

St. Maria Goretti Notes



February 24, 2011

Message from Mrs. Young

*Children, come and listen to me.
I will teach you to worship the Lord.
(Psalm 34:11)*

Our children are constantly watching the adults in their lives. They watch us at home, at the grocery store, at sporting events and all other social situations. And what they see teaches them how to handle the situations in their own lives.

They listen to the words that we say – not only the words spoken to them – but to the words spoken to other people. They listen to the tone, the intent and the type of words as well. Do we gossip or do we keep our own counsel? Do we speak in truth?

Our children are constantly watching what we do and how we do it. Do we act with integrity? Do we keep our promises? Are we kind to all people? Are we aware that our decisions and actions affect the whole community?

So every once in awhile we should do a little soul searching so we are constantly vigilant about the messages we are sending to our children. They learn by our example and they want to be just like us.



Congratulations to the Winners of the Super Bowl of Books V!

Congratulations to all 212 of the readers in this year's Super Bowl of Books! They began reading books from the lists in November, and the preliminary competition was held during Catholic Schools' Week and the finals on Tuesday, February 8.

Thanks to the parents of all of our readers for helping them with getting books from the library, and encouraging them to read, read, read!

Congratulations to the following winners:

Grades 3 and 4 – The Dolphin Dreamers:
Sophia Halverson, Olivia Livelli, Gabriella Gnewuch and Claire Reid.

Grades 5 and 6 – 'The Five Lemmings Who Ran Off a Cliff': Nicole Ring, Margaret Sleeth, Emma Hubbard, Jillian Ybanez and Emily Vosberg.

Grades 7 and 8 – 'GMJ': Jenine Ybanez, Grace Mortensen and Michelle Ring.

Special thanks to all of the teacher and parent help: book readers, question writers, judges and scorekeepers!



5th Grade Girls League Tri-Champions –
SMG(Red), St. John(White), and St. Francis Xavier
8 Wins & 2 Losses
CONGRATULATIONS!!!

The SMG (Red) 5th Grade Girls basketball team:

Nina Besl, Sophie Ferguson, Jenna Kerkhoff, Abby Last, Annie Mulvoy, Sarah Schachte, Sophie Wegner, and Natalie Worman and coaches Schachte, Worman, and Kerkhoff.



8th Annual Cardinal Hoops Camp

Mark your calendar for the 8th annual SMG basketball camp. This year will be June 13-16 for boys and girls entering 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th grade. More information will be sent home in April.



WHAT TO DO WITH ALL THAT STUFF?

Don't forget about the SMG Rummage Sale coming April 2! It's a great opportunity for you to get rid of gently used items you no longer want - clothes and toys the kids have outgrown, baby items, sports equipment, furniture, electronics, kitchenware, pretty much anything you have that's just taking up space.

Last year, the SMG Rummage Sale raised more than \$8,000 for the school and that success depends on YOU! So see what you'd like to clean out of the house. Tax receipts available for the donations, and anything that doesn't sell goes to St. Vinnies. Win win win all around.

More information coming soon regarding donation dates and volunteer opportunities (yes, we can use you for that too!).

And if you're interested in being part of the organizing committee (a great group of fun people if we do say so ourselves!) please join us for our kickoff meeting Monday February 7 at 6:15 p.m. in the room behind the school office.



Grandparents/GrandFriends Day

Mark your calendar for our first Grandparents/Grandfriends Day on Friday, April 8th from 8:00-10:30am. Because this is the first time we are having this event, and we have potential for very large numbers, this will be a grandparent/grandfriend only day. We will not be able to accommodate parents as well. We hope you understand. There will be extra hands to help with visitors who may have specific needs. If you have any questions regarding this, please give us a call.



SMG Trivia Night

Saturday, March 5th, 2011

Guest Host: Jay Wilson
WISC-TV Sports Director
The most fun you'll have this year—
don't miss it!
Gather your team and plan your
theme.

Time: Doors open at 5:30. Play begins at 7:00

Format: 10 Rounds-8 Questions per Round

Cost: \$240 per table (max 8 per table)
Includes Beer, Soda and Water

Prizes: Trivia-Cash for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place

Theme: Dress your table and yourself
to match a theme

Door Prizes: Raffle

FOOD DRIVE

1250 POUNDS OF FLOUR & SUGAR During Catholic Schools Week

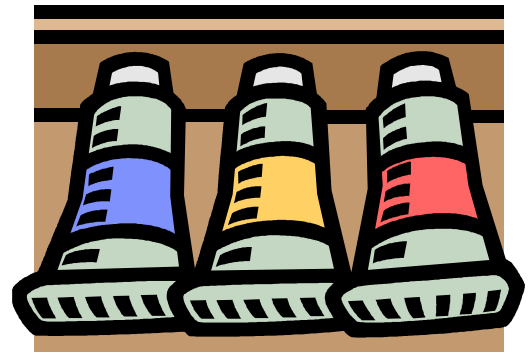
Thank You For Your Generous Donations to Help
Feed Our Dane County Neighbors in Need

Check out the parish progress of our 2011 Food Pantry donation campaign in the bulletin and church corridor poster

HELP FILL OUR CART **WITH 11 TONS OF** **FOOD IN 2011!!**

March is PERSONAL ITEMS Month!

Some donation ideas are toothpaste, soap, deodorant, shampoo, bathroom tissue, laundry detergent, diapers & feminine products. Please drop your donations in the red bins in the corridor anytime. The bins are emptied weekly. The food pantry buys many bulk items, such as rice & pasta, and generic brand canned fruits & vegetables. Monetary donations are always welcome for the food bank purchases. A basket will be placed in the corridor for cash and check donations during our Spring trailer drive on March 19th & 20th.



Updates from the Art Room!

Here we are at the end of February already! The 3-5 grade music concert is next week and we are trying to get some projects finished up in time so they can be on display that night but I am not sure they are going to make it! In case they don't, here is a rundown on what they have been doing in art class recently:

5th graders have working on a realistic depth painting of a winter scene and they are nearly finished. They have used at least three techniques of the six they learned about to make it as real as possible. There are some very nice paintings in this group!

4th graders have their still-life drawings up in the hall right now that show different shading techniques with a pen. They used hatching, cross hatching and contour hatching to show values on the still-life we had set up in the room one day. If you are not sure what I am talking about, ask a 4th grader to tell you what it is!

3rd graders are finishing up their depth drawings using size and placement to make it look real. They chose an object to draw large and low on the page and then repeated that same object higher and smaller within the scene to give

the illusion of depth. After the drawing was done, they then worked hard on using different overlapping colors of colored pencils to complete their drawings.

Other grades have been busy creating, too, and I am happy to say that the 6th graders are all finished with their Andy Warhol inspired larger-than-life food paintings! Thanks to Mrs. Horky, last year's paintings will be coming down and this year's going up in the Cafeteria next week. I made a few changes in the project for this year and the first was to let the artists work in pairs if they so chose to do so. We may have fewer paintings to look at but I think the quality has also improved, too. Plus, we saved a lot of time 😊

I am excited to announce that my artist of the week is a going to be from this 6th grade collection of art works and that my artist is not one person but two people! They consistently worked hard on their painting as a team for every class period and only needed me for advice on techniques. And their food item was not easy! The label has many colors and shapes that they reproduced very accurately. The logo itself looks very professional. I love the way they included the label from the American Heart Association completely written out. And the way they painted all the different fruits on the bottle is very realistic, right down to the highlights on the blackberries! V-8 Fusion looks good enough to drink! I will have their painting outside of my room for all to see. Congratulations to Rose Horky and Maddy Molitor!