



CRUSADER NEWS

February 12, 2010

Mission

The Mission of St. Martha Catholic School is to provide a quality education sharing in the total Catholic formation of each person by developing mind, heart, and spirit.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, Feb. 13th

Kingwood Town Center Mardi Gras Parade at 1:00 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 15th

NO SCHOOL-Teacher In-service

Tuesday, Feb. 16th

PreK Mardi Gras Parade at 10:00 a.m.
Choir Practice 3:15 – 4:00pm

Wednesday, Feb. 17th

ASH WEDNESDAY
All School Mass 8:30am

Thursday, Feb. 18th

Rosary Guild 3:15 – 4:30pm

Friday, Feb. 19th

Parent Teacher Conferences
No School – student must accompany parent

Saturday, Feb. 20th

Steps for Students

From the Principal

Greetings St. Martha Catholic School Families and Friends!

I want to congratulate all of you Saints fans for keeping the faith in your team. I, of course, am disappointed that the Colts did not play like champions on Sunday (I was born and raised in Indiana). The Saints wanted the championship more and were the better team. I did wear black and gold on Monday to acknowledge the Saints as champions.

Speaking of champions, there is one week left to register for the Steps For Students Fun Run next Saturday, February 20th. We need to rally all St. Martha Crusaders and register for the 5K Fun Run. We want to reward all St. Martha Catholic School students who register and run/walk in the 5K Fun Run or the 1K Fun Run on Saturday, February 20th. The reward will be a pizza lunch on Thursday, February 25th and then each Thursday in March will be a Free Spirit Day beginning March 4 and ending March 25th. If any of our students place in the top three of the designated age groups, the school will pay for 15 large lunches in that student's name.

Mrs. Paula Snyder and I will be there to walk the 5K. We will meet all students near the Volunteer Pavilion before the 5K begins so the students may sign-in and get credit for participation. We will bring a St. Martha School sign to designate our meeting area and carry in the 5K. This Fun Run costs nothing from the school, other than the prizes, and all registrations and sponsorships in the name of St. Martha Catholic School come directly to the school from the Archdiocese.

So get on-line this weekend and register for the Fun Run or sponsor a runner/walker from St. Martha's Catholic School. Visit www.steps4students.org and register today!

Also, a big Thank You goes to Lisa Phillips and the PLUS organizers for the great Faculty Lunch on Thursday and Family Fun Night in the FLC last Friday night. There was a fantastic turnout and it was a fun way to be with other school families.

The Vocations Committee has openings for the School Vocations Chalice that is presented each Wednesday at the School Mass. Please see the article in the Crusader.

God's Blessings to you all.

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The Beta Club will be selling Ice Pops every Friday during first and second lunch. The cost is \$0.25. Thank you for supporting the Beta Club.





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Parker Uniform Code

Uniforms may be ordered online at www.parkersu.com.
Web ID Code: 77365

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 February is "**Courage**". Courage is the commitment to do what is right, even if it is difficult.

<http://smcsart.blogspot.com>



Family Fun Night

Thank you to the following committee members who helped put together a successful Family Fun Night: Christy Villarreal, Eryn Dodge, Jeff Dodge, Sara Lindley, Terri Willis, Lynn Lucas, Christina Lopez, Amy Banmiller, Andrea Blizman, Amy Koepp, Kelly Chesnut, Beta Club students and parents, and Student Council Students. We'd also like to thank the Bingo prize donors: Jodi Diamond, Shankz Blacklight Golf, Sonic, Blockbuster and Pizza Hut. And thanks to all who stayed to help clean-up!

THANK YOU!

A big thank you goes out to all of the wonderful volunteers who provided lunch for the school and church staff last Thursday during Catholic School's Week. A special thanks to: Andrea Blizman, Amy Koepp, Jennifer Farace, Andre' Taylor, Kelly Chesnut, Monica Aragon, Barb Bryan, Angela Stinnett, Leslie Martinez, Tracy Rinando, Christina Lopez, Jodi Diamond, Miranda Devenport and Julie Stanton. Also, we'd like to thank all of the parents who monitored the students during the luncheon. It was such a treat to have a "private" lunch! It was all delicious. We appreciate our volunteers!

This Week in Liturgy

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Week of February 14, 2010.

Jesus wants to make us whole.

Reading I: Jeremiah 17: 5-8 Happy are those who trust in God.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20 Christ is raised from the dead.

Gospel: Luke 6: 17, 20-26 Happy, blessed, are the poor, whose reward is great in heaven.

Question for Children: What do you want to ask Jesus to do for you?

Question for Adults: Name a time when you experienced Jesus' healing touch.

Souper Bowl of Caring – Mandatory Beta service project

The Beta Club would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Souper Bowl of Caring. We collected \$ 1521.66 during all the Masses on Feb. 6th and 7th. All the money collected went to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in our parish. Thank you for your support!

Car Safety

When picking up and/or dropping off students in the morning and/or afternoon, avoid parking along the street on Oak Shores. It is hazardous to unload children on the street while cars are exiting both school driveways. It is a busy time in the mornings and the primary concern is the safety of our precious students. Recently, security cameras have been added all along the back parking lot by the chapel/outdoor classroom, so feel free to use these parking spots when parking to drop-off or pick-up your children. Also, please, please refrain from using your cell phone while in car line in the morning or afternoon. It is so easy to get distracted with little ones loading and unloading. We have almost 400 students and we want to keep them all safe. Thanks for your cooperation and mindful observance of safety guidelines.

