

The Sainly Sentinel



March 2010

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From the principal

Dear parents,

Last week we received very encouraging news that Brennan Simkins is in remission. We will keep him in our prayers as he continues his treatment at St. Jude's Hospital.

Our five French students and chaperones departed for their school in Loches, France on February 28th. We enjoyed their stay with us and heard that they had a good trip back. Also, they sent word that upon their return, the students of St. Denis School gathered to offer a mass for Brennan's recovery.

March is upon us and there are many exciting events happening this month. We began the month with our yearly standardized testing taking place the first week.

The Spring Scholastic Book Fair will take place Monday, March 8th through Friday, March 12th. This is the largest spring book fair we have ever had so please stop by the library and see what we have to offer. Students will be able to purchase books beginning Tuesday, March 9th.

Our First Friday Mass has been rescheduled to Friday, March 12th, since, on Friday, March 5th, we will be "off to see the wizard" in a special performance of the Aquinas High School's production of the Wizard of Oz at the Imperial Theatre. You should have already received the permission form for your child to attend. If you have not, please contact your teacher or the office to get another one. We will leave around 10:30 am and return around 2:00 pm. A bag lunch will be available for purchase from the cafeteria. Please let your student's teacher know by Thursday if you will be purchasing the bag lunch.

Tuesday, March 9th we will have our monthly faculty meeting and school will dismiss at 2:00 pm.

Friday, March 12th, we will dismiss at 11:50 am for the end of the third quarter teacher workday.

Casual pictures will be taken on Tuesday, March 16th. Students may come out of uniform if they are having pictures taken. Please make sure they are dressed appropriately.

Wednesday, March 17th, we will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with no school. SMS will have a float in the parade.

Report cards will go home on Thursday, March 18th. Please make sure your financial obligations have been taken care of and that uniforms have been returned or report cards will be held.

Our second grade families will have a First Eucharist prayer service and potluck dinner on Tuesday, March 23rd. Our prayers are with them as their journey towards full membership in the church continues.

As I said in the beginning of this note, March is packed full so please keep the above dates in mind as we continue our Lenten journey towards Easter.

God bless,
Keith Darr



Talent show auditions

Dear Parents and Students,

Please note the following changes on the Talent Show Audition Form! Feb. 26th has been changed to Fri., March 5th and March 12th is an early release day with auditions at

12:00 noon until 1:00 p.m. Make sure your child can make the dress rehearsal on Monday, May 3rd, 3:00-5:00 p.m. The Talent Show is always a part of Evening of the Arts. Save the date.....May 4th, 6:30 p.m. The evening will begin with the viewing of the art work by our students and the Talent Show will start at 7:00 p.m.

I would really like to have a group of students from Intermediate and Junior High to perform an Orff and rhythm instrument piece at the Talent Show. Please encourage your child to get together with others and audition. I will be glad to work with them after school on Mondays or Tuesdays for approx. 30 minutes. It would be great for the school to see and hear a small part of what we learn in class!

Remember, there is only one performance of the Talent Show and it is always an exciting time for parents, students, and guests! There is no charge for admission. My best advice is to come early for a good seat!

God Bless,
Ms. Pulliam

Parish Mission to be held

The theme of the Parish Mission is *Eyes Fixed on Jesus: His Birth, Death and Resurrection*. Fr. Mike Smith, a native of St. Mary on the Hill parish and currently a retired priest at St. Matthew Parish in Statesboro, will be the presenter. The mission will begin on Monday, March 8 at 7:00 pm and continue nightly through Wednesday, March 10.



Six eighth graders got to have lunch with Augusta Mayor Deke Copenhaver on Feb. 4 as part of Catholic Schools Week. Shown at Yo Pizza are (from left to right) Chris Lambert, Aaron Wallace, Mayor Copenhaver, Skylar Robinson, Stephen Hagler, Thomas Adams and Charles Whatley. The boys talked about music, their hobbies, and other interests. The mayor talked about his experience appearing in the movie *The Blind Side*.

