

School Connections
From the Principal's Desk
December 2011 - January 2012

Dates to Remember...

January

- 3 – Teacher Day - Teacher CPR training
- 4 – Students return (**NO** School Mass today)
- 6 – Report cards go home
- 11 – First Eucharist Parent Meeting 6:45
- 16 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
No School
- 27 – SMAFA Chili Supper

Catholic Schools' Week begins January 29th!

Catholic Schools - Faith, Academics, Service

Catholic Schools' Week is January 29th to February 5th. The theme this year is: "Catholic Schools - Faith, Academics, Service." SMAFA will kick off the week with their annual Chili Supper on Friday January 27th. One activity at the Chili Supper is the auction of class "baskets." Each class/grade has a themed basket and those are auctioned off during the evening. Themes this year include:

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| Art Club | - Art |
| Preschool | - All About Mom |
| Kindergarten | - "KINDLE a Love of Reading" |
| Grade 1 | - Kitchen/Cooking |
| Grade 2 (Maloney) | - LEGOS |
| Grade 2 (Murray) | - Gift Cards |
| Grade 3 | - Catholic Schools/Religion |
| Grade 4 | - All Around Town |
| Grade 5 | - Music |
| Grade 6 | - Random Acts of Kindness |

There will be plenty of fun activities planned throughout Catholic Schools Week too. A schedule will be sent home later in January.

Santa's Post Office

The sixth graders have been getting packages the last two weeks and delivered them today as part of Santa's Post Office. Funds raised in this project will help the Random Acts of Kindness project.

Thanks to all of you who entrusted your Christmas packages to these reliable "elves" here at Santa's Post Office.

All of our students did some types of service project throughout Advent, and their participation was so appreciated by those that received. We thank our students for spreading Christ's love during this special time of year.

Balanced Calendar

Please see the reverse side of this newsletter. Greensburg School Corporation has adopted a balanced calendar beginning with the 2012-2013 school year. Since St. Mary's relies on Greensburg School System's buses, we will also be moving to that calendar. A more detailed St. Mary's calendar will be released at a later time, but we wanted to give you as much notice as possible so you could get an idea about what the year will look like.

Give Where You Live!!!

St. Mary's School was a lucky winner of one of "Give Where You Live" Grants. Ruth Wenning submitted a ballot that was drawn out on Monday, December 12th.

We will be looking at our programs and deciding where will be the best place to apply this award.

*We want to wish all of you a
 very blessed
 Christmas and a
 Happy New Year!
 See you in 2012!*



Board Adopted 10-11-2011

**GREENSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
SCHOOL CALENDAR
2012-2013**

JULY	30	Monday	Professional Day, Staff Only (No Students)
JULY	31	Tuesday	Professional Day, Staff Only (No Students)
AUGUST	1	Wednesday	First Day of School for Students
SEPTEMBER	3	Monday	Labor Day (No School)
OCTOBER	8-19		Fall Break October 8 thru October 19 (No School)
OCTOBER	22	Monday	Parent/Teacher Conferences 10:00AM-6:00PM (Staff Only)
NOVEMBER	4	Sunday	Daylight Savings Time ends, set clocks back one hour
NOVEMBER	22-23	Thursday/Friday	Thanksgiving Break (No School)
DECEMBER	21	Friday	Last Day of 1 st Semester
DECEMBER	24-Jan. 3		Christmas Break (December 24 thru January 3) (No School)
JANUARY	4	Friday	Professional Day, Staff Only (No Students)
JANUARY	7	Monday	Classes Resume for Students
JANUARY	21*	Monday	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School)
MARCH	10	Sunday	Daylight Saving Time begins, set clocks forward one hour
MARCH	18-29*		Spring Break (No School) March 18-22 protected vacation days
APRIL	1	Monday	Classes Resume
MAY	27	Monday	Memorial Day (No School)
MAY	29	Wednesday	Last Day for Students
MAY	30	Thursday	Professional Day (Last Day for Staff)
JUNE	1	Saturday	Graduation

* Make-Up Days: January 21; March 29 (Good Friday), March 28, March 27, March 26, March 25
(The 2nd week of Spring Break will be used for make up days if needed;
the first five days of Spring Break are protected vacation days)
Additional days will be added to the end of the school year if needed.

9 WEEKS GRADING PERIOD

BEGINNING DATE	ENDING DATE	MID-TERM REPORTS DISTRIBUTED	REPORT CARDS DISTRIBUTED	STUDENT DAYS
August 1	October 2	September 6	October 22	44 days
October 3	December 21	November 25	January 10	45 days
January 7	March 8	February 7	April 4	44 days
March 11	May 29	April 25	June 6	47 days
			* Report cards will be mailed 6-06-13	180 days