



## **St. Mary School** ***A Place of Spirited Learning***

December 3, 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We have been so blessed with good weather over these last weeks of November into December, that I am almost afraid to use the word "snow" in this newsletter even though we know its arrival is inevitable.

**SNOW DELAYS AND CLOSINGS** - In the event that we would have to delay school or cancel altogether, please refer to KDKA, WTAE, and WPXI television in the mornings. We will be listed as "**St. Mary School, Glenshaw.**"

Bussing is the responsibility of your local school district; therefore, you must follow their directives for cancellations or delays. If your district cancels and we do not, it becomes your responsibility to provide transportation.

**SANTA'S WORKSHOP** - Next Thursday and Friday, all students will have the opportunity to participate in our Santa's Workshop. A copy of the schedule and more information regarding this event is included in this newsletter.

**TUITION PAYMENTS** - All tuition was to be paid in full by the end of November. Each family who owed a balance was sent a tuition statement through your youngest child on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who has not made their payment will need to meet with Father John and myself to set up a payment plan. It is vital for us to have cash flow each month in order to pay salaries and our monthly bills. Another balance statement will be mailed to you on December 18<sup>th</sup>. If you should have any questions, feel free to call the school office.

**QSP MAGAZINE SALE** - Our sale was not very successful this year. Last year we reached 66% of our 400 subscription goal; this year we reached 50%. All profit from this sale are earmarked for the St. John Neumann Tuition Assistance Fund.

**2 GOOD 2 TOSS** - On the other hand, our collection of shoes before Thanksgiving was overwhelmingly successful. The school donated two huge bins plus five large garbage bags of shoes that will be treated and reconditioned for a domestic violence shelter. Thank you for your generosity.

**THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE** - In addition, our school donated nine boxes of food and \$220 to the Sharpsburg Community Food Bank. They were most appreciative of our donation.

**LESSONS AND CAROLS** - Our Children's Choir will play an important part in the "Lessons and Carols" program that will take place at St. Mary Parish on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Come and listen to the beautiful music that will be shared by our Parish groups. It is guaranteed to put you in the Christmas spirit!

**INSTRUMENTAL BAND CONCERT** - Our band students will perform for the student body at their annual Christmas Concert on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM and 7:00 PM for family and friends.

**ANOTHER PIZZA LUNCH** - The 8<sup>th</sup> graders will sponsor another pizza lunch on Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Another order form is included in this week's newsletter and will be included next week as well. Orders must be in by December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

Ms. Antoinette Pilarski  
Principal

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**News and Reminders**  
**December 4, 2009**

**Friday, December 4, 2009**

**Liturgy – 10:00 AM – Dress Uniform**  
**Sweets with Santa – 6:30-8:30 PM – Marian Hall**

**Monday, December 7, 2009**

**Tuesday, December 8, 2009**

**Immaculate Conception**  
**Liturgy – 10:00 AM – Dress Uniform**

**Wednesday, December 9, 2009**

**Thursday, December 10, 2009**

**Santa's Workshop**

**Friday, December 11, 2009**

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**Congratulations to the St. Mary Forensic Team:** on their 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the first tournament of the SPFL season. Each and every St. Mary student who attended contributed to this excellent showing. Your team, coaches and school community are proud of you. Keep up the great work!

**Honors Band Results:** These St. Mary School students tried out for Honors Band and have won the following seats. The students audition with several other schools for these positions. Congratulations to all the students!

Flutes:	Lauren Doult	10 <sup>th</sup> Chair
	Katie Sarosi	13 <sup>th</sup> Chair
	Melissa Valenty	26 <sup>th</sup> Chair
Clarinets:	Alexis Loiselle	2 <sup>nd</sup> Chair
	Charlie Hayes	10 <sup>th</sup> Chair
	Kat Omecene	11 <sup>th</sup> Chair
Trumpets:	Alex Lynch	2 <sup>nd</sup> Chair
	Matt Wisneski	7 <sup>th</sup> Chair
Percussion:	Evan Brunner	4 <sup>th</sup> Chair

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**Middle School Dance:** Thanks go out to all who helped with the Black & Gold Dance on November 21. Once again it was a great success with about 220 kids attending. Students came from St. Mary school and parish, St. Bonaventure, St. Sebastian, St. Theresa, Christ the Divine and St. Alexis. All the kids got along well and had a great time cheering on the Steelers and Penguins. If you did anything to help this dance run smoothly, you know who you are, and we thank you for your commitment to these Middle School dances. Next dance is a Neon Night on January 16. Every student entering with a ticket receives a free glow-in-the-dark, light-up neon bracelet. More glow bracelets and necklaces will be sold at the dance. Mark your calendar. It will be fun!

