



St. Mary School News Bulletin

April 28, 2010

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The students and faculty of St. Mary School invite you to join us for:

"Thanks for the Memories"

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

Thursday morning, May 6, 2010

8:45 until 10 o'clock

We want to thank all volunteers for everything (big & small) that you do.

Please join us to eat, visit with friends, and be appreciated.

A special tribute will be paid to our volunteers whose youngest child is an 8th grade graduate... "Volunteers of the Class of 2010."

Please R.S.V.P. to the school office by Monday, May 3

UPDATE: Strategic Plan for SMS

As you may have seen in the bulletin, the Parish Long-Range Planning is underway.

"What can we do to grow our faith and grow as a parish?"

That's the focus of a new Long-Range Strategic Planning effort that's been commissioned by Fr. Ken and the Pastoral Council. As part of this effort, St. Mary School has a long-range planning team, which is looking more deeply into the specific needs of the school. We thank those of you who have participated in our efforts so far – and know that this will be integrated into the broader plan for the parish.

In this parish-wide effort, the committee will need your active involvement as we progress through our research program. Based on our focus groups, committee evening input, and the efforts of the parish team to solicit input from other parish groups – an extensive parish-wide survey will be coming soon. Look for more information on this in the near future.

Thanks in advance for your active engagement and commitment to St. Mary!

Diane Tarvardian

On behalf of the SMS Strategic Planning Team

Grade 8 Scholarship and Award Opportunities

The Class of 2010 graduates on Friday, May 28 at 7:00 PM in the church. Students are honored for their achievements and the following awards and scholarships are conferred:

- **Jean Young Award**
Jean Young was a beloved secretary in our school office who died in 1990. Jean Young had a compassionate and selfless spirit. This award is presented to a student who exhibits a spirit of cheerful, generous service to St. Mary School.
- **St. Elizabeth Seton Award**
Elizabeth Seton, the founder of the Sisters of Charity, the religious community that started St. Mary School, was a person who saw what had to be done and forged ahead. She was ambitious, energetic and intelligent. This award is presented to a student who emulates these characteristics.
- **Religion Award**
This award is presented to a student who achieves an A in academics in the 8th grade and lives out the Christian message of love and service to others.
- **Citizenship Award**
Students vote for two classmates based on dependability, cooperation, leadership, patriotism and clean speech habits.
- **Eddie Haithcoat Scholarship**
Eddie Haithcoat is the son of our latchkey coordinator, Donna Haithcoat. Eddie lost his life in 1992 saving a friend who was struggling in a pond at Kings Island. Eddie was a loving, caring person...a true hero. After his death, a scholarship fund was established to provide tuition assistance for the first year at Purcell Marian High School to a St. Mary Parishioner who is willing to help others.
- **St. Mary PTO Volunteer Scholarship**
The PTO represents volunteerism. The PTO generously offers **two \$1000** scholarships to students who have given freely of their time in school, church and community throughout their tenure at St. Mary School. **Students may request an application for this scholarship from their homeroom teachers.**
- **Englert Scholarship**
In loving memory of Dorothy and William Englert, long-time members of St. Mary Parish, their children have established a **\$1500** tuition scholarship to Purcell Marian High School. This student has been a positive credit to St. Mary, displays success, and takes academics seriously and demonstrates a quest for knowledge. **Students may request an application for this scholarship from their homeroom teachers.**

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| 1 | First Communion |
| 2 | First Communion |
| 3 | Raffle Drive Collection - Day 1 |
| 6 | Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast
PTO Spring Fling 6:30 PM |
| 8 | ISSE Ecuador Delegates return |
| 10 | Ohio Right to Read Week |
| 11 | Author Matt Ackerman 9:00 K-1 and 10:00 grades 2-3 |
| 12 | Raffle Drive Wrap-Up Assembly 2:45 PM |
| 13 | Author Jack Greiner 9:00 grades 4-5; 10:00 grades 6-8;
Grade 1 to Hyde Park Library |
| 14-15 | Players and Student Art Show in Robisch Hall |
| 17 | Grade 8 to Courthouse
Grade 3 to Drake Planetarium 1:15-2:45 |
| 19 | May Crowning |
| 20 | Grade 3 Drake Planetarium; K to Observatory
Talent Show @2:00- Schedule E |
| 21 | COSI comes to SMS for K-6
Grade 8 Sports Banquet |
| 23 | Confirmation 11:30 AM Mass |
| 27 | SMS at the Great American Ballpark |
| 28 | Grade 2 Krohn Conservatory
Graduation 7:00 PM in church |

May at SMS

