



The Barrister

"Prefer nothing to the love of Christ."

April 22, 2009

St. Benedict Joseph Labre



Our Patron Saint

WELCOME HOLY FATHER BENEDICT XVI

Sts. Benedict and Scholastica

Prayer for Vocations

Jesus, You sent the Holy Spirit upon Mary and the apostles to strengthen them for service in the Church. With the help of your grace, they responded to uncertainty with faith, to hardship with courage, and to the needs of others with selfless service.

Continue to impart the gifts of wisdom and counsel to women and men whom you are calling to be sisters, priests or brothers. Grant fortitude to those already following your call.

Keep me attentive and open to the possibility of a religious vocation in my own life, as well as in the lives of my friends, family and parish members.

Amen



Mom and Dad ... Check out Math-Drills.com

Blessed Mother, we love YOU.

Prayers Requested



We have received the following news from Sister Marilyn Hettinger, O.S.B.

"After having MRI, CAT scan, scoped and ultra sound on my

brain, neck throat and lungs my doctors have decided to have an exploratory surgery. The specialist comes highly recommended but is not able to schedule it until May 12. The procedure will be overnight only. "

Please keep Sister in your prayers.

ISTEP+ RETURNS TO STMS



For the third time this school year, ISTSP+ Part III (Multiple Choice) returns on Monday, April 27th.

- 1. Say a prayer, each day, for your child.**
 2. Please make sure the children get plenty of sleep so they will be refreshed and ready.
 - 3. The children most certainly may bring a snack.**
 4. Each student should have at least two #2 pencils. This is the only led the scoring machines will read.
 - 5. Please make sure the children come to school each day, and are on time so testing may begin on time.**
- Thanks

HEY THERE ... Spring Fest 2009 is almost here!

JUNIOR HIGH CALENDAR CHANGES ...

Parents of 7th and 8th Grade are asked to make note of the following calendar changes.



SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS.

Tuesday	May 26th 7th & 8th Grade	<u>Math</u> Final
Wednesday	May 27th 7th & 8th Grade	<u>Language Arts</u> Final
Thursday	May 28th 7th & 8th Grade	<u>Social Studies</u> Final
Friday	May 29th 7th & 8th Grade	<u>Science and Religion</u> Final

8th Grade AWARDS DINNER

The 8th Grade Awards Diner has been moved from **Tuesday, May 26th** to **Friday, May 22nd**. This change is necessary due to the examination schedule. Thank you for understanding.



National Junior Honor Society Induction

The NJHS Induction will be held on **Tuesday, May 12th, 7:00 P.M. Gymnasium.**



*If we adults
**SING and
RECITE**
the Prayers
of the Mass,
the **GREATEST
PRAYER** of the
**CHURCH, so will
the children.***

Father Mike ...



Please keep Father Mike in your prayers as he travels to Indianapolis in his ministry as Chaplain for the Knights of Columbus.

7th Grade Parents ...
Please be sure to check EDLINE ...

LEGISLATIVE ALERT:

The school scholarship tax credit plan was adopted as part of the Senate's version of the State budget HB1001. The bill passed the Senate and now must be reconciled with the House in conference committee. The bill must be passed by both bodies – **by April 29th**. It is important that our legislators hear from you; we need our voices in support of the scholarship tax credit to be heard.



Market Day is **Monday, May 11th.**
Orders are due Thursday, May 7th.
We are requesting volunteers from the Kindergarten parents.



Gracious God,
thank You for the gift
of
Catholic Education.
Day after day, week
after week, You give
us many
opportunities to know
Your great
love, peace,
and forgiveness.



Help us respond to
Your Good News
and the *good news of
Catholic education.*
Amen.



**A BIG
THANKS TO
MR. KRAJCI!**

We are so very appreciative to
Mr. Krajci for getting ALL of
our phones (both the Church and
the School) back
to operating
order last week.



How fortunate
STMS is to have
parents upon
whom we can
count for help when situations
arise.



SUMMER READING

The Summer Reading Letter
for Grades K-7 was sent
home this week as well as on Edline.
PLEASE return the form to the
Homeroom Teacher by May 4th. The
class with the most forms returned
will receive an ice-cream treat.

Jesus, we all love YOU.



