



# Tiger Connection

Saint Henry School

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents:

Yesterday we celebrated the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross. This feast reminds us that the crucifixion was not the end of the story. The victory of our salvation was won that day on Calvary and the cross is the means to that end. Christ's suffering and death on the cross is the greatest act of love. We can each share in this act of love by daily offering our sufferings, disappointments, sacrifices, etc...for the good of others.

Let us put on the eyes of faith as we encounter daily trials and challenges.

In Christ,

Sister Ann Hyacinth, O.P.  
Principal

## Emergency Drills

As you know each year we perform a number of emergency drills to prepare us for possible safety issues. Each month we practice a fire drill and twice a year practice a tornado drill. In addition, this fall we will include our lockdown drill. This drill is used in the event that an unauthorized person should ever enter Saint Henry School with the intent to harm or a potentially threatening person is seen in the immediate area. Age appropriate directions will be discussed among the teachers and then teachers will talk with students during the last two weeks of September regarding our lockdown procedures prior to an actual drill. You will be notified in the Tiger Connection of our drill day.

## SchoolReach

Our emergency alert system test went well last Thursday and Friday. We have corrected the few glitches that occurred. Please be sure to inform us with updates to your phone number and e-mails.

### *For your info:*

- Messages will be dropped if cell phones ring over 40 seconds. It will retry in 15 minutes.
- Answer your phone as you normally would: say "hello" and wait a few seconds for message. Multiple hellos or loud background noise will delay your message.
- Please add [info@sthenryschool.org](mailto:info@sthenryschool.org) to your e-mail address book to prevent your message going to SPAM or being labeled undeliverable.
- E-mails will not be considered your primary source for alerts. Some e-mails are caught up in the towers and are not sent for some time.

## Parent Meetings

Please call teachers to schedule a meeting rather than "drop by." Teachers normally are preparing for students when they are not with their class. This includes times before and after school. However, if you call for a meeting this gives the teachers an opportunity to plan for you and also to be prepared for the children. Thank you for being attentive to this courtesy.

## Witness of the Week

Witness of the Week for our Pre-K – 4<sup>th</sup> grade is Luisa Goodrum. Luisa showed her classmates how to be a good friend and mentor to a new student. Luisa showed this new student how things are done at Saint Henry in a very friendly way. Witness of the Week for our 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade is Sarah Gould and Sarah Starc . These two girls showed their respect and ownership for the new playground when they saw 10 plastic water bottles tossed in a corner by the swings and picked them up and disposed of the items.

## Grades

Mid-terms will go home on Tuesday, Sept. 22nd.

## Green Tip

Last year's SHS Waste-Less Lunch Competition for Earth Day was a smashing success! Incorporate those waste-less lunch tips throughout the year!

DO: use re-usable containers and lunch boxes, and recycle bottles and cans.

DON'T: regularly rely on one-use containers or drink pouches and throw-away plastic bags.

Moms & Dads can set a good example by being waste-less for lunch as well; have that "Lunch Bucket" mentality and start off the new school year right!

### **Box Tops For Education:**

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Summer Baggie program a great success. Please keep up the wonderful habit of clipping Box Tops for our school. Congratulations to the Quintero-Diaz family who is the winner of the \$35 Target gift certificate. Be watching for the announcement of the fall class contest next week and a poster near the cafeteria that will show the current class collection tallies. Go Tigers!

### **Fundraising with no added cost to you -**

**Kroger Cares** – Stop by the front desk at school and purchase a gift card for only \$5.00. Add value to it at the Kroger Customer Service desk or in line before checking out and Saint Henry School will receive 4% of the amount you add. You can add value to your card using cash, check or credit card. These gift cards can be used for all items that are sold at Kroger, including prescriptions, cosmetics, groceries, gas and paper products. The cards are reusable so please continue to use the card every time you shop at Kroger.

### **Announcing: St. Henry In-school Forensics**

**Tournament!** Forensics is a dramatic contest that uses reading skills, vocal skills, presence in front of an audience, and understanding of a literary piece. This year, the tournament will be held on Friday, Oct 16<sup>th</sup> for all children grades 3-8. There will be four categories including dramatic prose, dramatic poetry, humorous prose and humorous poetry. Official rules will be sent home with each student competing, through the classroom, along with a sample ballot. We will have judges from the Nashville area including professional actors and actresses, authors of children's books, children's theater specialists, public librarians, as well as winning forensics coaches. Please take the time to have your student practice at home in front of "an audience". This gives them the confidence they need, both now and in the future.

### **Raising Strong Daughters & Virtuous Sons**

Please join Dr. Meg Meeker author & pediatrician in the Saint Cecilia Theater on Thursday, September 24, 2009, at 6:30 pm.

### **How & Why You Should Teach Your Kids To Say No to Alcohol, Sex & Drugs**

Please join Dr. Meg Meeker Friday, September 25, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in the Saint Cecilia Theater. Dr. Meeker has been on the frontline of treating teens & children for more than 20 years. She will talk about how television, marketing, movies, peer-pressure and more affects her patients and helps parent realize how much influence they do have.

**Saint Henry School Mission Statement** – Saint Henry Catholic School strives to build God's kingdom through prayer, academic integrity, and service to others.

**School Motto** – Educating for Life, Guided by Christ

### **Home and School News**

Did You Know...that the 5K offers sponsorship opportunities? Contact [sarabethschwab@gmail.com](mailto:sarabethschwab@gmail.com) or [brocatofamily@comcast.net](mailto:brocatofamily@comcast.net) for more information

Race out and sponsor today!!

DYK...that Cookie Dough info and Smartcards/Coupon Books will be sent home with each family Sept.22? Get ready to sell!!!!

DYK... if interested in volunteering for the Auction, fill out the attached volunteer form.

Thank you H&S

### **Dates**

September 21- Father Ryan 8<sup>th</sup> grade visit  
September 22 – Cookie Dough Kick OFF  
October 7-11 - Fall Break

Check the website for the Principal's Update on H1N1 dated 9/11/09.