

St. Maria Goretti Notes



September 11th, 2009

Message from Mrs. Young

*“For I know the plans I have for you,”
declares the Lord, “...plans to give you hope
and a future.”
Jeremiah 29:11*

It is hard to believe that we have already completed three weeks of school. It has been a wonderful and positive beginning to another school year at St. Maria Goretti.

I would like to thank the faculty and staff for all of their hard work to get ready for the new school year. They have put in countless hours for the sake of your children. They ensure that each and every one of our students grows in faith and in knowledge.

I would like to thank all of our families and parishioners that have made a commitment of time talent and treasure so that our children are able to attend SMG. That commitment to Catholic education has seen us grow in enrollment to 419 students in K-8 and 52 students in Pre-School.

Also, I would like to thank our students. They have been hard working and conscientious in their studies. They are off to a wonderful start.

Please welcome our new staff members:

- Amy Kusch, First Grade
- Meghan Ross, Middle School
- Jacquelyn Grochowski,
Kindergarten
- Jane Wegner, Teacher Aide
- Tine Roche, Teacher Aide

Teacherease

What is Teacherease and how do I use it? At this point, you should have received an email from school welcoming you to Teacherease and along with that a password for you to access the site. If you have not, please contact Beth in the office.

The school is using this program for many things. First, it is used as an online gradebook for the students in grades 5th-8th. Parents can go on and look at assignments and grades for these students.

All parents can go on and look at your child's hot lunch balance. You need to look at each child's balance, but you may submit just one check for the family.

You may also go on and download the monthly hot lunch menu from the kitchen.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office at 271-7551.



Fifth grade will be collecting winter coats, snow pants, hats, mittens and scarves until Oct. 5th. Please consider bringing any clean, gently used items to the office or the box in the parish corridor.

Thanks.



Money Makers for SMG

Here are some ways you can make easy money for SMG:

- **SCRIP-purchase gift cards in the school office or on the order forms that come home twice a month. You can designate profits to tuition, religious education, home and school and even the capital campaign.**
- **Box Tops for Education-simply cut the box top of products you buy each week shopping. Drop them off at the office and our volunteers will take care of the rest.**
- **Campbell Soup Labels- simply submit the proof of purchase off of the can to the school office and our volunteers will take care of the rest.**
- **Milk Caps-this is something new we are trying. Please save the tops off of your milk. Rinse them and drop them off in the office as well.**
- **Designate your Copp's savings card to SMG-we will receive a percentage of your sales.**
- **Target Visa Cards-designate SMG as your school-we receive a percentage of your sales.**

Thanks for supporting SMG!!



Food Drive!

For the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

Items Needed:

- Non-Perishable
- Non-Breakable (no glass)
- _ Canned soups / stews
- _ Canned fruits
- _ Sugar
- _ Flour
- _ Macaroni & cheese
- _ Spaghetti sauce
- _ Canned meats
- _ Tuna
- _ Peanut butter
- _ Cereals
- _ Diapers (large)
- _ Spagettios
- _ Bisquick / Pancake mix
- _ Rice
- _ Instant Potatoes
- _ Toothpaste / toothbrushes
- _ Shampoo
- _ Toilet paper
- _ Ketchup
- _ Cooking oil
- _ Cake mixes / frosting
- _ Jelly (plastic bottle)
- **OR** --
- _ Cash or check made payable to *St. Vincent de Paul*

Saturday, Sept 19

Sunday, Sept 20

Bring your non-perishable donations to the St. Vincent de Paul trailer in the St. Maria Goretti parking lot before or after Masses on Sept 19th or 20th or to St Maria Goretti school

before or after school on Friday, Sept. 18th.

Can you help load the SVDP truck? Volunteers can call Anne Dorn at 274-5908 or email adorn5@sbcglobal.net.