T.R.I.P. NEWS

The cutoff for the **Spring tuition credit
payout** includes April 27. All TRIP credits
earned from the beginning of May onward
will be paid to returning families' tuition
accounts in the Winter payout.

Discount increases are being announced for
select merchants for **Mother's Day,
Father's Day, Graduation, and summer
travel.** The latest is **Bath and Body Works**
(increasing from 13% to 18% from 4/18/09
to 5/8/09). Watch for more to appear soon!

**BE SURE TO USE T.R.I.P.
IT SAVES YOU MONEY !!!**

SPRING FEST 2009

Our annual **SPRING FEST**, for the children, will take place during the
first week of May. We thank Mrs. Herold, Mrs. Cusimano and Mrs.
Klyczek for planning the fun events.

Parents, please send \$3.00, per student, to cover Spring Fest Fees. This
fee will cover the daily drawings, the dress down days, the popcorn, the
cost of the DJ/sock hop, the raffles, and the face painting/tattoos.

FUN!! FUN!! FUN!! FUN!!

**OUR WONDERFUL
SPRING FEST '09
PLANNERS.**



TRACK PRACTICE

Track Practice will take place everyday next week at
5:00 P.M.

Participants will meet daily at
Frank Hammond Park.

Questions? Call
Lillie Beckman



**Clip.
Earn.**
Help them learn!



The Campbell Soup UPC Drive collection will continue through the month of April. The grade level with the highest point total will win an ice cream sundae bar.

This also helps STMS.

**FOR THE SAKE OF THE CHILDREN ...
CHECK
EDLINE
DAILY ...**



New Altar Server Sign-up Information Meeting

Any St. Thomas More School or Religious Formation Program student currently in the 4th grade or higher that is interested in becoming an altar server and their parent are invited to attend a sign-up/information meeting

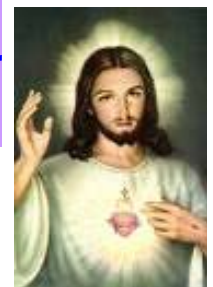
**Wednesday,
April 22, 2009 at 7 P.M.**

in the St. Thomas More Cafeteria
If you have any questions you may call
Susan Burke at
322-6462.



Calling All Families ...

Jesus would be so very happy to have **YOU** come and visit Him, in the Blessed Sacrament, on Tuesdays from 9:30 AM until 6:30 PM in our Chapel.



NEWS YOU CAN USE ...

4th Quarter Progress Reports come home on **Friday, May 1st.**

First Holy Communion is Saturday, May 2nd, 10:00 AM Mass.

SPRING FEST 2009 is the week of **May 4th - 8th.**



May Crowning

Tuesday, May 5th 8:30 AM ALL SCHOOL MASS



**First Communion Breakfast
after Holy MASS on
Tuesday, May 5th**



Early Dismissal 11:30 AM Wednesday, May 6th.



SPRING BAND CONCERTS

**Thursday, May 7th 7:30 PM Gym
Friday, May 8th 9:30 AM Gym**

Our Mother/Son Dance:

A HUGE HIT! Thank you for all of your happy comments. We are sooooo glad everyone had a good time.

Special thanks to the Student Council Moderators: Mrs. Banach, Miss Cindy Wisniewski, Mrs. Barkey and Mrs. Gurnak for all of the planning.

Spring Music Program

The students were AWESOME! So many positive comments came our way. Special thanks, Miss Daniel!



ANOTHER FIRST COMES TO STMS ...

MARK YOUR CALENDAR ...

THE FIRST SCHOOL ART FAIR IS COMING...

MAY 23 after the 5:30 PM Mass

MAY 24 after the 8, 10 and 12 Mass

Come See the TERRIFIC art projects
your children have done.

Hosted By: Miss Cindy Wisniewski, Art Teacher



FISH HELPERS NEEDED!!

THE FISH IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE ARE IN DIRE NEED OF A CLEAN HOME! IF YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT CLEANING AQUARIUMS, THE OFFICE FISH COULD REALLY USE YOUR HELP. SUMMER IS THE USUAL TIME THEY RECEIVED A "HOUSE CLEANING". ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN HELPING TO SAVE OUR FISH, PLEASE LET MRS. BISCAN KNOW.



