



# 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

**Monday, Oct 19th**

**Vision and Hearing Screening  
Red Ribbon Week**  
*(more details to come)*

**Tuesday, Oct 20th**

Choir Practice 3:15pm – 4:00pm

**Wednesday, Oct 21st**

School Mass 8:30am

**Thursday, Oct 22nd**

Rosary Guild 3:15 – 4:30pm

**Friday, Oct 23rd**

**Spirit Day**

**Report Cards: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter**

Dismissal 2:15

## From the Principal

Happy Fall!

It looks like St. Martha changed school colors today. If you had to blink, remember to Think Pink. Thank you for all the support recognizing Breast Cancer awareness. The money raised today benefits the Kathy Ensley Memorial Tuition Assistance Fund here at St. Martha Catholic School and cancer research through M.D. Anderson Cancer Research Center.

Next week is the Student Council Jr. High Dance in the FLC. Students may wear costumes and dance away from 7:00 to 10:00pm. See Mrs. Barnes for more details this coming week or the PLUS email.

I have set up an email address to better communicate with the St. Martha community. With such a large population, I ask that you allow up to three (3) days to receive a response if you ask for detailed information. There will be a speedier response time for all positive comments and some emails may be referred to our Dean of Students, Mrs. Schneider, who is in charge of our discipline policy and special needs population. I will also refer concerned emails to the homeroom teachers, where all communications involving students should begin. Time at school goes by very quickly each day as there are unexpected events popping up along with the regular schedule; therefore, my first responsibility is to always take care of our students, then the adults. I will not check this email address during the school day, but I will get to it after hours. If there is something needed quickly, please call the school office, they know more than I do right now anyway. The email is [principal@stmartha.com](mailto:principal@stmartha.com).

The staff and school board are preparing the family questionnaire for our Self Study Report. When that information is ready, we will have a small window for responses to be received. This information will be tabulated to design the direction that St. Martha Catholic School needs to move into the next five years. When that survey is ready, please participate and respond.

Let us pray that this weekend's weather will carry over into next weekend for the St. Martha Parish Festival. See you there!

Yours in Christ,  
Mrs. Tina Lewis

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## Box Top Contest

Keep those box tops and labels coming in as the race is heating up! Look in next week's Crusader for an update on class progress. One lucky class will soon be enjoying pizza and a fun game of bingo.

## Note from School Nurse

Our annual Vision and Hearing testing will be held the Week of October 19<sup>th</sup>. Please insure that your child comes to school after a healthy breakfast and plenty of rest.

Breast Cancer

Awareness



We remember...

Kathy Ensley

A model of courage!



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.

### **Parker Uniform Code**

Uniforms may be ordered online at [www.parkersu.com](http://www.parkersu.com).

Web ID Code: HO011189 (Please note: the code is the Letter H, the Letter O, Zero, One, 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 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. All extended day fees are due by the 10<sup>th</sup>. Please note: Late fees will apply to payments received after the 10<sup>th</sup>.



### **Right Choice Lesson**

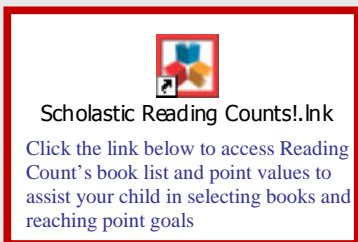
The Right Choice lesson for the month of October is "Responsibility." Being responsible helps us to be our best at all times!



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## **This Week in Liturgy**

### **29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time—Week of October 18, 2009.**

The theme this week is: We are called to serve as Jesus served.

**Reading I: Isaiah 53: 10 – 11.** If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs and have a long life.

**Reading II: Hebrews 4:14 - 16** Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.

**Gospel: Mark 10:35 - 45** The Son of Man came to give His life as a ransom for all.

**Question for Children:** Name some of the people you help and tell what you do. Are there people you do not like to do things for?

**Question for Adults:** What are some times in your own life when you have the chance to be last instead of first?

## **Thank You**

A big thank you to Mrs. Stanton and Mrs. Blizman for their help on picture day. Their help in facilitating the process and the "smiles" on their faces did indeed make a difference in our day!

## **Tutoring for Language Arts / Literature**

Mrs. Mundell is offering tutoring for Language Arts and Literature by appointment.

## **Soccer News**

Yet another great game for the Crusaders! On Wednesday, the Varsity team went up against St. Jerome and came away with a 7-2 WIN! Christopher Monterrosa put the first two goals on the scoreboard, one of which was a bullet into the back of the St. Jerome goal. Cutting through the defense, Paul Kreit added the third goal. Tim Darcy had a fantastic header goal, tipping the ball over the St. Jerome goalkeeper. Michael Paul Maraffa had a great game resulting in two goals. Thomas Ditzges and Micheal Paul worked well together in the midfield. Following an awesome pass from Michael Paul, Thomas was able to beat the St. Jerome defenders and score. GREAT TEAMWORK CRUSADERS! Playoffs begin next week at Strake Jesuit for Varsity and at John Paul II for Junior Varsity. Qualifying teams will be notified as soon as all score sheets are in.

## **Middle School Dance**

Don't forget the "Happy Fall Y'all" Middle School Dance next Friday, October 23, 2009 from 7:00pm – 10:00pm. Students who choose to wear a costume must get their costume approved by using the form sent home to all middle school students. Inappropriate costumes will be turned away at the door.



## **St. Martha Catholic School presents Cruisin' on the Crusader Casino Night 2009**

Our annual Casino Night will be held on Saturday, November 14, 7:00 pm until midnight in the FLC. So get on board and join in the fun while supporting St. Martha Catholic School! There will be a live auction, silent auction, casino gaming, dancing, amazing food and so much more. For more information about this event please contact Lisa Phillips at 281-358-5523 [PhillipsL@stmartha.com](mailto:PhillipsL@stmartha.com). Sponsorships and individual tickets are available.

# 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 (8<sup>th</sup> Grade) Until 3:45. \*Prior arrangements are not necessary.

### Mrs. Dutchover: Spanish

Wed & Fri: 7:30 – 7:55

4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade. \*Arrangements must be made prior to attending.

### Mrs. Mundell: Lang.Arts / Lit.

Tutoring is available by appointment.



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