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CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Shaping Spirits and Minds



# FAMILY FOCUS

## March 3, 2010

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### Dear Families,

It is March! That means it is time for conferences and Terra Nova Testing. Conference is the time to do goal setting with your child and their teacher. I call it the time for a little kick to keep everyone on track and focused for May. It is great to have everyone come in and talk and discuss how to help children be successful.

During Terra Nova testing, remind your children to eat something for breakfast. Do stress the importance of trying their hardest when taking the test. The data from standardized testing is used to make curriculum changes and qualifies a school for Blue Ribbon Status. All we can do now is take the test seriously and try our hardest.

I guess you have heard that we are now a basketball school. We had 7 teams reach the final four. We held a pep rally, but I am more proud if the teams handle themselves with the dignity and pride than if they win or lose. I mean that. During tournament times, many principals get calls about behavior of students and parents at games. It is a call we hate to get because it is not what we are about. It is not about winning or ugly behavior. We have to teach students how to handle themselves with their classmates so that they are not proud or boastful. We have to teach them how to handle themselves when things don't go their way.

I got a call from the person that ran the gym at St. Mary's. Our 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade girls were playing our 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade girls. The referee was 45 minutes late. The fans, teams, and coaches were very patient. The person from St. Mary's was shocked because no one complained and everyone waited patiently. I was busy talking in the stands so the time flew by for me. We can model so much for children at so many places. Keep those kind of phone calls coming.

We will see you Thursday at conferences!

**Mrs. Margaret Bowen**

### DISMISSAL PROCEDURE AND PARKING LOT ISSUES:



We are asking parents and anyone that pick students up in the afternoon to adhere to the rules that we have in place. When you enter the lot, please pull forward facing Pindell. The traffic pattern, if followed properly by all, works well and is as safe as possible considering the amount of traffic that flows in such a short amount of time. The two lanes to the left will turn left. The two lanes to the right will turn right. If your child does not come out in time, please circle the block. We will send them to you when you pull up. We dismiss at 2:50 and the lot has been emptied before three. *Please model for your children your patience and that you know how to follow the rules.* Thank you.

Dear Parents,

It is that time of year once again!

Please help your student/s be prepared for the Terra Nova Tests that begin the week of March 8<sup>th</sup> through March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010, by making sure they *get a good night's sleep, eat a good breakfast and come to school with a nutritious snack and drink.*

Test taking is an important skill and a life skill tool that will be used again and again. When the children score above the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile, it allows them to take part in several academic programs that will definitely challenge their skills. It also helps the teachers know academic areas that need improvement in their classroom curriculum.

Please encourage the children to do their best on these tests.

Your support and cooperation is appreciated!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Barbara G. Stuecker  
Special Needs Coordinator

### Calendar

Wed 3/3

Thu, 3/4

Fri, 3/5

Sun, 3/7

Mon, 3/8

Tue, 3/9

Wed, 3/10

### PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

### NO SCHOOL

### Professional Day-NO SCHOOL

Fish Fry—5th grade workers

### 7:00 SEUSSICAL JR.

School play @  
Providence High  
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Market Day

**Communal Almsgiving:** Next weekend, March 6th & 7th, the parish will be collecting packages of **bathroom tissue**. This collection goes to the Sister Visitor Center. Please be generous.

## TOSS CORNER

MEETING SUNDAY, MARCH 14th  
6:00 pm MARTEEN ROOM

**For the Girls:** PURE FASHION IS COMING. Representatives from this international program will be at our meeting to discuss their faith based program that encourages teens to live, act and dress in accordance with God.

**For the Guys:** Local high school students will visit to discuss similar issues associated with respect for God, others and self. Hope to see all of you there!!!!

Call for additional info: Laura Kelly 449-0103; Michele Osbourn 635-5908; Angela Allen 376-9565; Kim Koenig 550-9092

## ENROLLMENT NUMBERS AS OF TODAY

Kindergarten	30	Grade 5	45
Grade 1	30	Grade 6	36
Grade 2	32	Grade 7	37
Grade 3	36	Grade 8	48
Grade 4	28		



## Lenten Fish Frys

Workers shifts are  
from 4:30 to 6:00  
or from 6:00 to 7:30.



March 5<sup>th</sup>

Week #4 - 5<sup>th</sup> grade

March 12<sup>th</sup>

Week #5 - 4<sup>th</sup> grade

March 19<sup>th</sup>



Week #6 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

(St. Patrick's Celebration)

March 26<sup>th</sup>

Week #7 - 1st + 2nd gr.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class floats on any date

above after February 12th

Thank you, Fish Fry Committee



## Don't have time to bake a cake for the Fish Fry?

You can purchase one from Nord's Bakery for just \$7.75. Call Mike Nord at 634-0931 and tell him you want a "picnic cake" for the Fish Fry. You can get one at this special price.



## ARE YOU WILLING TO SHARE YOUR PHOTOS??

We are working on print materials for the upcoming **Building a Future of Hope** campaign for SSM. We need fairly current photos of school children, the children's masses, baptismal font, interior of the church, etc. If you have any available, please send to the school office in an envelope or a baggie that has your name clearly printed on it. Thank you for helping us in this endeavor.



## DO YOU HAVE A CHILD WHO IS A SENIOR IN HIGH SCHOOL?

I am the president of the Renau Foundation, and we are offering a college scholarship to a Louisville area (includes surrounding counties and Southern Indiana) high school senior who shows an aptitude for writing. We have partnered with *Louisville Magazine*, which is sponsoring a writing competition. The deadline for submitting an entry is March 1; the winning entry will receive a \$7,500 scholarship, renewable for 4 years, for a total of \$30,000. For details, go to [www.renaufoundation.org](http://www.renaufoundation.org). Please pass this on to any high school seniors, parents, or teachers you might know (we have sent information to all school counselors). We plan on carrying on the writing competition/scholarship for the next ten years. Cherie Suchy, RE/MAX 100, cell:502-693-0829, fax:877-234-3439, [www.cheriesuchy.com](http://www.cheriesuchy.com)

## SPORTS NEWS . . .

Final sign-up date for **track, softball, and soccer** will be Monday, March 8th, from 5:30-6:30 in front of the athletic office. Any sign-ups after this date will be charged a \$15 late fee.

**SSM SWIM TEAM** WILL BE IN ACTION THIS SATURDAY MARCH 6<sup>th</sup> AT UofL. THE MEET STARTS AT 8:45 AM. COME OUT AND SUPPORT YOUR SWIM TEAM!

## GROUNDS CLEAN-UP – March 20<sup>th</sup> and March 27<sup>th</sup>

On Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, volunteers are **GREATLY** needed to help with cleaning up the grounds of the SSM buildings and on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> volunteers are needed to help spread mulch. Please bring your rakes, shovels and wheelbarrows to help make our community look its best. We'll start at 9 a.m. and work until we're finished. **If you can volunteer, please call Dominic Huelsman at 262-0769. THANK YOU!!!**



**U of L baseball** would like to invite you to the LeMoyne vs. U of L game on March 5th at 3:00 pm as Archbishop Kurtz throws out the first pitch. Also, during the Lenten season they will be hosting a fish fry on every Friday Home Game.



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW: ALL YOU CAN EAT! 8TH GRADE PANCAKE BREAKFAST ON MARCH 20TH!!** See your favorite 8th grader for your ticket now . . . \$5.00 each.

## KUDOS KORNER

**Stephen LePera's (7-A)** brother, **Chris** (graduate of SSM) received his Eagle Scout Badge along with **Nick Dant**, another one of our graduates in January. Congratulations, guys! We are so proud of you!

