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FAMILY FOCUS
January 6, 2010

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Dear Parents:

We are back!!! Monday went very smoothly. The students seemed to be excited about returning. On Tuesday, some of the excitement had already worn off. I told them we were glad they are here so that we can get to the end of the year! It will get here soon and very soon.

Now, January is a very important month for me. We tried something new this year. We tried an early enrollment in November to help us plan for the next school year. According to those numbers, we have 14 registered for kindergarten and only half of the school returning. This January's registration will be very important. Please send your registration form back to the office as soon as possible. If the registration fee is a problem, please write a note addressed to me or email me or call me. Many new efforts were made to help the school enrollment so we would like to see if any of our efforts have been successful.

Don't forget to support the Reverse Raffle. It is such a fun way to meet others and raise money. The RR Committee is planning a couple of activities to promote family participation. Please note these on the back of the Focus.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR — Next Tuesday is the General Meeting of the PTO. Our timely topic is "Internet Safety". Plan to be there to support your Parent Teacher Organization.

Thank you so much to the many people that sent us Christmas gifts, food and cards. We appreciate your thoughtfulness at this busy time of year. I am sure we all enjoyed the time with our families. I hope you did also. Happy New Year!

Mrs. Margaret Bowen

Calendar

- Wed., 1/6
- Thurs, 1/7 9:40 Mass
7:00 pm SAC Mtg, Library
- Fri, 1/8 REPORT CARDS COME HOME
- Sat, 1/9
- Sun, 1/10
- Mon, 1/11
- Tue, 1/12 Peer Leaders (Mercy and St. X)
3:00 Quick Recall Match 1
7:00 PTO GENERAL MEETING
Topic: "Internet Safety"
- Wed, 1/13 10:50 1st Grade Parent Lunch Day
MARKET DAY—Weiker Room
- Thu, 1/14 **1:00 EARLY DISMISSAL**

It's Yearbook Time!!! The form for ordering yearbooks is being sent home today in the Wednesday folder. This year families have the choice of ordering their yearbook in black and white for \$9.50 or in color for \$14.00. Completed forms with payment must be received by **Wednesday, January 27, 2010!!!** Please make note of the deadline as it is not preprinted on the order forms this year.

BoxTops for Education

News! Thanks to everyone who participates in this program. Our efforts have resulted in a check to SSM in the amount of \$1153.90 for BoxTops submitted from last spring and this fall. This is such an easy way for SSM to benefit! Please continue to send in your BoxTops and Campbell soup labels!



4TH-5TH QUICK RECALL TEAM FOR 2010

Derek Cornwell 4th, Caroline Hardesty 5th,
Nicholas Koenig 5th, Adam Murphy 5th,
Steele Whitney 4th, Josette Wolfe 5th, and
Josie Woods 5th. Congratulations and thank you to all
those who tried out!

REVERSE RAFFLE NEWS

Bring in \$1 or more per student this Friday,
January 8th and you can mix-match! Wear
2 different socks, your hair part up and part down, 2 different
shoes, etc...be creative and mix-match yourself for the
day! All monies raised will benefit the Reverse Raffle.



COLLECTION WEEK & DONUT PARTY -- January 11-15

is our collection week for auction items for the Reverse Raf-
fle. All items need to be donated during this week. They must
be **NEW** and valued over \$15. We are looking for unique
items — home décor (no candles please), jewelry, gift certifi-
cates, sports equipment, tools, toys, craft items, cookware,
etc. Feel free to donate any Christmas gifts you've received or
other **NEW** items you have at home that you know you will
never use — we will find a use.



DONUT PARTY All students (families) that
turn in a gift valued at \$15 or more will have a
donut party on Friday, January 15th. **ONE
GIFT PER FAMILY PLEASE.**

Keep **REVERSE RAFFLE** in mind when you are out shopping
the after Christmas Sales. This is a different collection than
Class Baskets.

Please mark your items "**AUCTION**"; any class basket dona-
tion should be marked "**CLASS BASKET.**"

MARK YOUR CALENDAR Tuesday, January 19th —

Bring in \$1 or more **PER STUDENT** for Crazy Hat and/or
Socks Day.

Mercy Academy - JR JAG DANCE CLINIC

Our annual JR JAG DANCE CLINIC will be held at Mercy, **Febru-
ary 6, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Students grades K-12
are welcome and are invited to perform the dance they learn at
Mercy's home basketball game Feb. 9th. The cost is \$35 per stu-
dent which includes a T-shirt, tutu, Papa John's pizza and a copy
of the performance music. For more information please contact
Leslie Storey Hibdon at leslie.storey@mercyacademy.com
or (502) 671-2010.

2009 LOUISVILLE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

YMCA FAMILY DAY

Louisville vs. Providence

Saturday, January 9th, 2010, 4:00 pm

**Bring a canned good or print a voucher
(see below) for 1 \$2.00 admission**

To print a voucher for this event log onto

<http://uoflsports.catv.com>

Click Tickets > Women's Basketball >
Group Tickets > YMCA Family Day

TOSS CORNER

TOSS meeting planned for
Sunday, January 10th
in the MarTeen Room--6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

PE uniform order forms are coming
home in this Wednesday's folder. The order
forms are due back by January 20th with an
anticipated delivery of uniforms in late
February. If anyone has any questions about
the uniforms, they can call Mrs. Amanda Thomp-
son at 931-0790.

**P.S. THANK YOU TO JULIA HARDY WHO HAS TACKLED
THIS JOB FOR SEVERAL YEARS FOR US!**

**The pre-registration forms for 2010-2011
are in the Wednesday folders this
week. Please note the deadline is February
1, 2010. There is a \$50.00 late fee for
forms that are turned in after this date.**



SPORTS SIGN-UPS for swimming
(must be able to swim 25 yds./1 length of the
pool) and for boys volleyball
after 11:30 mass on January
10th in front of the Athletic

office. Sign-ups will also be on Monday the
11th from 5:30-6:30 in front of the Athletic
office.



St. Stephen Martyr Alumni Committee is sponsoring A CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

WHEN: Saturday, JANUARY 23rd at 7:30 pm.

WHERE: Activities Building

HOW MUCH: \$30/team amateurs only

**EMAIL Sandy Stutzenberger at sgs03@AOL.com for
reservations.**

Saturday registration is at 7:00; games begin at 7:30.

**Cash prizes and door prizes.....cash bar for soft
drinks and beer, hot dogs, nachos, pizza, popcorn,
etc.**

Presentation Academy Dance Clinic —

Saturday, January 9th. The clinic will be from 10:00-4:00 and
doors open for registration at 9:30. The cost of the clinic is \$30
and this includes a clinic T-shirt, lunch, drinks, snacks and a CD
with the music used. There will also be lots of great door
prizes!!!

The clinic attendees will have the opportunity to perform at half-
time of the Presentation Varsity Basketball game on Tuesday,

Please note: All announcements that are to be included in the weekly Wednesday Family Focus are to
be received by the school office or e-mailed to Mrs. Brooks at:

cbrooks@ssmartyr.org no later than Tuesday morning.

To view the extra pages of the Family Focus just logon to <http://www.ssmartyr.org/17-Family-Focus-Update-Main.htm> and click on the date of the Focus you would like to view.