St. Patrick's Day Mass and Parade



The Irish American Heritage Society St. Patrick's Day Mass and Parade will be March 17th – at 12:15 noon at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church,

Telfair Street, Augusta, Georgia. The Parade will immediately follow the Mass. For information on floats, groups, bands, volunteering, helping to organize the parade, march in the parade or anything concerning the parade, please contact Parade Chairman, Jason Scherer at jasonscherer@bellsouth.net

Field Day fun - April 23

It is time to start thinking about Field Day which is scheduled on Friday, April 23. If you would like to volunteer please contact George or Becky Wisner at 706-364-0338.

Jeff Rucker visits 6th grade



Just after the big snow in Augusta, the sixth grade welcomed Mr. Jeff Rucker to the classroom to talk about weather. Lively discussions along with some demonstrations were a part of the learning experience. Mr. Rucker brought materials that helped to provide some



further insight into our understanding of the weather cycle, tornados, and lightning that had been covered in science class. The students of SMS were proudly introduced by Mr. Rucker on the local news that evening.



The Science Club enjoyed some activities at their last meeting that proved that although they would make good eyewitnesses of a "crime", their eyes can be fooled in a number of ways.

Media Center News

Mark your calendars for our upcoming spring Scholastic Book Fair. The Book Fair preview day will be Monday, March 8th, while our shopping days will be held March 9th through March 11th. It will be our biggest spring book fair ever! We will have reading lists available for each grade, so make plans to get your summer reading books now. See you soon and keep reading!

Anyone who is interested in working at the Book Fair (Mon. March 8th-Thursday, March 11th) please contact Dianne Kohler at 803-613-9412 or diannekohler1@comcast.net.

Saints Run for Amy to benefit

The Saints' Run for Amy continues in memory of Amy Loving Roberts, who lost her battle with cancer in 2006. Amy was a graduate of St. Mary on the Hill Catholic School (1984), Aquinas High School (1989) and University of Georgia (1994). Amy taught Art at St. Mary on the Hill Catholic School. The Saints' Run for Amy will be May 8, 2010. The proceeds from this race will be donated to Allison Godden, a parent at SMS and an Augusta Police Officer, who is battling cancer, and to Pediatric Cancer Research in honor of Brennan Simkins.

Show your support for Allison Godden and Brennan Simkins by having your name included on the back of the May 8, 2010 Saints' Run for Amy t-shirt for \$10 per individual or family name. Forms will be available March 8th.

Race applications will be available March 15th.



Augusta Collection dishes final order

The Augusta Collection (with Amy Roberts' artwork) is being discontinued. We will place a final order on Monday, March 8. Please use the form that is located on our website or at Mrs. Leonard's desk if you wish to place an order. We will continue to sell the dishes at the school until they are gone. Don't miss out on this final opportunity to complete your set.



Kindergarten

Catholic schools week was very busy and we really enjoyed sharing our faith and learning with visitors during open house. The very next week we started talking about Lent and how to prepare for Lent. We had King cake, wore our beads and partied on Fat Tuesday! We observed Ash Wednesday by attending mass and getting ashes. We began preparing for our Unit 3 Benchmark Testing in our Reading Street Series which we took on Thursday. We have worked hard on our math skills, learning to add using what ever we can find to count and put together! March looks to be just as busy and we look forward to enjoying a performance of the Wizard of Oz, going to the Spring Book Fair and learning about St. Patrick and Easter.

Primary News

The Primary Department took part in a special project during Catholic Schools Week. The students brought in school supplies to send to an underprivileged Catholic school in Ecuador. Students from ASU will take these supplies and work at the Catholic school during their spring break. During the Lenten season, the Primary Department will attend Stations of the Cross every Monday afternoon.

The second graders are busy preparing for their First Eucharist this spring and will have a prayer service and potluck dinner near the end of March. They also have an upcoming field trip to Spirit Creek.

The third graders just completed an endangered animal project and shared their research with their classmates. They enjoyed a field trip to Dr. Rogers' office and learned about taking care of their teeth.

Faculty members recognized for service

The following members of St. Mary's faculty received Certificate of Appreciation for their service to Catholic education. The certificates were presented at the Diocesan Education Institute in Columbus, Georgia.

