



Tiger Connection

Saint Henry School

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Principal's Message

October is right around the corner. Let us remember that October is one of two months that the Church dedicates for special devotion to our Blessed Mother. The Catechism reminds us in #971 that "The Church rightly honors the Blessed Virgin with special devotion. From the most ancient times the Blessed Virgin has been honored with the title of *Mother of God*, to whose protection the faithful fly in all their dangers and needs." In particular during the month of October we seek Mary's aid through our devotion to the rosary. Please take time as a family during the month of October to pray the rosary together. It may seem that you do not have time, but I encourage you to find time for at least a decade a day. Your children will appreciate now and as adults that you take time to pray with them.

Lastly, please take this progress report time to encourage your child in the good work that they do. There may be areas they need to focus on more than others, but overall everyone is doing very well. I like to remind the children that as long as they are doing the best they can, with the time they have, for the love of God, we are all pleased with their efforts.

In Christ,

Sister Ann Hyacinth, O.P.
Principal

Uniform Comments

We would like you to participate in an on-line survey to answer a few questions regarding our proposed uniform. Go to the front page of our school website at www.sthenryschool.org. Scroll down to the "News & Events" area on the right side of the front page and click on the *Parent Survey* link to complete the survey. The survey will be active from Thursday, September 22 until Tuesday, October 4. Thank you for your help.

Emergency Drills -

Our Lockdown drill will be Thursday, October 13th. 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.

SchoolReach Emergency Notification

If you have phone number or e-mail changes to your emergency notification contact list please e-mail us at alert@sthenry.org. In the event of an emergency, you will now receive a message from alert@sthenry.org.

Student Picture Retake Day

Picture retake day will be Tuesday, October 12th. This is not an out of uniform day for those students having their picture taken. They may bring a collared shirt with them to change into for the picture or they may have their picture taken in their uniform.

Witness of the Week

Witness of the Week for Pre-K-4th grade is Addy Williams in Mrs. Gaughan's 4th grade class. Addy showed her classmates how important it is to always do the right thing even if it is hard. When a classmate was not being treated nicely, Addy stood up for her and let others know that their behavior was not kind. Witness of the week for 5th-8th grade is J.P. Burr in Sister Mary Barbara's 8th grade class. J.P. showed his peers how important it is to show kindness to people. We have several new students in the upper grades and J.P. went out of his way to make sure the new student in his class felt welcomed.

First Friday Adoration

The first Friday of October takes place during fall break this year. Unfortunately, those in need are not able to take a break! We will have a Saint Henry spirit day October 14th in conjunction with a food collection for the poor. Students may wear their Saint Henry spirit shirts or sports jersey with jeans (no shorts) on this day. Thank you for always being so generous to others!! Go Tigers!

Winter Uniform AND SKIRT LENGTH

Please remember that the winter uniform begins Monday, October 10th. Refer to the parent handbook for specific details. We ask that parents take note of the length of the girls' skirts and jumpers. Some of the girls have grown and are wearing uniforms that are not the appropriate length.

Twenty Minutes in the Science Lab

You are invited to come and spend twenty minutes in the science lab and go through a simulation of what your child goes through during a typical class period.

8th grade parents: September 21, 2011 @ 7:25-7:45

Dismissal Note

Children remaining after the 3:15 bell are escorted by teachers to late pickup in the dining hall. If you are late, please do not ask other parents to supervise your children after this time. Thank you for being attentive to this safety and legal issue.

Box Tops for Education - The Results Are In:

This year has been the biggest turnout that Saint Henry School has ever had. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to keep this program. Are you ready for the results? Drum roll please...the total number of box tops that was turned in is 18,056 which turns into \$1,805.60. That is amazing!!!

Contest results: The winners are Sister Mary Barbara's 8th grade homeroom with a total of 826 and Mrs. Luton's kindergarten class with a total of 2262. To celebrate the winners of Box Tops for Education a poster with the winner's pictures on it will hang in the hallways of Saint Henry. The posters will reflect the winning classroom each time new winners are announced. Congratulations to the classes that won, but remember the whole school community wins and will reap the benefits of the mighty Box Top.

Diocesan Forensics Starts NOW:

Forensics competition will provide real world skills including self-confidence, organization, reasoning, and public speaking to carry over into adulthood.

- Team eligibility is open to 5th and 8th graders. Practices are Mondays 2:00-4:30PM. All meets will be held on Saturdays at various parochial schools in Nashville.
- Registration fee of \$65.00 on or before the October 3rd practice (this covers diocesan fees for all meets).

