

St. Mary School
A Place of Spirited Learning

September 9, 2011

Monday, September 12, 2011

Tuesday, September 13, 2011 “Back to School” Night for Parents – 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Wednesday, September 14, 2011

Thursday, September 15, 2011

Friday, September 16, 2011 Liturgy - 10:00 AM – Dress Uniform
11:45 AM Dismissal – Faculty Meeting

Back To School Night: Please plan to attend our “Back to School Night” on Tuesday September 13th. Kindergarten through 5th grades will hold their session from 6:30-7:10 PM; grades 6 -8 will have theirs at 7:10 – 8:00 PM. This brief session allows your child’s homeroom teacher to present important information to you as well as answer any questions you may have at this time.

Reminder: Shaler, Pine Richland, Deer Lakes, and North Hills will not provide transportation home from school on Friday, September 16th.

A Plea for Playground/Cafeteria Help: We are in great need of paid volunteers to work in the cafeteria and playground on Mondays and Fridays. It is imperative that this position be filled or it will impact the children going outside for recess. If you are interested, please contact the school office.

Healthy Snacks: When sending snacks or treats for you children please make sure they are more on the healthy side. Milk, juice, or water are the preferred drinks.

Peanut Allergies: Parents and guardians, please be aware of the fact that there are several students who have severe peanut allergies and cannot come in contact with peanuts at all. Please be sensitive to this when providing treats and packing lunches.

First Day Packets: On the first day of school, every child was given an information packet containing forms that needed to be filled out and returned to school. If you have not returned this packet, please do so as soon as possible.

Entertainment Books: St. Mary's Development Committee is selling Entertainment Books again this year. 2012 Entertainment Books are currently for sale in the Scrip Office and at weekend masses. The cost is \$30 and for every book you buy/sell, you receive \$7.50 in Assessment Credit. You can't beat that AND they make great gifts!!

Cheer Clinic: Mary Anna Ebbert, graduate of St. Mary's class of 2010 and Hampton High School cheerleader, would like to personally invite all girls in grades Kindergarten through 5th to participate in the cheerleaders' annual cheer clinic and to cheer with them during the first half of the Hampton High School varsity football game on Friday, September 23, 2011. Please see the flyer included in this week's newsletter for details. Thank you.

Car Riders: If you will be picking up your child(ren) in the office, rather than the car rider line, you should park in the outer parking lot by the PAC.

Reminder: When your child is staying after school for any reason, a note must be sent to the school office to inform us of the change. A blanket note may also be written

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 **AND** bishope@stmaryglenshaw.org.

September, 2011

Dear Parents,

As you know, the PTG plays an important role in the health and well being of St. Mary's School. The PTG organizes and hosts a number of events throughout the year that provided the funding and support of many programs. Some of these include:

- ✦ PTG pays a portion of the school's operating budget in an effort to keep tuition low;
- ✦ PTG funds classroom supports, such as equipment for the new science lab and updating the computer lab to help educate your student;
- ✦ PTG provides teacher support and appreciation;
- ✦ PTG funds student field trips;
- ✦ PTG helps to market our school to prospective students and families;
- ✦ PTG contributes to various school programs like DARE, Gift of Age, Communion, graduation, Catholic Schools Week, and many others;

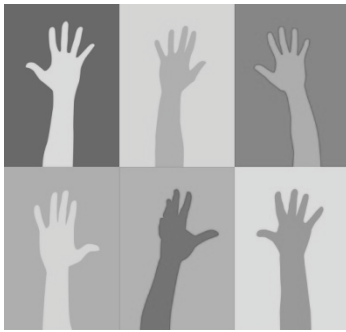
In an effort to continue to make a difference at St. Mary's WE
NEED YOUR HELP!!



Below are various activities and their descriptions. Please carefully read over each one, and consider if you can give your time and talent to help the students of St. Mary's School. The PTG and your children really need your help.