5 Years

Amy Ristroph
Nancy Stoner

15 Years

Leslie Barrett
Barbara Shine

25 Years

Keith Darr

10 Years

Alice Pulliam

20 Years

Ellen Hoffman
Caroline Brady

30 Years

Ginger Goodwin



Yearbooks to go on sale

Please look for yearbook order forms the week after Spring Break. Forms will be available online or at Mrs. Leonard's desk. Yearbooks will sell for \$35 each.

The Yearbook Staff appreciates all the families who ordered online this year and saved \$5 on each book! We hope more families will take advantage of this savings next year.

Four SMS students receive Christian Service Awards

At the February 27th PTO meeting, four students received Christian Service Awards. These students were nominated by their teachers for demonstration of Christian values in their daily lives, their willingness to help and their kindness to others.

The students receiving these awards were: Henry Shuford, Hamilton Menger, Maddie White and McKinley Jackson. We are very proud of these young people and recognize them as role models in living the St. Mary on the Hill Mission Statement of "becoming faith-filled servants of Jesus".

SMS student chosen as an ambassador to Australia

Congratulations to fifth grader, Madison Snyder for being selected by People to People as an ambassador to Australia. Madison will travel to Australia this summer with other ambassadors from People to People.

Science Fair winners

The three Science Fair projects, shown below, were selected to advance to the CSRA Competition in Aiken on March 13th. Congratulations on their good work.



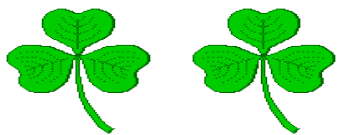
"Splish Splash" Brigid Douglas, Baileigh Williamson, Shannon Fair



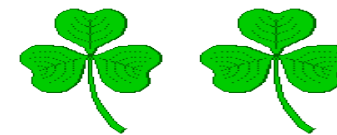
"Turn to the Right Shoe" Roslyn Joseph, Olivia Ramage, Mary Kate Conner



"Can Hamsters power the world?" Josie Nechtman




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Purchasing lunches by the week, up to 4 weeks, is recommended.
Milk may be purchased weekly, up to 4 weeks, or daily at 50 cents.

LUNCHES (include milk)
1 week 5 days \$13.75
2 weeks 10 days \$27.50
3 weeks 15 days \$41.25
4 weeks 20 days \$55.00

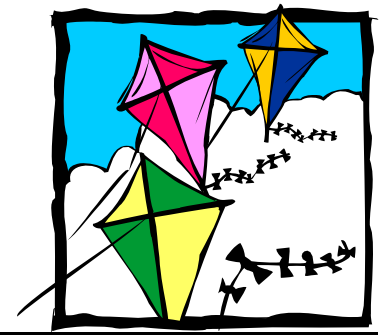
MILK costs 50 cents. Purchasing by the week is recommended.
1 week 5 days \$2.50
2 weeks 10 days \$5.00
3 weeks 15 days \$7.50
4 weeks 20 days \$10.00