Parents of participating children will be required to volunteer to be judges for at least 2 out of the 9 Saturday competitions.

St. Genesian

St. Genesian Society Reminder: All students wishing to become a part of Saint Henry's honor society and drama club should have their permission slips turned into the office no later than Friday, September 26th. Blank forms are available at Mrs. Lawson's desk.

Thank You!

Thank you to all those shopping at Target and using the Take Charge of Education account. We just received a check for \$552.60. That money will be applied to help tuition assistance. Thank you!!!

Family Faith Night

Please join us for Family Faith Night, Wednesday, September 28th. We will begin with a Benediction at 5:30pm in the church, followed by pizza and a craft activity for the children in the Fellowship Hall. In honor of 9/11 and our local Ft. Campbell Soldiers, we are asking families to contribute a designated item, listed below, to be placed in provided boxes at the event.

Families who plan to attend with children in Grades 3-4 please bring Crystal Light/Kool-Aid powdered drink packets, and/or prepaid postcards; Grades 5-6 please bring hard candy, gum, playing cards, and/or Frisbee's; Grades 7-8 please bring small packages of wet wipes, and/or small containers of hand sanitizer.

We ask Grades K-2 to please bring a dessert for the event. We look forward to spending this fun-filled evening with you and your family!

5K CORNER: NEWSBRIEFS YOU NEED

Our Third Annual SHS Tiger Town 5K team is ON A ROLL! Here's a quick update to keep everyone involved in the

upcoming November 5th event:

Calling all 5K Team Members! ~ Thanks to those who have already signed up to be a part of the team. **Our first planning meeting will be held this Wednesday, September 21 at 6:30 p.m.** in the old Chapel area just outside the Church Office. If you haven't stepped up yet, and would like to join us, please email Dawn Cummings (dcummings30@hotmail.com) or just plan to attend Wednesday's meeting. Race tasks to tackle include: food, event logistics, stage logistics, race packets, goody bags, signage, etc. We look forward to seeing everyone and can't wait to begin rolling up our sleeves!

Actively Seeking 5K Sponsors ~ Letters were mailed last week asking families and businesses to prayerfully consider joining us as a key sponsor of this year's Tiger Town 5K. **Sponsor levels available:** PRESENTING (Title) Sponsor; GOLD; SILVER and BRONZE. If you'd like to discuss these sponsorship levels further and the opportunities that await in each category, please contact Dawn Cummings, Stephanie Tatro or Stacey Tirrill.

Couch to 5K Program" ~ Stephanie Tatro and her group had an effective first training last week, and it's not too late to join our customized 5K fitness program. To participate and learn how to make great strides, please contact Stephanie at sstatro@aol.com.

More exciting 5K facts and updates to come ~ this is YOUR race, Tiger Town ~ we appreciate your ongoing support!

The Saint Henry Men's Club Open House Meeting

Thursday Night - The Men's Club is open to all men associated with Saint Henry. All interested men are encouraged to attend this month's meeting in the Fellowship Hall, Thursday evening, **September 22nd**. The meeting starts with refreshments at 8:00. For more information contact Wish Long 943-1932 or frankalong@att.net

ATTENTION ATHLETES, PARENTS, AND COACHES

Fall sports team pictures will be taken after school on Friday, October 14th. Athletes will also have the opportunity to have an individual picture taken. Please make every effort to be there for this is the picture for the St. Henry 2011-2012 yearbook. Other team pictures will not be accepted for use in the yearbook. The schedule for the day will be: Cross Country - 3:15 to 3:45 in front of the church steps. 5th and 6th grade Volleyball- 3:45 to 4:30 in the gym. (4 teams) Cheer 4:30 to 5:00pm Football- Coach Hagey 5:00-5:30 Coach Kelly 5:30- 6:00 Coach Brocato 6:00pm to 6:30.

SAVE THE DATE-NOVEMBER 1st!

Robin Crist Miniature Golf Classic: Make plans to join us at Grand Ole Golf to raise money for Breast Cancer Research November 1st. Look for sign-up sheets next week on the saint Henry School website. For more information contact Jane Bray at bray9606@bellsouth.net.

Dates

September 20 – Interims go Home
September 22- St. Cecilia 8th grade visit
September 23 – No School – Inservice
September 28 – Family Faith Night