



# The Saints Go Marching On!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- NOVEMBER 17  
Early Dismissal  
12:35 p.m.  
Spirit Day
- NOVEMBER 19  
Movie Night
- NOVEMBER 20  
Recycling
- NOV 25 & 26  
Thanksgiving  
Break
- DECEMBER 4 & 5  
Christmas Festival
- DECEMBER 9  
Advent Penance  
Grades 3-8;  
12:30 p.m.
- DECEMBER 15  
Early Dismissal  
12:35 p.m.
- DECEMBER 17  
Christmas Program 1:00 p.m.
- DECEMBER 18  
Recycling
- DECEMBER 20-  
JANUARY 2  
Christmas Vacation

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents:

**Classroom Informal Observations** – During the month of November, I visit each classroom for an informal observation. I use this time to observe how the teachers interact with the children. It also helps me to mentor the teachers and set goals for the next quarter. I have visited over half of the classrooms and intend to finish this process this week.

**Tardy Policy** – The tardy policy is on page 7 of the parent handbook. Any student who is tardy 20 times or more during the semester is at risk for being reported for unexcused tardiness. You may check with Mrs. Mitchell or me if you are concerned about how many times your child was tardy during the first quarter.

**Thanksgiving Season:** This is the time of the year to thank Jesus for his many blessings.

+Fr. Jim visits classrooms and offers a weekly liturgy on Wednesday.

+Kindergarten – Eighth Grades participate in Adoration on the first Friday of the month.

+Children in Second Grade have begun the First Reconciliation Program.

+Home, School, and Church had its first meeting in October.

+Parents are chairing committees and recruiting new members.

+The Recycling Program is part of our daily lives.

+Parents participated in the first annual bread baking fund raiser this past weekend.

+Children are participating in Safe and Sacred instruction which is a fundamental belief of our faith in Jesus, others, and ourselves.

+Parents are planning the Christmas Festival and Mardi Gras.

+The Budget Committee has met to prepare for the 2011/12 school year.

+Ministry of Ed is busy reviewing policy for this school year.

+Teachers are taking college classes.

+Teachers are participating in a workshop on Wednesday entitled, "Brain Gym."

+The Diocese is providing in-services for preparing our teachers for a mandated federal program entitled, "Response to Intervention."

+Children in Grades 2-8 were invited to meet a special guest, Mr. Dick Ruttan, who made aviation history in 1986. Children who are home schooled and the Science Club from the Middle School were also in attendance.

+The Martial Arts Academy in New Richmond visited our school and talked about Halloween safety.

+The Marketing Committee is focusing on school spirit and pride.

Happy  
Thanksgiving



- +Parents in K-3 helped with a Halloween celebration.
- +Mrs. Mitchell takes good care of our sick children and anyone else who needs her special attention.
- +Faith friends have helped each other on Wednesday at church.
- +We had our 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive Veteran's Day Assembly.
- +Parents volunteer in the classroom for a variety of reasons.
- +Our positive partnership with the School District of New Richmond continues in the hot lunch program and athletics.
- +Our girls' volleyball team became champions under the supervision of Coach Weinzierl and Asst. Coach Mrs. Johnson.
- +Our boys' basket ball team is being led by Coach Krueger and Asst. Coaches Mr. Brown and Mr. Effertz.
- +Our After School Program is being supervised by Mrs. Wicklam, Mrs. Rud, and Mrs. Jarchow with help from former alumni Adam Halonen, Rick Westphal, and Adam Jarchow.
- +The St. Mary's Bells have provided music ministry at Immaculate Conception Church and St. Patrick's in Erin
- +Our Preschool Program has nine children under the direction of Mrs. Edaburn.
- +Movie Night continues to provide viewing pleasure.
- +The Hot Lunch Program passed its first health inspection of the year.


 A stylized graphic of the word "Thanksgiving" in a bold, orange, 3D font with a black outline and a slight shadow.

## CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

*School Fundraiser and Parish Social Event*

*If you haven't done so yet, it is time to mark your calendar for our annual holiday Christmas Festival held Saturday evening 5:00-7:30pm and Sunday 10am – 1pm, December 4 and 5, hosted by St. Mary's School in the church basement. Here is a list of events to look forward to at our festival:*

**KIDS GAMES:** *pop bottle toss, PLINKO, FREE book walk*

**DICE GAME:** *for all ages*

**CRAFTS:** *children's crafts and cookie decorating to keep the kids busy while you enjoy a meal, fellowship, and your own time to browse*

**Sweet Shoppe** – *Get your baked goodies here! Back by popular demand, we will be selling our platters of cookies.*

**Lucky Lane Raffle** – *Bid on one or more great items and see if you win! Drawings will start at 12:45pm.*

**Cake Walk** – *You could be the lucky winner of a cake!*

**Lamplight Books** - *religious books and articles available for sale all weekend from Mary Kay Lanners*

**Photos with Santa** – *Sunday 10:00 am – 1:00pm. FREE: This is an easy and convenient time to visit with Santa.*

*Hard copy and digital copy of photos are both available.*

**The Nook** – *We will be serving chicken wild rice soup and sandwiches on Saturday. Simple sandwiches and chips will be available for the kids.*

**Christmas Café Chicken Dinner** – *Sunday 10:00am – 1:00pm. Hosted by WorkCamp. Come enjoy the traditional Chicken Dinner with all the fixings, including homemade pies. Adults \$7; children ages 4 – 10 \$4.*

*We hope to see you there!!*

## Poinsettias for Sale:

The Middle School is selling poinsettias for their end of the year class trip. Order forms are included in the family folders. Please turn all forms and money into the office by Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. THANK YOU!



## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

**WHEN:** Friday, December 17, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** St. Mary' s School Gym

For a special presentation at the Christmas Program the Music Teachers are asking that each family turn in a picture of a Christmas celebration from a past family get together. They are asking that all pictures be in by Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. You may send back your pictures in the family folder. Pictures will be returned.

## Bits & Pieces Doris Mitchell

Ms. Patterson and I picked up our first \$1000 check from Family Fresh for our turn-in of \$150,000 worth of Family Fresh receipts. We are well on our way to a second turn-in. Keep 'em coming!

WINTER IS HERE! All children have outside recess unless the temperature or wind chill fall below 0. Please make sure your child comes to school with appropriate outdoor clothing.

We have lots of activities coming up over the next few weeks. Please check your family folder each week for details.



### **WANTED:**

Items that just may be in your home, longing to have a young child play with them again!!

St. Mary's families ~ Can you help Mrs. Hennlich's PreK class by donating any of the following?

- Viewmasters (that you use with the discs)
- safety goggles (adult or child sized is fine!)
- magnifying glasses
- binoculars (real or play)
- old keys or buttons

### **HOME ROOM PARENTS STILL NEEDED!**

Please let Mrs. Mitchell know if you would like to be a home room parent. We are still in need for Kindergarten, Second, Fifth and Seventh/Eighth. Either Mom or Dad can do the job which includes assisting teacher with parties, calling other parents in the classroom, etc. I would like two per classroom.