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is the busiest food pantry in Dane County, serving over 100 families every day. The need is growing. Please help. Don't have time to get to the grocery store before the food drive? Your cash donation is very welcome. The Food Pantry can purchase a limited variety of food for 18 cents per pound from the food bank. Your cash donation goes a long way to helping feed hungry families in Dane County.



Welcome back from the Music Room!
Ms. Dohn

Since we have Open Houses coming up, I am going to keep this short! Welcome back to a great school year! We've had a great start in the music room where a lot of singing has been going on. Hopefully it has transferred home! We are going to be doing a lot of fun and interesting stuff this year with a few new additions to the music room such as some new instruments to play with!! We've used them already, and they seem to be a big hit! If you have any questions about the music curriculum this school year, please feel free to contact me through my school e-mail, in person, or on the phone. It feels like it's gonna be a great year!



SAVE THE DATE...

Are you looking for a night out without your kids? Do you like to have fun? Would you like to meet other SMG parents? Well, we have the place for you! That's right. October 10th is the date to mark on your calendar. Come join us for our Fall Parent Mixer here at SMG! We'll have wine, beer, soda, food, music, fun, and much more. So save the date and we'll see you October 10th!



Ms. Quackenbush—Art Room

Welcome back to the Art Room for another year of creative energy and crazy fun! From Kindergartener's just learning how to hold a paint brush to the eighth grade sculptures—we do it all in here!

I will be sharing some of my most exciting news with you all at the open houses and hope you will take the time to stop in and see my newest awesome addition to the art room. Remember when two sinks made me happy? You should see what I have now!

Artsonia (www.artsonia.com) is another great way to show off your kids' artwork and I will be getting that going as soon as I can. I am still in need of helpers in the class, along with volunteers to help hang art displays and my ever so important scanners who get all the artwork on the computer so they can be

uploaded to Artsonia. I would love to get that going as soon as possible, so if you have time and desire to help me in any way, please e-mail me and let me know! I appreciate all my past, present and future volunteers from the bottom of my heart.

I look forward to seeing you all at the open houses!



Don't forget to log into the parish website as a member. There you can update your time and talent on line. You also will automatically receive notices when the bulletin and the Cardinal Notes are posted!

Dear SMG Families and Students,

I wanted to send you a letter to say good-bye. I have sat down to write this many times over the past 3 weeks but was unable to do so because it was too emotional and hard to find the right words to express how much you all mean to me! Now, as school has started, I feel like it is necessary that you know that I am truly missing you, as well as sad that I did not get to say good-bye in person. I would have loved the opportunity to have told each one of you a personal good-bye. Unfortunately, my Madison departure was very, very fast and this will have to do.

Chad and I decided to start to look for jobs in Indianapolis over the summer for a few reasons. His job search in Madison was not leading to anything promising and we were starting to worry about our financial future. Also, my family's health (grandparents and father) are not doing too well and I felt like it was time to move home to be with them. I applied for a 2nd grade job at a Catholic school - St. Luke's. I got an interview and offered the job at the end of July. It was very bittersweet. I was happy to move back home; but very, VERY sad to leave my family in Madison, you all at SMG!

I want to thank you all for touching my life in more ways than you could know. You are some of the most kind, generous families I have had the privilege of knowing and working with. Your kids are so wonderful and I will miss them terribly! I already do!

(My new class knows all about them as I have SMG pictures all over my desk and closet!!)

Please know that I will always have very fond, special memories of Madison and SMG. I WILL be back to visit...and hopefully be able to pop over to school to say hi.

I would love to keep in touch with you and your kids.

You can email me: elcross@msn.com

Or write: 7257 N. Ritter Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46250 (my parent's house for now.)

Send Christmas pictures so I can watch them grow!

Have a great school year!

Love Always, Elizabeth Hicks

PS: Even though it was hard to leave my little 1st graders, I know I left every student at SMG in the best, most talented hands I have ever worked with!!!!!! I realize now how truly wonderful, sweet, and fun the entire staff at SMG is!!!!