included in the packet....

HAVE FUN selling these products for the benefit of your school...

WATCH for more information about this to come home soon!

Back to School Cookout/Corn Hole Night

All sixth, seventh and eighth graders are invited for a night of food, fun, music, egg toss, water games, and corn hole!

Sunday, August 28th
6-7:30 pm in the SSAC



Student Council News

Thursday, 8/25: Applications due for students running for Student Council positions.

Monday, 8/29-8/31: Campaign for positions

Thursday, 9/1: Campaign speeches

Thursday, 9/29: Skating Party at Skate World
6:30—8:30 pm



Thank you for sending in your Box Tops and Campbell's Soup Labels!!



PLEASE bag these separately as they go to different homes. Thank you for helping!



Market Day.
A fundraiser like no other...

Market Day order forms were sent home last week. Please note the deadline for ordering and mark your calendar for pickup in the Weiker Room on September 7th.