Calling All Photographers

The yearbook committee needs your pictures. Events needed include May Crowning 2009, Soccer, Basketball, Class parties, field trip pictures or any miscellaneous pictures you have. Please send your disks into the office and label if you want them returned. Thank you!

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.

Mrs. Dutchover: Spanish

Wed & Fri: 7:30 – 7:55

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

Mrs. Mundell: Lang.Arts / Lit.

Tutoring is available by appointment.

Mrs. Carter: Social Studies

Tutoring is available on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings by appointment only.



The Chalice for Vocations Program



What a gift! Encourage your child to seek God's will for his/her life by signing up for this special program, which allows students the privilege of taking home a sacred chalice for one week. Prayers for the week are focused on understanding our own vocation and praying for an increase in religious vocations, especially in our Archdiocese.

For more information, please refer to the PLUS Email sent out regarding the program. If you did not receive the email, please request more information by emailing PLUS@stmartha.com.

PARENTS: Please note! In order for your child to participate in this program, you must be able to either attend the All School Mass to receive the Chalice with your child, or pick up the Chalice after school on Wednesday.

Saint Martha, pray for us that we might serve Jesus better. Help us to overcome our distractions and worries to listen to His words and be present to Him this day. Amen

Steps for Students

On Saturday, February 20th, 2010, St. Martha Catholic School will participate in the 5th annual Steps for Students 5k run/walk hosted by the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Steps for Students consists of a 5K USA Track and Field Association sanctioned race, the David K. Guite Memorial 1K Family Fun Run, and a Post Race Party. The event will be held at Robertson Stadium, The University of Houston.

All participants can sign up online at www.steps4students.org. The registration fee is only \$10 and all registration fees and pledges will directly benefit St. Martha Catholic School **if you designate the St. Martha Team**. Participants can also set up their own personal pledge collection page online and then email to friends, family members and other contacts to collect pledges for our team.

By participating in this event, you are keeping your new year's resolution of staying healthy! By collecting pledges, you are investing in the lives of young people – a priceless investment that benefits the community as a whole with a payoff that creates a lasting legacy. Let's show our support for Catholic education by filling the race with participants from St. Martha! The school with the highest participation receives an award, and individual awards are given for race finishers. Hope to see you at the race!

SMCS - Mardi Gras Parade Float

SMCS will participate once again in the Kingwood Town Center Mardi Gras Parade on **February 13, 2010**, gathering @ **1:00 pm**. This is an annual tradition at our school and we are proud to say we have placed either 1st or 2nd each year of our participation. The parade begins at 2:00 pm and winds around Town Center Park. We must be in place and on our float no later than 1:30 pm. Please plan on arriving in Town Center no later than 1:15 pm. Look for the SMCS float. Bring your family and SMCS friends and come ride our float. All children must be accompanied by an adult and may not be dropped off. Please wear your maroon Spirit Shirt and bring your Mardi Gras spirit! **The parade committee is in need of float decorations, beads and your help!** If you have experience with float decorating or would simply like to lend a hand please contact Christy Villarreal, birsty2003@aol.com or 713/412-1499. If you have beads please bring them with you. This year at Casino Night we crowned our Mardi Gras King, Mr. Christopher Foster, St Martha Parishioner, and Queen, Miss Hannah Koeppe, SMCS student, who will be riding on our float. Hope to see you at the parade.



Win a Root Beer Float for your class with our next Box top and Label contest

Each class which collects **350** box tops and/or labels by April 16th will win Root Beer Floats. In addition, the class which collects the **most** box tops and labels will get a Spirit Shirt Day and Pizza Lunch! We start counting soon so bring in those labels. Look for the Root Beer Posters in the halls to see if your class met the goal or if your class is in the lead for the Pizza Party. The contest ends April 16th and our celebration will take place the last week of April.

You can also help the school earn extra box tops by signing up for a box top promotion at Kroger. Just log on to www.rewardyourschool.com and sign up using your Kroger card number.

Physical Education

SMCS 2010 TRACK Boys and Girls 5th – 8th grade

Kingwood Middle School is allowing us to use their track anytime after 5:00 p.m. This is much better for our runners and we are grateful to finally have a practice track!

Therefore the following practice changes have been made:

Mondays – **Kingwood Middle School 5:00 – 6:15 p.m.**

Tuesdays – **Kingwood Middle School 5:00 – 6:15 p.m.**

Wednesdays – **Kingwood Middle School 5:00 – 6:15 p.m.**

Thursdays – No Change: immediately after school @ SMCS until 4:30 p.m.

If anyone is interested in helping with the fields events, i.e. long jump and shot put, please let us know and indicate the days that would be best for you.

(If your child has another obligation on Mondays or Tuesdays, please let us know asap)

Mrs. Henry



PreK Mardi Gras parade

Our PreK students along with Mothers Day Out students will have a Mardi Gras Parade on Tuesday, February 16th at 10:00 a.m. The parade route is as follows: We will march outside through the main doors and we will parade around the school grounds. We will parade around only two or three times. When the parade is finished we will go back inside the building through the Park and Walk doors. Parents are welcome to line the parade route.

Throw a Pie at your Teacher!

The highlight of our Catholic Schools Week for our students was the “Pie Throwing”. One student was drawn from each grade, levels K-8th, to throw a pie at the teacher of their choice. Mrs. Castillo did an awesome job as emcee. The students really had a very exciting time. The picture below tells the full story.



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