- ✦ Scholastic Book Fair – book sale to students during school hours. Volunteers needed to set-up, sales, and clean-up.
- ✦ Santa's Workshop – a day of holiday shopping for the students' during school hours. Volunteers needed to help set-up, assist students' make selections, help with wrapping, and clean-up.
- ✦ Sweets with Santa – a fun night for the younger kids with Santa himself. Volunteers needed to decorate, help with auction, games, and cookie bakers.
- ✦ Middle School Dances – volunteers needed to help at the middle school dances with chaperoning, concessions, and ticket sales.
- ✦ Pizza and Hoagie Sales – pizza and hoagie sales held several times throughout the school year. Volunteers needed to collect and place orders, and coordinate pick-up of orders.
- ✦ Monte Carlo Night – this year the new PTG fundraiser will be an evening of fun, food, and games. Volunteers needed to help plan and put together this event.
- ✦ PTG Yummy Island – a food booth at the Parish Festival that takes place in late June, over 3 days. Volunteers needed to help sell hot food items at the festival.
- ✦ Teacher Holiday Breakfast/End of Year Luncheon – help put together holiday breakfast and end of year luncheon for the teachers. Volunteers needed to assist to put together both these events.
- ✦ Kids Stuff Book Sale – books sold with coupons geared to families with children. Volunteers needed to help with distribution of the books, and to keep track of sales.

YOUR HELP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED AND VERY IMPORTANT TO CONTINUE THESE PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES, WHICH BENEFIT ALL OF OUR CHILDREN. PLEASE USE THE ATTACHED FORM TO SIGN-UP FOR THOSE ACTIVITIY/ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST TO YOU, AND RETURN TO BRIDGETT BILENSKI C/O HANNAH BILENSKI, RM. 8.



NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PTG ACTIVITY INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH:

Dear Parents,

The PTG is gearing up for another successful year of programs and services. One of these important services is the Good Samaritan Committee.

Its purpose is to assist fellow school families in times of crisis or need. This may be something as simple as arranging a car pool for a mother with a new baby or as complex as providing a network of helpers for a family experiencing critical or protracted illnesses or deaths.

The committee began quite a few years ago and has served many school families with meals, car pools, sympathy cards, baby-sitting services, prayers and other such services. The whole idea is to answer our call as Christians to be servants and to show God's presence around us.

Each homeroom has a volunteer coordinator responsible for organizing activities to assist the families in their own room as situations may develop. The coordinator will send out an interest survey to all parents of their homeroom, which will provide a pool of parents willing to help with the specific tasks. Coordinators also communicate regularly with the homeroom teacher as specific needs may be brought to his or her attention.

Please consider taking on this very important job as a Good Samaritan Coordinator for your homeroom. Guidance will be offered. Best of all, you can do almost all of this very important work from home! Thank you.

Please return this form to Sheila Omecene c/o James in Room #5 or email me at omecene@msn.com.

If you have any questions please call me at 412/492-0838.

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Yes, I am able to be the Good Samaritan Coordinator for my child's homeroom:

Name: _____

Phone _____ email _____

Homeroom Teacher _____ Room# _____

Student's Name _____

AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE ST. MARY'S FORENSIC TEAM

What is the Forensic Program? Forensic speech is public speaking. Students in the Forensic Program will be given the opportunity to practice and perform literary and dramatic works in poetry, prose, drama, declamation (speeches) and group reading.

Who is eligible to participate in the Forensic Program? Students in Grades 5 -8.

When does the Forensic Team meet and compete? Students will practice on Saturdays from 9:00 10:30 a.m. The tournaments are held on Saturday mornings, usually from 8:30 to noon. An introductory meeting will be held on Monday, September 19, 2011, 6:30 p.m. in Room 2 for all interested students and their parents. The first practice will be Saturday, September 24, 2011 from 9:00 to 10:30.

Where do the practices and competitions take place? The practices will take place in the school. Students will enter the school at the front entrance and check room assignment sheet near Rooms 7 and 8. The competitions take place at various schools, primarily in the northern region of the county.

Why is forensic speech so important? The experience and confidence, which comes from speaking in public, has benefits for students in school and in other areas as well. It gives them the ability to succeed by allowing them to know how to speak in a public setting and presenting themselves in a professional manner. College admissions directors are relying less on grade point averages and standardized testing and more on success in academically related extracurricular activities such as speech.

