



CRUSADER NEWS

Mission

In 1995, St. Martha Church established a Catholic community school committed to the continued formation of the Christian person. This formation is achieved through a holistic approach to education where the focus is on the individual person's spiritual, moral, intellectual, social, cultural, and physical development.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, Sep 22nd

Choir Practice 3:15pm – 4:00pm

Wednesday, Sep 23rd

School Mass 8:30am

Thursday, Sep 24th

Rosary Guild 3:15 – 4:30pm

Friday, Sep 25th

Parent / Student / Teacher
Conferences

From the Principal

Dear St. Martha Catholic School Families,

What lovely weather this week! I hope you all have had time to take advantage of the cooler temperatures and do more things out doors after school. I know the students at PE are much more comfortable with this weather.

I hope you have had an opportunity to visit the Book Fair this week. Mrs. Johns and her volunteers have done an excellent job helping the students choose books they are interested in reading. The Book Fair will be staying open through noon on Monday, September 21st. Please come take a look, there are books for every interest.

Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences are coming next Friday, Sept. 25. All conferences will be in the Home Room classroom for each grade. All students need to attend the 15 minute conference with the parent as this is counted as a student school day. With Accreditation coming, we need to make sure we are following the Texas Catholic Conference Education Department's guidelines regarding student days present at school. Unfortunately since this is one of the 180 student calendar days, if the student does not attend with the parent, he/she has to be counted absent. This is not on the calendar as a student holiday. Schedules for the conferences will be coming home soon, so look for a letter in your child's folder or backpack in the next few school days. Jr. High will also follow this schedule and meet in their homeroom for conferences.

The Fifth graders will be going to Camp Kappe the week after next so pray for continued good weather near Plantersville, TX. We will all be jealous of their fun time in the outdoor classroom.

God's Blessings to you all,
Mrs. Tina Lewis

Box Top Contest

It is time to start looking for those box tops and labels you collected over the summer. Our first contest is starting now and will run through November 20th, just before the Thanksgiving holidays. This semester's contest will include a class winner for each hallway (ie. one pre-k class will win, one class in K-2nd, one class in 3rd-5th and one class winner in middle school). The class on that hallway which collects the most Box Tops, Campbell's labels, Tyson labels and Community Coffee labels will win a pizza and bingo party at lunchtime. So start gathering those labels/box tops and turn them in to your homeroom teacher. If you shop at H-E-B, note that through September 30th, for every 10 participating box top products you purchase (in one shopping visit), you will get 70 bonus box tops instantly at checkout. Brookshire Brothers has a similar offer. For a complete listing of box tops special offers, visit the website at www.boxtops4education.com. Happy clipping!!

Campbell's Labels for Education

Randall's special: If you purchase only 5 qualifying products (i.e. Campbell's Soups/Pepperidge Farm Goldfish) at **Randall's**, you will receive a bonus certificate at checkout for **100** points redeemable through our Campbell's Labels for Education program. This was listed in the most recent Randall's circular, so it may only be good through 9/22. Hurry! You can turn this certificate in for your class box tops contest!

Peace is
not the
absence of
trouble but
the
presence
of God!

Parker Uniform Code

Uniforms may be ordered online at www.parkersu.com.

Web ID Code: HO011189 (Please note: the code is the Letter H, the Letter O, Zero, One, One, One, Eight, Nine.)

Office Depot 5% Back to School Program

If you shop at Office Depot, please use our school ID for 5% cash back to SMCS. Our ID# is 70098730.

Tuition & Extended Day

Please remember that tuition is due on the 1st of each month. All extended day fees are due by the 10th. Please note: Late fees will apply to payments received after the 10th.



Right Choice Lesson

The Right Choice lesson for the month of September is "Respect." Treating others the way we want to be treated is a great way to show respect!



<http://smcsart.blogspot.com>



<http://search.ebscohost.com>

This Week in Liturgy

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time–Week of September 20, 2009.

The theme this week is: We are called to serve others

Reading I: Wisdom 2:12, 17 – 20 Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

Reading II: James 3: 16 -4:3 The harvest of justice is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Gospel: Mark 9:30 - 37 All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.

Question for Children: Why do you want to be first in line at school or first to do fun things at home? Why is it good to let others be first at something?

Question for Adults: Is the role of being a servant for others easy or difficult for you to embrace?

PE Classes

As of last Wednesday, September 16th, all middle school students should be fully prepared on Monday, Wednesdays and Friday for PE Class. Each student must be dressed out in their SMCS PE uniform. If you are in need of another uniform or replacement, please send in your check or cash with your request of size and quantity. T-shirts are \$10.00 and Shorts are \$15.00.

We are continuing to work on our muscle systems, learning the importance of strong abdomen, leg and upper body muscles! During the school year, we would like to learn the basics of certain sports. We are still in need of the following items. If you have any of these items (even USED items) that you would like to donate to the PE department, we would love to have them!

- Frisbees
- Golf Clubs – Putters, Wedges (children's or adults sizes)
- Golf Balls
- Putter Golf Mats
- Tennis Racquets (children's or adult sizes)
- Tennis Balls
- Wiffle Balls
- Badminton Racquets

THANKS! THANKS! THANKS!