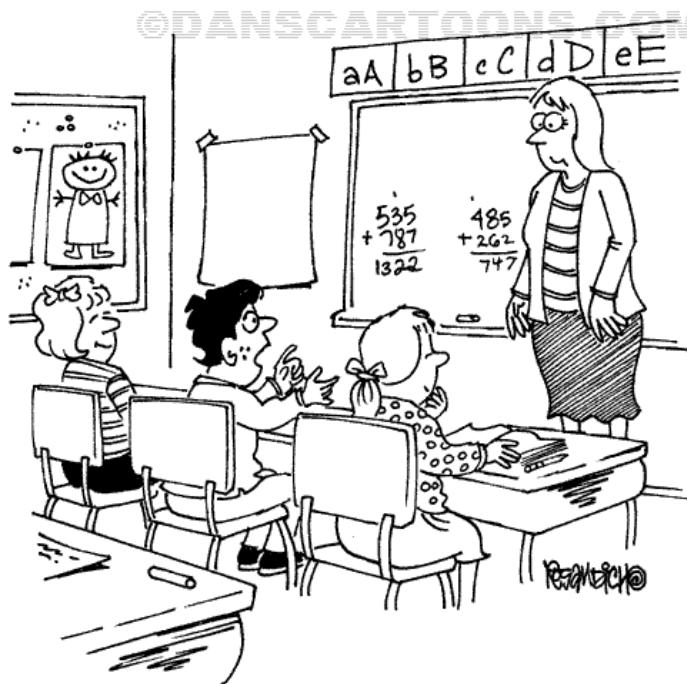
8th Grade Parents

Please remember to let Mrs. Gonzalez know if any of your guests for graduation will need special seating.

Please call Mrs. Gonzalez at 836-9151 and ask for extension 328.



Yes, homework IS given every day at STMS!



"I don't have my homework with me...the computer ate it!"

Signs of our times ...

+ JMJ

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Last week was a difficult week for me. My niece, who was 35 years old, lost her battle with cancer and went home to God. When I last spoke with her, she spoke on the Mysteries of Easter. Even though she was leaving a young husband and a two year old daughter, her trust in the Lord did not waver.

Allow me to thank everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy given to me, and my family, during this time.

When I returned to school on Friday, **YOUR CHILDREN** caught me speechless. Yes, **ME** speechless! Father Mike came to my office and said we had to go to the gym. When I entered, I was greeted with “*Happy Birthday, Mr. Nordyke!*” All of the children had masks of various animals, there were acrobats and even a juggler! All evolving around the theme, “Under the Big Top.” Even “You-Hoo” the Clown came to the celebration! So much laughter. I don’t think I stopped smiling during the whole time. As the children received a cup cake their individual greetings brought so much joy to my life. Thank you for raising such kind, loving children.

Next week we begin the third, and final round, of ISTEP+ Examinations. WOW, where has the year gone? MAY will be here before we (at least, me ...) realize it. So many activities will be happening very soon.

God bless you for all you do for your children and all of us. God certainly has blessed us with **YOU**.


Principal

+ St. Thomas More, St. Benedict, and St. Scholastica
PRAY FOR US.
+ Let us remember to pray for one another.



UNDER THE BIG TOP

FIT BITS

GETTING READY FOR EARTH DAY WITH FIT & FOOD TIPS

With just a week away from Earth Day, there's no better time to think about getting fit while helping the earth. Not only will the following activities make us more environmentally conscious, but also burn calories, strengthen our muscles, and keep our waists in 'check':

- Gather up brown leaf bags and have a 'trash dash' relay while cleaning up your yard or a nearby park. Everyone gets a brown bag and a pair of garden gloves. Set a time to 3 minutes. At the cue, everyone has 3 minutes to pick up as much 'trash' (i.e. leaves, sticks, etc) as they can. This heart pumping game can strengthen your heart and lungs, while contributing to a cleaner, greener area.
- Plant a tree in honor of a loved one. Digging holes and shoveling dirt are great outdoor fitness activities. Remember to bend your knees and use good form to reduce the risk of back injuries and muscle soreness.
- Use environmentally safe solutions like vinegar and water and have a window cleaning festival. Let the kids help and teach them proper window cleaning skills that use upper body muscles while wiping with an up and down motion. Have them try the action with their non-dominant hand to get a balanced 'workout'.