How will the Forensic Program be conducted? The first meeting for students will be an informational meeting to explain the program to interested students and their parents. During the first meeting, students will be asked to choose a piece to perform. Resources will be provided. Every week students will practice their pieces with parent coaches. A full team of 14 students is sent to the competitions. There are 3 regular season tournaments and 2 post- season tournaments each year. Every effort will be made to spread the opportunities to compete among all the students with preference going to the older students.

The reaction of our students, parents and teachers to this program has been overwhelming. A marked improvement in self-confidence, poise and classroom participation has been noted among the forensic students.

If you are interested, please complete the form below and return it to through James, Room 5 by Friday, September 16, 2011. If you have any questions before the first meeting, please call Sheila Omecene at 412/492-0838 or email at omecene@msn.com.

Yes, I am interested in participating in the Forensic Program.

Name _____ Grade _____ Room # _____

Phone # _____ email _____

Middle School
“Black & Gold”
Dance

Anyone wearing black or gold will receive.

Chocolate

Saturday, September 24,
2011

7:15 – 10:00 pm

Marian Hall

Pizza, Nachos, Soft Pretzels, Candy, Drinks

\$5.00

BUY YOUR TICKETS AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE
On Wed, Thurs, Fri (September 21, 22, 23)

See ticket for dress code details.

DANCE CHAPERONES NEEDED!!

Saturday, September 24, 2011

Our middle school dance will be held **Saturday, September 24, 2011** from **7:15-10:00** pm in Marian Hall. All 6th, 7th and 8th grade students are invited. We hope to have a good turnout.

We need your help for things to run smoothly. Approximately 12-15 adult chaperones are needed to effectively monitor the dance. If you've never chaperoned, don't worry, no experience required. Please check your schedule to see if you are available on September 24. Parents/grandparents/guardians of any children in grades 6, 7 or 8 are encouraged to help. Parents of 6th graders, this is a great chance to see what our dances are all about.

The dances are also PTG fundraisers, so it's not only fun for the kids, but helps us to raise money for our school at the same time.

Connie Ionadi and Christy Costa are organizes our chaperones. Please call Connie 412-487-7555 or Christy 412-967-0652 to let them know you will help chaperone. We need the presence of a few men at our dances, and one chaperone with a medical background.

All chaperones are asked to meet in **Marian Hall** by **7:00 pm** on **Saturday, September 24**. A separate flyer outlining chaperone responsibilities is also included in this newsletter. Please look it over.

Also, if you could stay a few minutes after the dance to help clean up, that would really help. Feel free to call or e-mail me with any questions. Thanks for volunteering,

