



Tiger Connection

Saint Henry School

Tuesday, September 27, 2011

Dear Parents,

Last Thursday, while the 8th grade girls were visiting Saint Cecilia Academy, our 8th grade boys were involved in a service project with the elderly of our parish. The boys assisted with the senior luncheon and they also learned about selfless service, spiritual guardianship, and praying together. Their participation and the manner with which they served certainly were manifestations of the mark of the Saint Henry charism.

We have many Catholic moments similar to this at Saint Henry School which remind us of the goodness of our children and the formation they received from their parents and the school to help them become who they ought to be in the eyes of Christ. Let us look for these moments and reflect on them for our own spiritual nourishment.

Next Sunday's second reading from Saint Paul's letter to the Philippians encourages us to take time to reflect on these moments of goodness and be formed by it. "Brothers and sisters: Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you." Don't let busyness steal your inner peace and joy! Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us.

In Christ Jesus,

Sister Ann Hyacinth, O.P.
Principal

Jr. High Parent Expectation Night Information on the Web – Don't forget the Jr. High parent expectation night packet is posted on our website.

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 with the students in preparation for the lock down drill.

USCCB Request – The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has requested help from the faithful regarding the Health and Human Services conscience amendment. Attached is the USCCB's bulletin information regarding this issue. You can read more at www.usccb.org/conscience and <http://www.dioceseofnashville.com/a-mandated-coverage.htm>. The USCCB concern is the mandating of coverage without allowing for conscience objection. The freedom to object based on conscience is a precious freedom. The HHS is taking comments on this issue until September 30th.

Living Rosary

Come and join us for the Living Rosary on October 4th at 2:00 p.m. in the gym.

Fall Break

Enjoy your upcoming fall break. October 5th-9th

ATTENTION ATHLETES, PARENTS, AND COACHES: There has been a correction to the football picture schedule.

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 Saint Henry 2011-2012 yearbook picture. 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). Cheerleaders 4:30 to 5:00pm, Football Coach Paslick 5:00, Coach Hagey 5:30, and Coach Brocato 6:00pm.

Thank You

A big thank you to the Saint Henry Men's Club for donating \$20,000 in June toward this year's distribution of tuition assistance and an additional \$3,000 for a new kiln in our art room. We are grateful to the men for their material and spiritual guardianship of our school. May Saint Joseph, guardian and protector of our Blessed Mother, pray for each of us!

Uniform Survey

You have until Tuesday, October 4th to participate in the parent survey for the new proposed uniforms. We have had 76 families respond. The higher the participation on the survey the more valid will be our information. 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. Thank you for your help.

Family Faith Night

Family Faith Night will be held September 28th in the Fellowship Hall. 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!

Uniform Check-ups

Please remember the winter uniform begins Monday, October 10th. As we move into a new month, it is a good time to check the uniform dress code and make sure everything is in line with the school policies. Our teachers will be doing periodic uniform checks with the students. 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 a little too short.

First Penance Parent Meeting

First penance parent meeting will be Monday, October 12th at 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

Children of Mary

Children of Mary permission slips have gone home with the children in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. Here are the dates for Children of Mary:

Thursday, Sept. 29th

Thursday, Oct. 27th

Thursday, Nov. 17th

Thursday, Dec. 15th

Thursday, Jan. 26th

Thursday, Feb. 23rd

Thursday, March 22nd

Thursday, April 26th

Thursday, May 10th

Student Picture Retake Day

Picture retake day will be Wednesday, 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. If you need a retake, please return the proof package by October 11th and indicate the reason for the retake.

SHS Sports

Reminder: Oct. 2 is the final Cross Country Meet. 7th & 8th grade will run first, followed by an Awards Presentation. Kindergarten will begin right after the presentation. Jerseys will need to be turned in the day of the final meet. Please be sure to bring an extra shirt to change into.

Cross Country- 90% of our runners improved their time!

Joe Hoots won 5th and 6th grade boys for the 3rd time in a row. Please get out to cheer for our kids for their final meet.

Tanner Dieterich won 1st place for the 8th grade boys.

The Varsity football team defeated St. Rose.

Coach Hagey's team lost to Christ the King School and Coach Brocato's team will play this Wednesday 5pm @ Saint Matthew School. Our Volleyball teams all played well this weekend.

Check the DAC website for weekday games.

Lastly, our cheerleaders will have their Parochial Competition October 23rd 7pm @ Father Ryan.

Get out and support your school! Go Tigers!

Food collection for those in need

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!

5th-8th Grade Spanish Conferences

Although Mrs. Reed will officially be on maternity leave starting October 17th, she plans to be available for parent-teacher conferences scheduled for October 20th and/or 21st. If you are interested in having a conference with her, please leave a message on her Saint Henry voicemail system, and she will return your call to set up a time.

Saint Henry School Committee - The Saint Henry School Committee meets once a month during the school year. Its purpose is to serve as a policy advisory board for the principal of Saint Henry. Periodically the Tiger Connection features an update from the school committee to ensure that parents stay informed of current committee activity.

