

FAMILY FOCUS

August 31, 2011

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Dear Families,

You might not know this but we go to school for 11 days in August. During August we had our New Family Welcome night and our first Meet & Greet night. We also had our first PTO Meeting. If you missed it, I am sorry. Our counselor did a great job speaking about Social Aggression. We had our Opening School Liturgy and our PTO had their fundraiser kick off. A Boy Scout Leader came and talked to our boys in grades 1-5. The Girl Scouts will have their time in September. Our TOSS group (Teens of St. Stephen), had their first gathering and 42 students in grades 6-7-8 showed up. Our students are applying to run for our Student Council offices. They must apply and make a speech and then go through elections. Our faculty has been working on getting school off to a great start. They are also working on our SACS Accreditation process. I will go into more detail about that later. We started football and volleyball. Our parish had their Stewardship Dinner.

I don't know about you, but I would say August is up and running and already gone. Can you imagine trying to start school after Labor Day? I just don't think we could get it all in! We really have high hopes for a great school year.

Please continue to offer us your prayers and support as we continue to do the work that Jesus has called on us to do.

Mrs. Margaret Bowen

Teachers' Corner...



This year our second graders are looking forward to making their First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, being pen pals with second graders at Notre Dame Academy, learning new team-time Science and Social Studies units, using a new resource room, learning how to add and subtract two and three digit numbers with and without regrouping, learning cursive, and going on great field trips!

Mrs. Mary Jean Patterson



SSM IS GREEN AND ONLINE

Remember to read your Family Focus each week via the SSM website (www.ssmartyr.org). To view, click on the 'School' tab and then click on 'Family Focus Update.'

Also updated every day is the Daily School Bulletin also listed under the 'School' tab.

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!)



Girls in grades K-2: If you are interested in becoming a Daisy Girl Scout, call Troop Leader, Amber Koenig, at 376-2923. Look online at the Daily School Bulletin for information on an upcoming event!

www.ssmartyr.org, School, Daily School Bulletin



Weekly Calendar

Wed, 8/31	
Thurs, 9/1	Student Council Speeches SAC Board Mtg., 7 pm
Fri, 9/2	
Sat, 9/3 & Sun, 9/4	
Mon, 9/5	NO SCHOOL—Labor Day!
Tues, 9/6	PTO Board Mtg., 7 pm Library
Wed, 9/7	8th Grade Parent Lunch 10:50 am Market Day Pickup, 5:30-6:30 pm, Weiker Room



There will be a meeting and open registration for Brownies (3rd grade) and Girl Scout Juniors (4th grade) on Friday, September 9th at 7:30 PM in the Marteen Room.

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



KUDOS KORNER



"Congratulations to the following SSM Cross Country Runners who participated in the Tiger Run on Saturday, August 27th. Each participant ran a personal best and proudly represented SSM."

Coach Martha Stephenson



Diana Roberts (8W)	Max Wright (7M)
Sammy McDonogh (7M)	Zach Wright (7H)
Adam Murphy (7H)	Nicholas Koenig (7M)
Sarah Cawthon (6S)	Andrew Norton (5F)

"Life Style" is Market Day!!!

The Fall Fundraiser is now underway! **PLEASE LOOK THROUGH THE PACKET THOROUGHLY...** order forms for coupon books, cookie dough, and the gift catalog were all in the same envelope.

PLEASE put your child's name on all three order forms or they might not be processed.



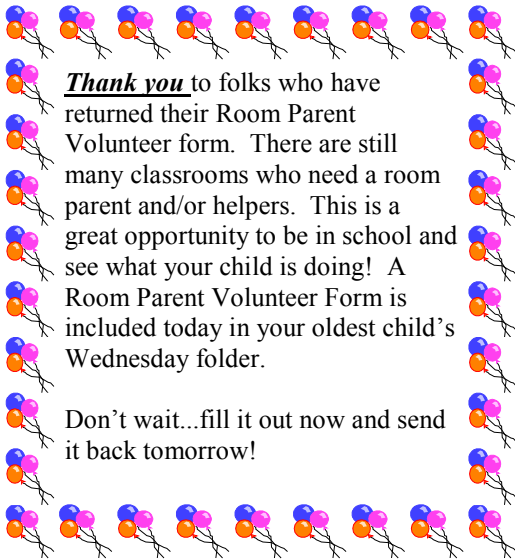
VIP Program

Return the VIP Pass signed by a parent to receive a Monster Palooza lanyard. Each time you sell 'two more items' have a parent sign one of the tabs and return them to school to be collected for random prize drawings throughout the fall fundraiser sale!

Checks should be made payable to: SSM

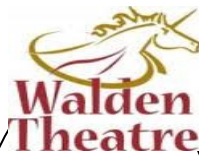
DO NOT include sales tax for orders sent to school. However, if you order online, sales tax WILL apply.

Be sure to look for Life-Style items that are only available online! Instructions for shopping online were included in the packet that was sent home last week. You can place your order online and have items shipped directly to you (which would include a shipping charge) or sent here to school (with no shipping charge).



Thank you to folks who have returned their Room Parent Volunteer form. There are still many classrooms who need a room parent and/or helpers. This is a great opportunity to be in school and see what your child is doing! A Room Parent Volunteer Form is included today in your oldest child's Wednesday folder.

Don't wait...fill it out now and send it back tomorrow!



Fall Acting Classes

Registration forms are available in the School Office.

Student Council News

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

"Use your smile to change the world;
don't let the world change your smile."



Presentation Academy
Theatre Auditions
for
CATS
Starting September 7th

Audition information
available in the School
Office.

Contact Charlie Douglas for more
information: 812-944-4619 or
charliegirl1007@insightbb.com.

SSM Health Fair

October 2, 2011
12:30—3:30 pm

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

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 ap-
pointment for mammogram (free but file
insurance) or prostate exam (free).



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

TOSS MEETING—9/11

9/11 Memorial
11:20 am MASS
Cost: Lunch



The Jewish Family
& Career Services
offers a support
group for
"Grandparents
Raising
Grandchildren."

Flyers are available
in the School office.



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!