Theresa Perdziola perdz@consolidated.net or 724-443-7171

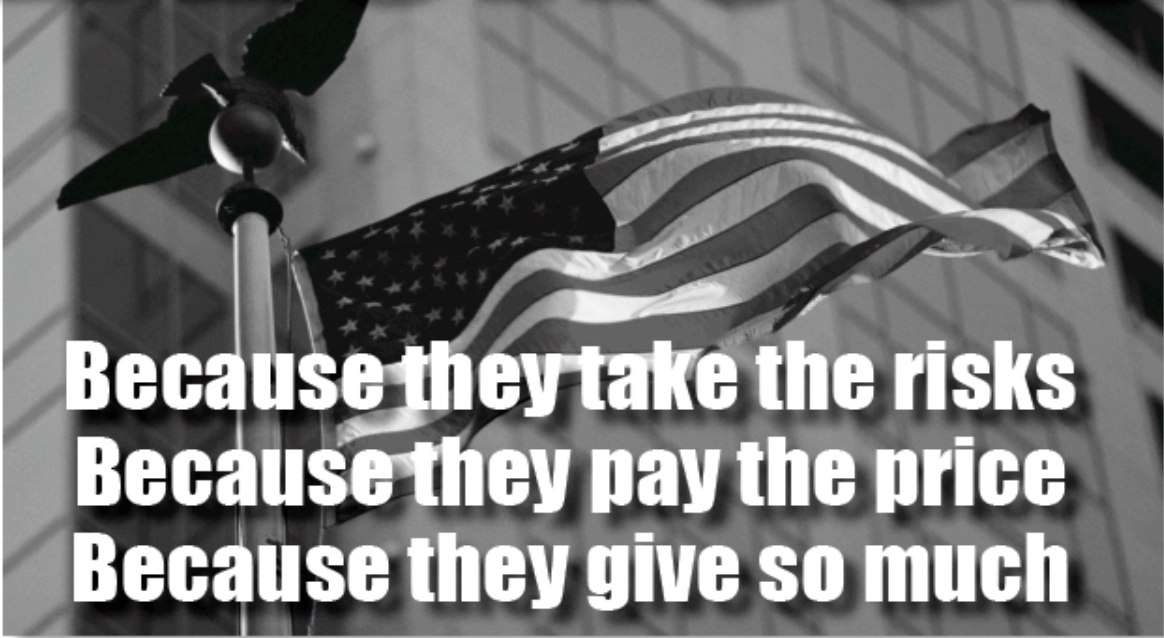
St. Mary's School

DANCE CHAPERONE GUIDELINES

We want our dances to be both fun and safe for all of the children attending, but as we all know sometimes middle school kids need our direction, especially in these more free social settings. It is our responsibility to guide them in a positive yet firm manner. We want our school dances to be events that make all of us proud of our school, our students and our parents. Thanks for doing your part.

1. No child is permitted to leave the dance until 10:00 PM unless a parent or other adult comes in for them.
2. No mosh pits, no pushing, rough housing, bullying, dirty dancing, etc.
3. Please do not tolerate inappropriate or unsafe dancing or behavior. Use your best judgment. It is your job to guide our children. Feel free to ask other chaperones for help or guidance with any issues. A head chaperone will also be assigned for each dance.
4. Obviously, no inappropriate physical contact is acceptable at any time, including but not limited to, kissing.
5. One – two adults will be assigned at the entrance door to collect tickets and check for appropriate dress. Chaperones will also be assigned to each exit door and restrooms, as well as floaters, who will walk the floor. A chaperone may be called upon to check inside the restrooms periodically. We also need a few men who will be assigned outside to keep an eye out for kids who may try to stay outside after making a phone call or getting some fresh air, etc, as well as to help safely direct the traffic flow of people and vehicles after the dance is over. One chaperone should be responsible for turning lights back on at the end of the dance.
6. Drinks or snacks are not permitted past the tables set up near the concession.
7. Cell phones may not work inside; if need be, chaperones can escort the student outside at the door near the concession and remain with them during their call.
8. All students will enter and exit the same door.
9. Please try to monitor and discourage cell phone picture taking, as there was possibly a cell phone picture/video from one of our dances posted on YOU TUBE.
10. Please stay a few minutes after the dance to help clean up.

BECAUSE!

A black and white photograph of an American flag waving on a flagpole. The flag is the central focus, with its stars and stripes clearly visible. The background is a blurred, geometric pattern, possibly a building facade or a wall with a grid. The overall tone is patriotic and somber.

**Because they take the risks
Because they pay the price
Because they give so much**

Operation Troop Appreciation Remembers them.

Join us in a very special fundraising race.
The Operation Troop Appreciation Veterans Day

5K Race

Sunday, November 6th, 2011 9:00 a.m. Hampton Community Park
All Proceeds will be used to purchase items requested by Active Duty Troops
Serving in Iraq and Afghanistan
www.operationtroopappreciation.org

Operation Troop Appreciation Veterans Day 5K Race
Sunday Nov. 6th 9:00 a.m. Hampton Community Park 3101 McCully Road Allison Park PA 15101
Come win an apple pie while supporting our troops
www.operationtroopappreciation.org

Thank you for your support of our Troops

Apple Pies for winners Entertainment Great Competition Lots of prizes Awards in 13
Age Groups Best Goody Bags Post Race AllAmerican Buffet

--**Early Bird Special** \$15** (until Sept. 18th)**

--**Pre Registration Fee:** \$20

--**Race Day Fee:** \$25

--**Team Challenge** for groups of 5 runners. Teams will compete for a special prize to be won by team with the lowest total score: **Team Fee: \$75 in advance; \$100 race day.**

(Note to team runners: please have each member of your team fill out a registration form.)

