



THE ST. MARY'S MESSENGER

St. Mary's Christian School

A mission of St. Mary's Episcopal Church

May 2010

- 5 Mother's Day Tea (after Chapel)
- 7 Class Picture Day
- 14 Annual Survey Due (will be emailed on May 4)
- 19 Student Exposition 1pm-2pm
- 21 All School Zoo Field Trip
- 26 Relay For Life
- 28 Free Dress Day
- 31 Memorial Day Holiday, School closed

June 2010

- 9 Father's Day Luncheon
- 11 Comedy Show
- 15 Last day of school, early dismissal
End of year Celebration
- 16 First day of Summer Program

May's Character Trait: JOYFUL

Definition:

Being happy, or glad, and feeling delighted.

Scripture Memory Verse:

"This day is set apart to honor our Lord. So don't be sad. The joy of the Lord makes you strong."

Nehemiah 8:10 (NIRV)

Message from our Principal...

Dear Parents,

The month of **May** is nearly upon us. Can you believe it! I tend to start with the 'end in mind' when planning my month. However, what really jumps out at me during this month is the **Day of Pentecost, Sunday, May 23**. Christian churches throughout the world celebrate this great feast the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus' disciples, 50 days after Easter. We think of this day as the 'Birthday of the Church.' If you are looking for a place to worship on Pentecost, please join us at St. Mary's Episcopal Church for the 10:00 am Mass. On this day, there will be one Mass. This Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Rickels and Baptisms will be included. It will be a glorious day!

This time of the year is pivotal for me in planning the programs and the staffing needed to insure excellence in all that we do to fulfill the mission of St. Mary's Christian School. Many of you have responded to let us know your status for next year. Please continue to help us in our forecasting by letting us know how we can best serve you. I want to highlight a few of the exciting changes:

- Higher retention rate in the upper grades (Grades 3 – 5),
- Offering Spanish to all children,
- Expanding the Music program to include a Children's Choir,
- More emphasis placed on learning through Art,
- The teaching and learning of Science will be more experiential based,
- PTA (Parent-Teacher Association) will expand their role; they planted many good seeds this year!
- School Board – will provide additional leadership in develop technology in the classrooms;
- Lower tuition! Wow!

We want you here. If we can do better, please let us know how we can better serve you child and family. Thank you.

NEW: During the week of May 17, I would like to encourage the parents of children currently enrolled in **Preschool – M1** who are planning to return to set up a 30 minute observation in the next grade's teacher's class. For example, if you have a child in MK and you plan to enroll her/him in M1, plan a 30 minute visit to get a feel for the class. Visits will be offered May 17 – 20. If you would like to schedule a visit, please sign up in the Narthex starting May 10. Remember, if you want to view Mrs. Child's class, it would need to be in the morning since this an AM Program.

NEW: On Wednesday, May 19, the classrooms will be open from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm to show off the students' great work. We are calling this the **Student Exposition, 2010**. If possible, you could bring a new family who might want to see us during the school day. A more detailed flyer will be electronically sent to you as we get closer to the event. Ms. Heather Quail has graciously offered to coordinate this event.

I want to again thank you for your commitment and dedication to the school; and, for bringing us new families. You are awesome!

Please carefully review this month's newsletter (important events) and attachments. Please contact us with any questions or concerns.

Easter Blessings,

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Military Families

Please keep the following military parents in your prayers:

<i>Cory Brooking</i>	<i>Brian Gardner</i>	<i>Richard Heyward</i>	<i>David Nguyen</i>
<i>Heather Burgess</i>	<i>Brian Garoutte</i>	<i>Ben Hunter</i>	<i>Linwood Pierce</i>
<i>Todd Burgess</i>	<i>David Glaser</i>	<i>Chase Martin</i>	<i>Burton Shields</i>
<i>Jeffrey Daley</i>	<i>Wayne Harsha</i>	<i>Dana Munari</i>	<i>Chris Staley (deployed)</i>

If we have overlooked anyone, please contact the office.

Testing

The week of May 3-7 is set aside for Individual Assessment of our Pre-K through Multiage 4/5 classes. The Pre-K class will be using the Kindergarten readiness test; Multiage Kindergarten will be using the School Readiness test. Multiage Kindergarten-Multiage 4/5 will be using graded levels of the Stanford Achievement Test.

Please make sure your child has plenty of rest during testing week, as well as having eaten a good breakfast. Make sure you are arriving at school on time, as arriving late may cause the student undue stress during testing week.

Parents will be informed of their child's testing results in the final report card of the school year.

Mother's Day Tea

Our Annual Mother's Day Tea will be held on Wednesday, May 5. We will start with Children's Chapel at 10:00 am and the Tea will immediately follow in the Parish Hall. If Mom is not available, Grandma, Aunt, Cousin, or a special adult female may attend.

In order to adequately prepare for this event, please complete and turn in your RSVP form **no later than Monday, May 3**. All school families are invited to attend. Childcare for siblings will not be provided.

Picture Day

Class Picture Day is scheduled for the morning of May 7. The photographer will begin taking pictures promptly at 9:00 am. Students are **not** required to wear uniforms on this day (Spring outfits welcomed.). You are not obligated to purchase the picture packages. Please watch for upcoming information!

Parent Survey

We rely on your input to help plan a high quality educational program here at St. Mary's. The Parent Survey is one of the formats we use to obtain your suggestions and gauge our planning. The deadline for returning the Survey is Friday, May 14. We are asking for 100% return. You may return your survey by placing it in the marked box located in the Narthex. Classes with 100% return will receive an ice cream party.

Summer Experience

Our Summer Program will begin on June 16 and runs through August 27. Vacation Bible School (VBS) is scheduled for July 19-23. Children participating in the Summer Experience automatically (at no extra cost) participate in VBS. If you would like an enrollment packet for the Summer Program, please e-mail Ms. Stephanie at: stephaniespraggin@yahoo.com or stop by the school office to pick up a hard copy.

Message From The Office....

- ⇒ St. Mary's Christian School staff would like to wish all Moms a very Happy Mother's Day!
- ⇒ Have you registered your child for next year? Enrollment is now open to the public. Turn in your completed Enrollment Packet and Registration Fee to secure your spot for the 2010-1011 school year.
- ⇒ Make sure your tuition account is up to date. Student transcripts will be held until tuition is paid in full.
- ⇒ Accidents do happen, please make sure your student has a complete change of clothes.
- ⇒ The Lost and Found is continuing to grow. If you are missing any items, please stop by the school office. All unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity at the end of the school year.

May Birthdays

12	Addison Haynes
13	Ryleigh Brooking
15	Bryanna Bullock
27	Leah Munari