**Central Catholic High School Placement Test:** The placement test for eighth grade boys, who wish to attend Central Catholic starting in the fall of 2010, will be administered on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. There is a \$10 fee for this test. To register, visit [www.centralcatholic.com](http://www.centralcatholic.com), or contact the Admissions Office at 412-621-7505. All potential applicants must take this test.

**St. Theresa of Avilla School Dance:** Seventh and eighth grade students are invited to attend the St. Theresa School Dance on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from 7:30-10:00 PM. Tickets are \$5.00 each and are available at St. Mary School office.

**Absences:** Parents should call the school office each day that a child is absent from school. Give the child's name, homeroom teacher, and reason for the absence. Upon returning from school, a student must submit a written excuse to his/her homeroom teacher. In the case of illness please be specific, as the state requires the school to track the information.

**One-sided Paper:** We are requesting donations of one-sided paper. Please make sure that no personal information is included on the printed side. Donations can be dropped off in the school office Monday through Friday. Thank you!

**Reminder:** Please do not call the school office between 8:15 – 8:30 AM and 2:30 - 3:00 PM. Announcements and dismissal take place during those times, and we are unable to answer the phone. Thank you.

**Newsletter Submissions:** If you would like to put something into the newsletter, please send it to the office by **Tuesday at 8:30AM**. If you would like this information included on the St. Mary School Web site, you must email the information, in a WORD document, to both: [pilarskia@stmaryglenshaw.org](mailto:pilarskia@stmaryglenshaw.org) AND [bishop@stmaryglenshaw.org](mailto:bishop@stmaryglenshaw.org).

## **SANTA'S WORKSHOP SCHEDULE**

### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10th:**

8:30 - 9:10 AM    Preschool - 3 year-olds  
9:10 - 9:50 AM    Grade 1  
9:50 - 10:30 AM    Grade 2 - Room 14  
10:30 - 11:10 AM    Grade 2 - Room 13  
11:10 - 11:50 AM    LUNCH  
11:50 - 12:30 PM    Grade 8 - Room 2  
12:30 - 1:10 PM    Grade 3  
1:10 - 1:50 PM    Grade 6 - Room 5  
1:50 - 2:30 PM    Grade 6 - Room 6

### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11th:**

8:30 - 9:10 AM    Grade 5 - Room 8  
9:10 - 9:50 AM    Grade 7 - Room 4  
9:50 - 10:30 AM    Preschool - 4 year-olds  
10:30 - 11:10 AM    Kindergarten  
11:10 - 11:50 AM    Grade 7 - Room 3  
11:50 - 12:30 PM    Grade 4  
12:30 - 1:10 PM    Grade 5 - Room 7  
1:10 - 1:50 PM    Grade 8 - Room 1  
1:50 - 2:30 PM    WRAP UP

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**ST. MARY SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB  
2009-2010 MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL**

**NEW DATE FOR**

**AUDITIONS!**

**Auditions will be held for students in grades 6-8**

**from after school until 5:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday & Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>  
in the Music Room**

(Parents, please be prompt to pick your child up by 5:00 p.m. at the  
Pedestrian Plaza exit.)

**PREPARATION:**

**You only need to attend one date. Call-backs will be held only if necessary. Please memorize a one - two minute acting sketch or monologue and be prepared to sing one verse of a song of your choosing, or we will choose one for you on the spot. Any questions can be emailed to: [smsdrama@gmail.com](mailto:smsdrama@gmail.com)**

## PIZZA LUNCH SALE

### PARENTS PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A CHANGE FROM THE LUNCH MENU!

On Monday, December 21 there will be a BROWN BAG lunch at school. We are offering the opportunity to purchase pizza and drinks for your child on that day. The lunch will be delivered to your child's classroom at his lunch period.

If you wish to take advantage of this opportunity, please complete the order form below and send it back along with payment through school by Wednesday, December 16. This will allow time to place the order with the pizza shop.

Send order sheet/payment to: Laurie Exler c/o Nick Room 1 by 12/16

Child's name/homeroom \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Number of slices of pizza (@ \$1.00 each) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Juice box @ \$.050 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Bottled Water @ \$1.00 \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_ Bottled Water @ \$1.00 \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL (cash or check payable to St. Mary's) \_\_\_\_\_

Juice boxes and water will be available for purchase on Dec. 21. No additional pizza will be available for purchase on Dec. 21.

If you have questions, please feel free to call Donna at 412.897.1759



## Grady's All Stars Penguin's Ticket Raffle



Attention all students: Skate into our raffle for Pittsburgh Penguin Tickets. Take a chance to win two tickets to the Pen's January 5<sup>th</sup> game against the Thrashers.

Tickets will be \$1.00 each and will be sold starting Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> outside the nurse's office.

All proceeds will benefit Grady's All Stars, the Trust for Mrs. Butler's nephews who are suffering from Late Infantile Batten Disease.