****Hurry! T Shirts and Goody Bags are guaranteed to all who register before October 1st****

Checks payable to: Operation Troop Appreciation

Please send your registration and fee to:

Alice McLaughlin
2861 Tremonte Lane
Allison Park, PA 15101

Or you may register and pay on line at **Active.com.**

Questions? Email us at Gerardmac977@aol.com

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All Runners Please return this half of the form with your payment. Thank You.

Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____ E Mail _____

Prizes for top 3 male/female in all age groups, and **Apple Pies for winners!** Please indicate your age group:

____ 10 and under; ____ 11-14; ____ 15-19; ____ 20-24; ____ 25-29; ____ 30-34;
____ 35-39; ____ 40-44; ____ 45-49; ____ 50-54; ____ 55-59; ____ 60-64; ____ 65 +

Gender: Male _____ Female _____

T Shirts: Guaranteed to all who register by October 1st. Please indicate your size preference:

____ youth large ____ adult small ____ adult medium ____ adult large ____ adult X large

Team Information: If you are running as part of a team, please indicate:

Team Name: _____ Team Contact Name: _____

Team Contact email: _____

PARTICIPANT'S RELEASE: In consideration of the above named person participating in the Veterans' Day Operation Troop Appreciation 5K Race and intending to be legally bound, I do hereby release and forever discharge Operation Troop Appreciation, Hampton Township, their agents and their successors, from any and/or all liabilities, obligations, expenses, and/or actions or suits in law or equity which I might hereafter have by reason of injuries sustained by the above named person while participating in this race.

(signature of runner or parent)

(date)

All proceeds will be used to provide Holiday Care Packages to our troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

On behalf of our Troops, we thank you for your support!

www.operationtroopappreciation.org



HAMPTON HIGH SCHOOL

“Cheerleading Clinic”

**Come cheer with the HHS Cheerleaders for the 1st half of the
“*VARSITY FOOTBALL GAME*”**

**On Friday Night, September 23, 2011 vs. Valley
Participants must be in grades K through 5th**

\$30.00 per participant; \$50.00 for 2 children. Registrations can be turned in to your school office or mailed to Arlene Farrell: 2787 Florence Drive, Gibsonia, PA 15044.

*****REGISTRATION DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 15, 2011*****

Cheers and chants will be taught by the High School Cheerleaders on Wednesday and Thursday, September 21st and 22nd, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm at the High School. Please use the cafeteria entrance for check-in. Instructions for game night will be distributed on Thursday, September 22nd. The \$30.00 fee includes a snack bag on Wednesday night, a specially designed t-shirt to be worn at the game, a paw print tattoo, a certificate of participation, pompoms, and one free admission ticket for a family member.

Any questions, please call Arlene Farrell at 724-272-7736 or 724-443-7829

KEEP THE TOP SECTION OF THIS FORM SO YOU HAVE THE DETAILS ON HAND!!!

My child _____ (please print) has my permission to participate in the HHS Cheer Clinic or September 21st, 22nd and 23rd at Hampton High School. I understand the Cheerleaders or Boosters will not be held responsible for any injuries that might occur. Enclosed is my check for _____, made payable to the “HHS Cheer Boosters”. Please be sure to mark T-shirt size!!! The shirts tend to run small. If you are not certain, please order larger. Sizes cannot be changed.

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| Child Small (6-8) _____ | Adult Small _____ |
| Child Medium (10-12) _____ | Adult Medium _____ |
| Child Large (14-16) _____ | Adult Large _____ |

If more than one child is registering, please note each name next to each size.

Parent Name (Please Print) _____

Parent Signature _____

Phone Number _____ School _____ Grade _____

HHS Cheerleaders thank you for your support of this fundraiser and are excited to help instill your child’s TALBOT PRIDE!!!

GO TALBOTS!!!!