

St. Mary School
A Place of Spirited Learning

January 19, 2012

Monday, January 23, 2012	March for Life – 32 8th Graders Participating
Tuesday, January 24, 2012	
Wednesday, January 25, 2012	
Thursday, January 26, 2012	11:45 AM Dismissal Parent Teacher Conferences – 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Friday, January 27, 2012	Liturgy – 10:00 AM – Dress Uniform
Saturday, January 28, 2012	SMAA Night at the Races

Early Dismissal: On Thursday, January 26th, there will be an 11:45 AM early dismissal. **North Hills** and **Pine Richland** will **not provide transportation home** from school this day. All other districts will provide transportation.

Catholic Schools Week Schedule: The schedule for Catholic Schools Week is included in this weeks newsletter. Please post for reference.

Catholic Schools Week Skating Party: Mark your calendar for Friday, February 3, for the annual St. Mary's School family skating party at North Park. Skating session 4:30 – 7:00 pm with family social to follow. Please see the flyer included with this newsletter for details.

Tuition Payments: All families are reminded that all tuition is to be paid in full by the end of January with the exception of those who have arranged a special payment plan. Letters of intent will be sent home the week after Catholic Schools Week to give us an idea of how many families and children will be returning to St. Mary's for the next school year.

BEF and SOS Grants: We received the application forms for the Bishop's Education Fund (BEF) and the Scholastic Opportunity Scholarship (SOS) from the diocese for any family wishing to apply for grant money for next year's tuition. I would encourage eligible families to take advantage of these opportunities since the monies are available.

The application deadline is March 15, 2012, and all information is confidential. Also, please note that you **MUST** apply for these diocesan grants in order to receive any funding from our own St. John Neumann Tuition Assistance program. That application form will be sent home with the BEF and SOS application, but it is to be returned to me and not the diocese.

Please submit your request for the applications in writing and send to the school office.

Pizza Sale: On Thursday, February 2 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. This Pizza Lunch Sale is a fundraiser for the 8th grade end-of-the-year trip. If you wish to take advantage of this opportunity, please complete the order form included with this newsletter and send it back along with payment through school by **Monday, January 30th**. Thanks for your support.

Night at the Races – “They’re coming down the stretch”: *The St. Mary Athletic Association* will hold their annual “**Night at the Races**” in Marian Hall on Saturday, January 28, 2012. Please join us for this most enjoyable evening with friends and exciting entertainment. Tickets are **\$20.00** and includes food buffet, beer, setups and soda(BYOB). Please consider coming after the 6PM Mass. Doors open at 7:00pm. Buffet dinner at 7:15pm. Races start at 8:00pm. Adults only. For tickets contact Tom Iurlano at 412-478-0834 or via email at tiurlano@gmail.com or Joy Soeder at [412-983-7799](tel:412-983-7799) or via email at soederjoy@yahoo.com . **Bring your friends and family!**

Special Prayer Request: Please keep Marion Noro in your prayers. Cards can be sent to Mario Noro, 5020 Sunnyslope Drive, Gibsonia, PA 15044 or email him at jlnoiro@consolidated.net.

Vincentian Academy Open House: Vincentian Academy will be hosting a Winter Open House on Friday, Feb. 10th, from 6pm to 8pm at 8100 McKnight Rd. The evening includes tours of the school, Q&A on academics, meeting the faculty and new football coach, and admission to that night's boy's basketball games.

Faith. Academics. Service.

Catholic Schools

January 29 - February 5, 2012

Monday:

- Prayer Service – 8:45 AM
- Troop Appreciation Letter Writing
- Brain Quest Competition – 1:30 PM
- Blanket-making for the Homeless

Tuesday:

- 8th Grade Student Teaching
- Dress Down Day for grades K-7
- Finish Letter Writing activity
- Anti-bullying Assembly – Grades 3-8 – 9:00 AM in PAC
Grades K-2 – 1:30 PM – Providence Hall

Wednesday:

- Dress Down Day for K-8
- Volleyball: Teachers vs. Grade 8 – 1:30 PM in PAC
- Snack for all provided by Student Council – 10:00 AM

Thursday:

- Dress Down Day for K-5
- Science Fair – Grades 6-8
- Blanket-making for the Homeless completed
- Crafts for Children's Hospital – Grades K-5
Grade K with 3; Grade 1 with 4; Grade 2 with 5

Friday:

- CSW Liturgy – 10 AM
- "Sundaes on Friday" for all at lunch
- Bingo – 1:15 PM
- Family Skating Party – 4:30 PM

DRESS DOWN GUIDELINES: Students are permitted to wear jeans and sweatpants with an appropriate top/shirt. **NO SHORTS OF ANY KIND ARE PERMITTED.** Condor items are also permitted with the **exception** of the flannel plaid bottoms.