September news from School Committee...

-Windows were replaced in the original school building over the summer. We anticipate energy savings with this upgrade. The school also added two new AED (automatic external defibrillator) machines throughout the building and a second touchscreen computer station in the cafeteria.

-With the help of the committee and our parish/school's IT consultants the school will be formulating a new technology plan for the school.

-We are working on a facility maintenance plan to help us improve long-range planning of maintenance upgrades and expenditures.

-Saint Henry Tiger Town 5K and Fun Run is scheduled for November 5, 2011. Pledge packets and registration forms will be coming home soon with your children. This is one of only two school fundraisers for the year so please sign up and show your support!

-New school uniforms were on display in the school lobby. Please take time to complete the parent uniform survey which is located on our school website www.sthenryschool.org -- we want your feedback!

Dates

September 28 – Family Faith Night

October 5th-9th Fall Break

October 12th –Picture Retake day

October 12th – 1st Penance Meeting 7:00 Fellowship Hall

October 18th Open House for prospective families 9:30-11:30

October 18th – Report Cards go home

October 20th – 21st Parent Teacher Conferences

October 25th- 8th graders visit JPII Visit

October 26th Open House for prospective families 9:30-11:30

October

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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2	3 – Day 4 2:00 Dismissal Schedule	4 – Day 5 2:00 (M) Living Rosary	5 Faculty Retreat Fall Break	6	7	8
9	10 – Day 6 2:00 Dismissal Winter Uniform Begins	11 – Day 1	12 – Day 2 8:00 Mass – 6G K – 1 st Mass Close Grades Picture Make-Up Day 7:00 1 st Penance Parent Meeting	13 – Day 3 Lockdown	14 – Day 4 End 1 st Quarter	15
16	17 – Day 5 2:00 Dismissal	18 – Day 6 9:30-11:30 Open House Report Cards go Home	19 – Day 1 8:00 Mass – 6H	20 – Day 2 11:30 Dismissal Parent/Teacher Conferences	21- Day 2 11:30 Dismissal Parent/Teacher Conferences	22
23	24 – Day 3 2:00 Dismissal	25 – Day 4 JPII Visit	26 – Day 5 8:00 Mass – 5B 9:30-11:30 Open House	27 – Day 6	28 – Day 1	29
		Explore 7 & 8				
30	31 – Day 2 2:00 Dismissal					

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NATIONWIDE BULLETIN INSERT **URGENT: Respond by September 30**

Conscience Rights Violated by Sweeping HHS Contraceptive Mandate

In implementing the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (the new health care reform law), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recently issued a rule *requiring* almost all private health plans to cover contraception and sterilization as “preventive services” for women. The mandate even forces individuals and groups with religious or moral objections to purchase and provide such coverage if they are to receive or provide health coverage at all. This poses an *unprecedented threat* to individual and institutional religious freedom.

The rule includes a religious exemption so extremely narrow that it protects almost no one. It covers only a “religious employer” that has the “inculcation of religious values” as its purpose, primarily employs and serves persons who share its religious tenets, and is a church organization under two narrow provisions of the tax code. A great many religious organizations -- including Catholic colleges and universities, as well as hospitals and charitable institutions that serve the public -- will be ineligible. Individuals and religiously affiliated health insurers will not qualify for the exemption.

The new rule would force insurance plans to cover “*all Food and Drug Administration approved contraceptive methods, sterilization procedures, and patient education and counseling for all women with reproductive capacity.*” Never before has the federal government required private health plans to include such coverage. The FDA-approved “emergency contraception” (EC) drugs that are covered by this mandate can work by interfering with implantation of a newly conceived human being. Also, the drug the FDA most recently approved for EC, “Ella,” a close analogue to the abortion drug RU-486, has been shown in animal tests to cause abortion. Thus, the mandate includes drugs that may cause an abortion both before and after implantation.

The public comment period on this interim final rule ends **September 30**.

ACTION: Please send an e-mail message to HHS by visiting www.usccb.org/conscience. Once you send your comments to HHS, you will be automatically invited to send a message to your elected representatives in Congress, urging them to support the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act (H.R. 1179/S. 1467) to ensure that such federal mandates do not violate Americans’ moral and religious convictions.

MESSAGE TO HHS: “Pregnancy is not a disease, and drugs and surgeries to prevent it are not basic health care that the government should *require* all Americans to purchase. Please remove sterilization and prescription contraceptives from the list of ‘preventive services’ the federal government is *mandating* in private health plans. It is especially important to exclude any drug that may cause an early abortion, and to fully respect religious freedom as other federal laws do. The narrow religious exemption in HHS’s new rule protects almost no one. I urge you to allow all organizations and individuals to offer, sponsor and obtain health coverage that does not violate their moral and religious convictions.”

WHEN: Please send your comments to HHS by the **September 30** deadline. Thanks! 9/9/11