FOOD BITS

A diet based more on plant-like foods than meats and dairy can lead to extra years of healthy living. This same diet can reduce environmental damage and farm animal suffering.

Making several little changes quickly adds up to an overall healthier diet. Replacing one 3.5-ounce serving of beef, one egg, and a 1-ounce serving of cheese each day with a mix of vegetables, fruit, beans, and whole grains would:

- increase the person's daily consumption of dietary fiber by 16 grams (more than half the recommended intake) and reduce the intake of fat by 22 grams (one-third of the recommended daily limit) and saturated fat by 12 grams (more than half the recommended limit); and
- spare the need for 1.8 acres of cropland, 40 pounds of fertilizer, and 3 ounces of pesticides each year. It also would mean dumping 11,400 fewer pounds of animal manure into the environment each year.

Sister Mary Jean Feeney, O.S.B., Sister Beatrice, O.S.B.,
Sister Genna, O.S.B. and Sister Jean, O.S.B.

For more fun, visit www.EatingGreen.com. This website will let you take an animated tour of the food supply, calculate the environmental impact of your food choices and the impact positive changes may have, as well as score your diet on the basis of health, environment, and animal welfare.

News from the Eagle's Nest...

Athletic Pictures and Uniform Distribution

Sunday, April 26th
6:00 pm in the Gym



**Boy's Volleyball
And
Track**



Please arrive by 5:45 pm

Track Uniforms will be distributed.
A \$50 uniform deposit is required.



Uniform Reminder

Please return your Basketball Uniforms.
Drop them off in the School office or
with Mrs. Lusk in the First Aid office.
Your deposit check will be sent home with your child.

S.T.M. LUNCH MENU – WEEK OF APRIL 27, 2009

Daily Ala Cartes: Salads – Large \$2.20, Small \$1.75; Yogurt - \$0.65; Milk - \$0.40

Monday, April 27

Chicken Nuggets
Macaroni & Cheese
Corn
Mixed Fruit
Milk

Tuesday, April 28

Corn Dog
Potato Wedges
Green Beans
Pineapple Tidbits
Brownie
Milk

Wednesday, April 29

Mini Sub Sandwich
Shredded Lettuce
Carrot Sticks & Dip
Pretzels
Applecrisp or Pears
Milk

Ala Carte: Corn Dog \$1.10

Ala Carte: Sandwich \$1.40

Monday Volunteers

Laura Jo Prucha
Suzanne Caceres
Jan Rademacher

Tuesday Volunteers

Kathy Davidson
Sue Doherty
Chris O'Brien

Wednesday Volunteers

Adriana Valdes
Leann Maiolo
Theresa Torres

Thursday, April 30

Chicken Stir Fry
OR Chicken Patty
White Rice/Broccoli
Chow Mein Noodles
Mandarin Oranges
Jello
Milk

Friday, May 1

Spaghetti w/ Tomato Sauce
Cheese Slice
Salad
Mozzarella Cheese Toast
Peaches
Milk

Thursday Volunteers

Patty Stege
Nikki Long
Rosa Maldonado

Friday Volunteers

Joann Hajduch
Melissa Reardon
Tammy Savickis



St. Thomas More School Lunch Program 2008-2009

1. Menu subject to change.
2. Hot Lunch Prices: Student - \$1.80/day 5 days = \$9.00 20 days = \$36.00
Adult - \$2.45/day
3. Cash or checks made payable to STM are accepted. NSF checks will be charged a \$25 fee.
4. Families with more than one student eating hot lunch are encouraged to send in ONE check (or cash) in one envelope. Money will be divided between siblings accordingly.
5. Days not used are credited for future use. There is a \$-9.00 charge limit per account. If students do not bring in money after 5 charges, they will not be allowed in the hot lunch line until payment is made. However, students will be offered a peanut butter or cheese sandwich if they have nothing else to eat.
6. Students should turn in payment in a SEALED envelope labeled with the following information: Lunch Money, Student First & Last Name, Teacher Name, Amount Enclosed.
7. E-mail Mrs. Murray for lunch account balance inquiries: lmurray@stm-school.com
8. Remember to check Edline for the Monthly Menu/Volunteer List.