



CRUSADER NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, Aug 31st

Soccer Game @
St. Vincent de Paul – 4:30pm

Wednesday, Sep 2nd

School Mass 8:30am
Virtus Training 6:15pm FLC

Friday, Sep 4th

Spirit Day
Dismissal 2:15pm

Monday, Sep 7th

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

From the Principal

Greetings St. Martha Catholic School Families!

Thank you for visiting the Open House sessions we held on Monday and Wednesday evenings. We are hoping that you feel a bit more informed about what your children will be involved in this year in their classrooms.

If you were not able to join us this week, please contact your child's teacher and find out what they discussed in the classrooms. One of the things brought up at the general meeting was the procedures concerning the H1N1 flu virus. It has been in the news lately that there are expectations for the flu to spread to half of the U.S. population. We ask that you work on increased attention to hand washing at home with soap and water (do not rely on hand sanitizers).

If a child comes to school with a fever, or comes down with a fever while at school, of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or more, we will send the child home. We ask that you pay attention to your child if they act more tired and droopy than normal as this may be a beginning sign of illness coming on.

We have suspended the Perfect Attendance awards for this year in hopes that people will not be concerned about keeping perfect attendance and stay home when ill. We will keep track of absences and tardies as they pertain to Honor Roll or in case a student transfers to a public school.

The 2009-2010 Parent-Student Handbook is on the website at this time. We need parents to read it and go over it with your child(ren). There is an acknowledgement form that is to be printed, signed, and returned to school by Sept. 4, 2009. We have other permission forms that will be coming home next week, so please help the office staff stay current and send forms back to school as soon as possible.

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

St. Martha Girl Scout News

St. Martha's Girl Scout Troop 9117 is gearing up for another exciting year! All girls in grades 2-5 interested in joining St. Martha's Girl Scout Troop 9117 are invited to attend an introductory meeting this afternoon, Friday, August 28th in the MDO rooms (2A & 3A) right after school. We have a lot of fun activities planned for the 2009-10 school year! This meeting will not take more than 30 minutes - please make sure a parent/guardian attends this meeting as well. If you are unable to make the meeting this afternoon, you may contact the following for more information on how to join the troop:

Andrea Martin andreamartin01@yahoo.com for Brownies Grades 2-3

Rachana Wood prpvwood@yahoo.com or Julie Stanton jewdygirl@aol.com for Juniors Grades 4-5. We look forward to seeing you !

Book Fair



Check out our Book Fair Homepage!

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/publish/stmarthacs>

Many volunteers are needed for Grandparents' Day and the following week. You must be Virtus trained in order to help during the fair.

Please email Debbie Johns at johnsd@stmartha.com with your hours of availability. Thank you!

*Every day we are
called to small
things with
great love.*

- Mother Teresa

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.



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.



Right Choice Lesson

The Right Choice lesson for the month of August is "Choices." In every situation we have a choice, with every choice there is a consequence. Choose wisely!



<http://smcsart.blogspot.com>



<http://search.ebscohost.com>

This Week in Liturgy

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—Week of August 30, 2009.

The theme this week is: Your heart must be full of faith.

Reading I: Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8 You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you; keep the commands of the Lord.

Reading II: James 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27 Be doers of the word.

Gospel: Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23 You forget the commandments of God and hold on to the traditions of men.

Question for Children: Jesus tells us today to be careful about what we say and do. Do you think about what you say and how you say it?

Question for Adults: How would you explain why having a good heart is more important than giving God "lip service"? What are some of the things that Jesus says, comes from within people? What sacrament can help us to know the difference between just following the rules and following Jesus?

PLUS Volunteers

Parents-- it is still not too late to sign up as a PLUS volunteer! Look on our website, www.stmarthacs.org, under "Parents' Documents Available", you will find a "Survival Guide" which includes a description of each volunteer committee, as well as a form to sign up. If you have questions, please contact Lisa Phillips through the school office or at phillipsl@stmartha.com. In the next couple of weeks, we will begin to schedule committee meetings, so be on the lookout for a message in the Crusader or by email.

