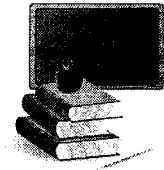




# Saint Mary's Newsletter

## Wednesday, September 23, 2009



Dear Parents,

What a glorious event "Grandparents Day" turned out to be!!! The attendance was exceptional and it is estimated that over 300 GRANDPARENTS paid us the honor of visiting our school. I do want to thank Mrs. Weingartner and her committee for working so hard for such a successful day. Elaine Gonzales, Maricela Acosta-Leyba, Deborah Vigil, and Cynthia Del Frate from the Home & School also helped to accomplish this wonderful day. I am also so pleased that we had about 5 GREAT-GRANDPARENTS visiting. How lucky we are! I loved every minute of it and want you to know that the teachers also considered this a perfect day and are anxiously awaiting a repeat next year! I would also ask that you thank these wonderful people for coming and if your child could make certain that Grandmother and Grandfather are thanked for coming, it would be nice. It was GREAT.

You are receiving information in this envelope pertaining to the Blessing of the Animals. Much excitement prevails on this particular day and we do hope to see you there.

You will receive progress reports and progress folders on Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, or Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. Please study these and return by Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.

Our school will be visited on Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. This is for the purpose of maintaining accreditation. Saint Mary's Self-Improvement Committee has been working very hard to prepare much information for the QAR TEAM- (Quality Assurance Research Team)---(AdvancEd).

I am making a plea in this letter that our parents seriously think about making a commitment toward the Capital Campaign. Your children are truly enjoying the benefits of all the work that was accomplished during the summer---Cooling system---New windows, renovated bathrooms, etc. We are not finished. Mid-School bathrooms have to be renovated, the gym floor has to be taken care of, and the black topping has to be repaired, renovated, and restored. This Phase III is hope to start next summer. So, I ask you to please do all you can. Thank you

I do want to reiterate that our children are working on filling a "piggy bank." We do have one classroom bank that is completely filled and these children are opting for Bank #2. There will be a prize for the winning room. We do not have much more time for this. So please, encourage and help us get these "piggies" ready for Campaign Slaughtering.

The information you are receiving regard the coupon books is quite self explainable. It certainly sounds like a great deal and if you do have any further questions pertaining to this, call Marquetta Tachias 934-4736 cell phone. These books contain over \$1,000 value in coupons and as a suggestion it would make a wonderful Christmas Gift for friends and relatives.

A message from our Cafeteria Manager. September 26, 2009 is the change date for students to have applications in. They will become paid status if no new application is turned in by the 26<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure **charges** are paid.  
Thank you Lori Martinez Cafeteria Manager



## Saint Mary's Middle School **Receive The Power**

St. Mary's Middle School Celebrates "Receive The Power" award is given to Jenna Romero. Jenna volunteered to help clean up with me after our electives. We had a lot to do since we had made paper mache masks. Nominated by Mrs. Hatok on September 10, 2009.

### **Student Service Council News**

**Mission Focus:** Miss. Locklin, a former pre-school teacher at St. Mary's, is helping children in Mexico and the South Valley. They are in need of school supplies and other gently used items. We will continue collecting for her efforts for the next two weeks. Donation boxes are in the elementary building, middle school building, and Mrs. Thorson's room.

**Featured collection item: Cell phones.** Two teenagers started this project as a way to help soldiers serving overseas. If you give us your old cell phone, we will see that they will be received and will help those that are serving us.

**Meeting:** At our first meeting we received approval to purchase a badge-a-minute maker. We will start this project when the weather is cooler and students are inside in the morning – during hot chocolate season. The group also decided to make items for St. Mary's Rest Home and to plan a visit to give items to the residents.

**Lemonade:** We will continue this for a few more weeks. Remember your 25 cents each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday after school!!

**Flag folding:** If you would be interested in being a part of a team of that would be responsible for folding our flags after school, please give me your name. We will do a few practices and then make a schedule. It is an awesome privilege to be a part of this team. Mrs. Thorson

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature reads "Sister Marianella, S.C.". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and legible.

Sister Marianella, S.C. Principal