

St. Mary School

November 4, 2009

Calendar Update: On Wednesday evening, Nov. 18, our 2nd graders, who have been studying the sacraments, will receive their First Reconciliation at Annunciation Church. The service begins at 7:00pm. Please keep these children in your prayers as they prepare for this special time. Also, we will celebrate November birthdays on Friday, Nov. 20. This will also be a dress down day for the Autism Society of the Bluegrass.

Sally Foster: The Sally Foster fund-raiser needs to be wrapped up; which means that ALL order forms must be in the office this Friday, Nov. 6. Thank you.

Sacrament/Confirmation Mtgs.: Parents of 2nd graders preparing for First Reconciliation will meet TONIGHT at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. This will be followed by a meeting for the parents of confirmation students.

Just a few reminders: Please keep in mind when dropping off and picking up your children, that it is IMPERATIVE that we NOT park up towards Main Street and block traffic on this busy street/intersection. We have had several calls in the last few weeks complaining of traffic being backed up and blocked on Main Street. Also, it is now the 2nd quarter and students are practiced enough in procedures to enter the building unescorted. There are staff members designated to be here to supervise early arrivers, so there is no need to worry. Students may be dropped off in front or at the side entrance. Thank you.

PTS Info: The next PTS meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 12 @ 6:30pm in the Parish Center. Cash raffle tickets sales are well under way. Tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$25. Each family has six booklets of six to sell. Checks should be made payable to St. Mary PTS. The drawing will be held December 10, following the school Christmas program. Please turn these in as soon as you sell them.

Pecan Sales: All orders (for this 1st run) are due in the office on Tuesday, Nov. 10. You are encouraged to turn them in as you sell them. The first order will be placed on Wednesday, Nov. 11, in order to ensure delivery before Thanksgiving. All checks should be made payable to St. Mary PTS. Additional order forms are available in the office.

Christmas Program & Tea: It's that wonderful time of the year again! Fall leaves, turkey, then the snow and next thing you know. . . . Ho, Ho, Ho! Our Christmas Program & Tea is fast approaching. The date has been set for December 10th @ 6pm. As always, we will be looking for volunteers to help with baked goods and clean-up. Check your newsletter in the weeks to come for more details. As in past years, each class will be assembling a themed basket for auction the night of the event. This year, however, in hopes of keeping the evening less chaotic and more in spirit with the season, we are considering a SILENT auction during which bids will be placed in a sealed box. A vote on this matter will take place at the November 12th PTS meeting. Please be sure to attend if you would like to weigh-in one way or another.

Papa John's Dollars for Dough: You will notice on the November calendar that Papa John's is holding a St. Mary School Day/Night on Friday, Nov. 13. Please see attached flyer.

Holiday Shopping: In today's age of technology, a larger and larger percentage of people do their shopping from the convenience of their own home, rather than fight the traffic and crowds of the shopping malls. St. Mary's Scrip program can help make this even easier on your budget. You can purchase gift cards to make your purchases online, which alleviates the abundance of credit card bills in the mail in January. For those hard-to-shop-for relatives & friends, you can give them their own gift card(s) and let them buy what they want. Give our Scrip program a try. Send in your orders and see how easy shopping can be.

Forty Hours Closing: Note on your November calendar that the Forty Hours Closing is Tuesday, Nov. 10 @ 7:00PM. Last year's First Communicants lead the procession for this special service and are asked to arrive by 6:45pm in their First Communion attire. They will meet in the Parish Center prior to processing into the church.