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Chef salads and PBJs may be requested on a daily basis.</i>	<i>1 hamburger w/cheese, lettuce & tomato on bun w/chips OR loaded baked potato w/sour cream, cheese & bacon, roll, steamed broccoli</i>	<i>2 braised chicken breast on bun w/lettuce & tomato OR meatloaf w/roll & salad, mashed potatoes w/gravy seasoned sweet peas</i>	<i>3 corn dog nuggets OR BBQ pork riblet sandwich, potato rounds, baked beans tossed salad</i>	<i>4 Italian beef tips w/ linguini OR 5-cheese lasagna, vegetable sauté, tossed salad, roll</i>	<i>5 Bag Lunches with cheese sandwich, chips, fruit because "We're off to see the Wizard....."</i>	6
<i>Choice of milk offered daily.</i>	<i>8 spaghetti w/meat sauce, dinner roll & salad OR hot ham & cheese sub w/lettuce & tomato side & chips Italian green beans</i>	<i>9 baked Georgia ham w/roll OR hot beef & cheese sub, salad candied yams, butter beans</i>	<i>10 Baltimore style roast chicken w/rice OR Mexican beef & rice casserole corn-on-the-cob</i>	<i>11 Pepperoni pizza OR vegetable pizza OR PB&J sandwich w/chips, house tossed salad</i>	<i>12 11:50 a.m. Dismissal</i>	13
<i>Daily: Fresh fruit and Chef's Choice Dessert unless otherwise noted.</i>	<i>15 Chinese sweet n sour chicken & vegetables, roll OR BBQ pork sandwich w/baked beans rice pilaf, tossed salad</i>	<i>16 beef tacos w/lettuce, tomato, cheese & salsa OR New York sub w/lettuce & tomato Mexican rice, seasoned pinto beans</i>	<p><i>ST. PATRICK'S DAY NO SCHOOL</i></p> 	<i>18 Breakfast at Noon ham & egg frittata bake OR sausage gravy over baking powder biscuit triangle hash browns orange juice</i>	<i>19 cheese pizza OR catfish fillets vegetable soup tossed salad</i>	
<i>If the weather man says it will be cold (40 or below), we will substitute soup for the vegetable on sandwich days</i>	<i>22 Shrimp Creole over Cajun rice OR Italian chicken & rotini casserole, vegetable sauté</i>	<i>23 hamburger w/cheese, lettuce & tomato on bun OR escalloped potatoes & ham w/roll seasoned whole kernel corn</i>	<i>24 linguine w/Italian sausage & sauce, Italian green beans OR beef stew w/roast potatoes roll, tossed salad</i>	<i>25 chicken nuggets w/honey mustard OR buttered cheese tortellini, bread stick broccoli w/lemon tossed salad</i>	<i>26 cheese pizza OR grilled cheese sandwich, cream of tomato soup, tossed salad</i>	27
28	<i>29 oven baked chicken fillet on bun OR French dip au jus, French fries, vegetable soup, tossed salad</i>	<i>30 meat lasagna & bread stick OR boneless pork chop w/gravy & roll, mashed potatoes, green beans, tossed salad</i>	<i>31 oven fried catfish fillet OR PB&J sandwich, macaroni & cheese, carrot sticks w/ranch dip</i>	<i>HOLY THURSDAY 11:50 a.m. Dismissal</i>	<i>GOOD FRIDAY No Classes</i>	<i>St. Mary on the Hill School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, age, or national origin.</i>





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 Wizard of Oz performance at Imperial Theatre 10:30 am—2:00 pm	6
STANDARDIZED TESTING						
7	8	9 2:00 pm dismissal Faculty Meeting	10	11	12 All School Mass 9:15 am 11:50 am dismissal End of 3rd Quarter	13
14	15	16 Casual Pictures Students may come out of uniform	17 No School St. Patrick's Day 	18 Report Cards	19	20
21	22	23 First Eucharist Prayer Service & Potluck Dinner 6:30 pm	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1 APRIL Holy Thursday 11:50 am dismissal	2 APRIL Good Friday No School 	3



WIN A RIDE ON THE SMS ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT!

All SMS students may participate in a drawing to ride on the SMS St. Patrick's Day float. All winners **MUST** be accompanied by a parent/guardian who will be responsible for **WALKING** with the float. No students will be allowed on the float without an adult parent/guardian being present for the **ENTIRE** parade route. Siblings of winners may walk beside the float, but, due to size limitations they may be unable to ride on the float. All riders **MUST** wear their SMS MASS UNIFORM. Staging for the parade will be at 1:00 pm in the Civic Center parking lot.

In order to participate in the drawing, please print this message, and provide the information below and send by bookbag mail to Renee McCabe, via Anna McCabe, 3A. Or, you may send an e-mail to Renee McCabe at drmccabe@att.net. The application is due on Tuesday, March 9.

Thanks,

Renee McCabe & Ruth Prohaska

SMS Float chairpersons

Student name: _____

Homeroom: _____

Name of parent/guardian: _____

Phone number: _____

I understand that if my child is selected to ride on the float, a responsible adult will accompany them.

Parent signature: (NA if using e-mail) _____