Virtus Training

Don't forget, you have to be Virtus trained in order to volunteer in a student environment. Go to www.virtus.org to see a calendar of training classes throughout the archdiocese. This is also the site to register for the class. The upcoming classes nearby are at St. Mary Magdalene in Humble on August 29th and at St. Martha on September 2nd.

P.E



Parents: PLEASE remember to send a FULL water bottle with your child(ren) on the days that they have PE class.

Grades 5, 6, 7, 8 have PE on Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Grade 4 has PE on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

Grade 3 has PE on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Grade 2 has PE on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

Grade 1 has PE on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

Kindergarten has PE on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

The Athletic Department is looking for a few good men and women that would like to share their special talent (or unique gift) from God with the 3rd - 8th grade PE classes. We would like to learn the basics of putting and chipping a golf ball, the proper swing of a tennis racquet, yoga exercises (we worked on our ABS this week), etc., please consider sharing your time and expertise with us on your own schedule. Please remember that you will need to be virtus trained in order to work with the students. Please email snyderp@stmartha.com for our schedule or call 281-358-5233 x 315. We are looking forward to learning from our own parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles! Also, we are collecting one-liter (or slightly larger) water bottles, empty, clean and completely dry (with lids on and labels removed) to fill with sand for weights. Please drop-off in school office.

Room Parents

If you signed up to be the head room parent for your homeroom class, we will have an informational meeting on Friday, Sept. 4th at 8 a.m. in the FLC. Please make every effort to attend; however, if you cannot make this meeting, we are available to meet one-on-one to go over the room parent information for the year. Please contact Jodi Diamond or Julie Stanton if you have any questions. Thank you!



Thank You Father T.J.
for showing your
Crusader Spirit by attending our game!

Hospitality Committee

If you signed up to volunteer on the Hospitality Committee this year (or if you are interested in finding out about the committee), please join us for our committee meeting on Wednesday, September 2nd at 8 a.m. in the FLC. This will be a brief meeting to discuss our responsibilities for the year. If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Blizman or Amy Koepp.

Grandparents' Breakfast

To honor our grandparents and in conjunction with the National Grandparents' Day, we invite all SMCS grandparents to our annual breakfast on Friday, Sept. 11th. The breakfast will be available to **grandparents** from 7:30 a.m. until 8:15 a.m. in the FLC. Following the breakfast, the grandparents are invited to attend the school-wide Mass, where they can sit in a reserved area with their grandchildren (the school will escort the kids from class to meet their grandparents in the church). The Book Fair will also be open that morning from 7:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m., and for that morning only, we will hold the Book Fair in the FLC!! If you would like an invitation to be sent from the classrooms to the grandparents, please send an addressed, stamped envelope to school with your kids a.s.a.p. Also, if you are able to bring a food item for the breakfast, there are some empty slots on sign-up sheets outside some of the classrooms or you can email phillipsl@stmartha.com. The food items will need to be dropped off the day before the breakfast. Thank you!

Soccer

Go Crusaders! Our soccer season is off to a strong start with a 9-1 victory at home against St. Jerome. Anchored by a solid defense and a tireless midfield, the Crusaders controlled the game. Scoring was led by Abe Kreit and Christopher Monterrosa with two goals each. Other scorers were Tim Darcy, Thomas Ditzges, Hannah Foster, Micheal Paul Maraffa and Micheal Payne. Goalkeepers, Stephen Kane and Parker Guillemette, kept things clean at the back with several great saves. Overall, it was a great team effort and we look to continue our winning streak. Go Crusaders! Thank you to Mrs. Molaison for making our Soccer signs for the player's lockers!

Way to Go



Crusaders!



The Heat is ON!



Join us for our
next game on
Monday
August 31, 2009
when we play
@ St. Vincent de Paul!
4:30pm



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