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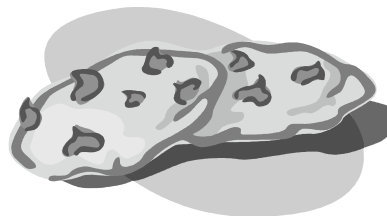
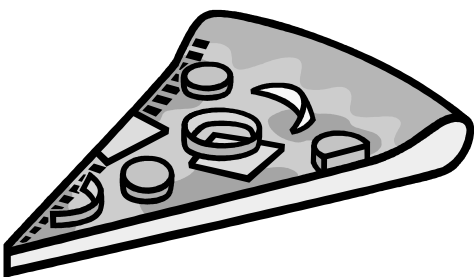
This Pizza Lunch Sale is a fundraiser for the 8th grade end-of-the-year trip. Thanks for your support.

If you wish to take advantage of this opportunity, please complete the order form on the next page and send it back along with payment through school by **Monday, January 30th**.

Send order form and payment to:

Nina Dongilli c/o Regina Room 2 by January 30th.

Please make checks payable to St. Mary School



PIZZA LUNCH ORDER FORM

CHILD'S NAME/GRADE/HOMEROOM _____

_____ Number of slices of cheese pizza @\$1.00 each _____

_____ Number of slices of pepperoni pizza @1.50 each _____

_____ Juice Box @ \$.50 _____

_____ Bottled Water @ \$1.00 _____

_____ Chocolate Chip Cookie @ \$1.00 _____

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TOTAL:

CASH or CHECK _____

(Check Payable to St. Mary School)

PLEASE RETURN ORDER FORM TO NINA DONGILLIL C/O REGINA ROOM 2

St. Mary's Catholic Schools Week

Family ICE Skating Party



North Park Ice Rink

Friday, February 3, 2012

Family Skating: 4:30 – 7:00 pm

Family Social 7:00 – 10:00 pm

(upstairs party room)

Evening skating session 7:00 – 10:00 pm

(only recommended for 5th grade and above)

Pay at door for:

Admission: \$2.00/Skate rental: \$2.00

(Special rate for St. Mary's families)

Social: Please enclose \$2.00/per person to help pay for pizza

Call or e-mail Donna Polito with questions: dpolito5@yahoo.com, 412-492-9312

_____ will attend social _____ Number attending

Family Name

I am willing to provide: _____snack/appetizer _____dessert (please check one)

\$2.00 per person for social enclosed _____

**Please return this stub to Charise Bittner c/o Mackenzie - Room 8-1
by Wednesday, February 1, 2012.**



NIGHT AT THE RACES

Saturday, January 28, 2012

St. Mary's School – Marian Hall



Doors Open: 7 PM

Buffet Begins: 7:15 PM

Races Begin: 8 PM



Blackjack, Poker and games of chance available



ADULTS ONLY!

Advance Admission: \$20 per person / \$25 at the door

Includes: refreshments and buffet – BYOB




Pre-Buy and Name your Horse = \$10 per




Pre-Buy a Jockey = \$10 per



To purchase tickets, horses, jockeys or to reserve a table for your group contact :

 **Tom Iurlano at 412-478-0834 / tiurlano@gmail.com or**

 **Joy Soeder at 412-983-7799 / soederjoy@yahoo.com or**

 **You may also purchase tickets at the PAC.**

Sponsored By: Saint Mary's Athletic Association (SMAA)



GIVE YOUR SHOES A SECOND CHANCE

Jonathan and Nico would like to thank all of the St. Mary's families and the folks at Positive Steps Physical Therapy for the generous donations to our charity, Too Good to Toss.

This year we cleaned, sprayed and delivered over 200 pair of gently worn and even new shoes to the Alle-Kiski Hope Center.

This donation was greatly appreciated by the staff and people seeking shelter in this center.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP IN MAKING THIS A GREAT SUCCESS!!

JONATHAN AND NICO NIGRO