Thank You to the families who have sent in donations to the PE Department!

This week we received tennis balls, golf balls and 6 Racquets, 6 frisbees and 2 badminton sets!

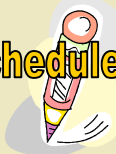
Also, any parents or grandparents that are Virtus trained and have a special sports or exercise talent / expertise, we would love to have you as a special guest on a Monday and Tuesday. Please call or email me @: 281-358-5523 x 315, snyderp@stmartha.com if you are able to join us and I will tell you the schedules.

Counselor's Corner

As part of my counseling role I visit classrooms and teach a guidance curriculum. The goal is to enhance the personal growth of all of our children. St. Martha School seeks to meet the needs of the whole child and this is one way we strive to meet that goal. I recently visited 2nd-5th grades. In second grade we worked on listening skills with a story about "Froggy." Be sure to ask your second grader about him!!! In third grade we worked on setting goals and making a plan to meet those goals. You might want to talk with your 3rd grade child about what their personal goals are and how they plan to meet those goals. In fourth grade we focused on the importance of completing work in a timely manner and doing our best. We spent time talking about what our personal distracters might be and how we could overcome those distractions. In fifth grade we practiced decision making. We considered the SODAS formula. S= Situation (the problem to be considered), O=Options (opportunities to solve the problems), D= Disadvantages (negative consequences of each of the options), A=Advantages (positive consequences of the options) and S=Solutions (the option we select). We practiced using this by working in groups to solve problems. Each of the kids has a handout with the strategy as a reminder so you may want to ask them to share it with your family.

I met with Middle School students last week to review organizational strategies and over the next few weeks I will be visiting Kindergarten and 1st grade and then Pre K. I enjoy working with your kids and hope I provide them with lifelong tools. Jennifer Mansfield Drake, Counselor

Tutoring Schedule



Middle School

Mrs. Barnes: Math/Science

Mon & Wed: until 3:45

Tues: until 3:30 *Faculty meetings are at 3:30 please be prompt in picking up your child.

Thurs: HSPT Exam Prep (8th Grade)

Until 3:45. *Prior arrangements are not necessary.

Spanish

Mrs. Dutchover:

Wed & Fri: 7:30 – 7:55

4th – 8th grade. *Arrangements must be made prior to attending.

SMCS Athletic HOODIE Sweatshirt

SMCS Grey Athletic Hoodie Order forms are due Monday, September 21st. We do not order extras, so this is your only chance to purchase one for this school year. This Hoodie is for Middle School Athletes and any 5th graders who are anticipating playing basketball or running track in the SMCS Athletic program

Basketball Season



CALLING ALL PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE SMCS BASKETBALL PLAYERS! October is your month! Please start practicing on your own and watch the Crusader for the try out dates in mid October. Regular practices will begin October 21st. Remember, 5th graders can tryout for JV or start their own C Team. Parents, if you are interested in coaching, please contact me, @ 281-358-5523 x 315 or snyderp@stmartha.com

Company Matching Gifts

Does your company provide a match to donations made by you? SMCS would love to be the recipient of those matching funds! It is impossible for us to know each and every company that provides a match, so we are asking for your help. If you are unsure if your company provides a match or what paperwork is required to receive the match, contact your HR department for details. If you need information from us to complete the process, please email phillipsl@stmartha.com. Thank you for your support.

Soccer News

CRUSADERS RULE! Our playoff campaign is well underway with two wins this week against Assumption. On Monday, the Crusaders had their work cut out for them playing on yet another oversized football field but this did not phase them as they pulled off a 7-1 win. After a great run down the sideline and cross into the box from Chris Monterossa, Hannah Foster was in the right place at the right time to score the first goal. Perfect timing! Cutting through the Assumption defense with speed and determination, Paul and Abe Kreit had two goals each. Handling the ball well inside the box, Mike Payne added another two goals to the scoreboard. Fantastic! Following a no-show on Wednesday, the Assumption team forfeited their game and the Crusaders took away the win. We are so proud of our Crusader soccer players who always give 100%. Their determination and hard work at practices is really paying off!! Thank you to our awesome supporters who continue to cheer us on!!

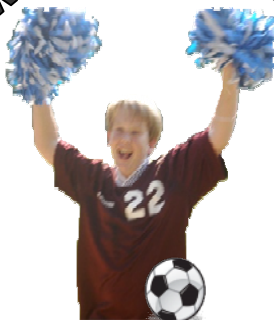
TODAY, Friday, September 18th:

JOIN US FOR THE SMCS Varsity and JV Crusaders vs. Corpus Christi Games
HOME make up games @ the Kingwood YMCA on W. Lake Houston Pkwy
Varsity 4:30 followed by the JV approx 5:40



LET'S SHOW OUR CRUSADER SPIRIT!!!!!!!!!!!!

We've Got Spirit!



How about you!

Join us for our Soccer games!

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Way to go !4 and 0 !