



The Barrister

"Prefer nothing to the love of Christ."

September 24, 2009

Our Lady of Mercy

The month of September is dedicated to

Our Lady of Sorrows



Our Patron Saint

Sts. Benedict and Scholastica

Prayer of Thanksgiving

(After prayers of petition, we must remember to pray in thanksgiving for all favors received.)

O God, of Whose mercies there is no number, and of Whose goodness the treasure is infinite; we render thanks to You for the gifts You have bestowed upon us, evermore beseeching Your clemency, that as You grant the petitions of them that ask You, You will never forsake them, but will prepare for the reward to come. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HELP WANTED



A part-time, paid position is open in the STM School Cafeteria kitchen. Hours are 10:30AM-1:30PM, three days a week. Responsibilities include helping pull together lunches for Pre-K students at the Cornerstone, washing trays, pots & pans and generally helping where needed in the kitchen. Applications are available in the School or Parish Office.

For further information, call Linda Murray, 836-9151, ext. 324 or email to lmurray@stm-school.



WALK-A-THON '09

Yes, the date for our annual WALK-A-THON is right around the corner. The date is **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2009**. We already have the park reserved and the children are getting excited. The letter and permission slip will come home today. Thanks, in advance, for **all** you do to help the children of STMS.

And now a word (or two) from the Principal ...

Parents/Guardians:

Please check EDLINE daily. Not just the grades, but the information provided. Sometimes, things are on EDLINE that do not appear in *The Barrister*.

Be sure to check calendar on EDLINE for special events.

Mes hispanico de la herencia

Our STM Library is celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15th – Oct. 15th). The library would love to display any artifacts that represent Hispanic culture. The items will be on display in an enclosed glass cabinet in the library. If you are interested in sharing items please send them to our library. Make sure the students name and room number are affixed to each item so they may be returned. Thank you.

Sandi Albrecht
STMS Librarian



Progress Report

PARENTS:



PROGRESS REPORTS WILL come home with the students

TODAY

Thursday, September 24th

★ Market Day.

Market Day is Monday, Oct. 5th
Orders are due Thursday, Oct. 1st

We are asking the 7th grade parents to volunteer!

Thanks so much. ★



HELP GET FATHER MIKE OUT OF JAIL!!!

Your children will tell you all about it on Tuesday, Sept. 29th,

But ... if you cut the following address, and put it in your browser, you will know all about it in advance of the happening!

<https://www.joinmda.org/highlandlockup2009/myadron/>

HOME & SCHOOL MEETING

Tuesday, September 29th, 7:00 PM in the Cafeteria.



7th & 8th Grade Parents

Now that we are mid-way through the First Quarter of the school year, **no** student will be allowed to drop Spanish.

Since Spanish is a Foreign Language, **ALL** students need to be studying their Spanish every night.

Parents, as you know, Mrs. Rada is teaching Spanish to Grades 1-8. Ask the children to tell you what they are learning.

¿Cómo está usted?

TIPS FOR WELLNESS ...

DID YOU KNOW???

One fourth of all bones in the body are **located in your feet**, intricately meshed with 33 joints, and over 100 muscles. Your feet can sustain enormous pressure....actually, several tons during just a 1-mile run! So, do your feet a favor and sign up for the STMS Run for Tomorrow.....TODAY!!!



Eat Fruits & Veggies to Reduce Your Risk for Colds & Flu This Season...

Eating fruits and vegetables high in vitamin C will help to keep your immune system strong. The reason that fruits and vegetables do a better job of keeping your immune system ready is because they also contain vitamins A and E, as well as the flavanoids that work along side vitamin C to keep your immune system and your whole body healthy. So stock up on your broccoli, tomatoes, papayas, mangos, oranges, kiwi's, and peppers.



Please keep the family of Tammy Dublak in your prayers as they walk through this very difficult time.

VERY, VERY IMPORTANT

Afternoon (3PM) Dismissal Reminders:

1. **Car Riders:** All car riders are to be picked up in the parking lots south of the school and church buildings. You may choose to park in the Munster Park lot or on STM grounds, but if you park in the park you must come onto STM property to pick up your children. The north parking lot, **both mornings and afternoons**, is **FOR BUSES ONLY!** *This includes the alleyway behind the school building, which is accessed via the Dairy Queen entrance. No one should be parked against the closed gate behind the school at dismissal time.*
2. **Bus Riders:** Children should never be taken from the school bus lines, either in the gym or as they are boarding the buses. If you wish to change your child's method of dismissal, you need to send a note to the teacher or call the office and make arrangements with Mrs. Biscan. She can call your child's homeroom with the changes.

"One of the greatest diseases is to be nobody to anybody."

GOOD NEWS FROM T.R.I.P.

Take a look at what's new on T.R.I.P!

Gino's Steakhouse
(Dyer & Merrillville; \$50/\$100 at 10%)



Guitar Center (\$25 at 4%)



Aeropostale (\$25 at 7%)

AÉROPOSTALE

From 9/26/09 through 12/31/09, **Fashion Bug** will increase from 6% to 8%.

Nike (\$25 at 12%)



Also ...

Contact Amy Lee at 934-0839 or stop by the Raven's Roost (next to the principal's office) from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM every Thursday, where other TRIP cards are sold.



Harvest Gala November 7, 2009



To make a donation, contact the Harvest Gala Committee
(219) 836-9151, #350

Everyone Welcome!

Coming Soon

Event Ticket & Raffle Ticket
Sales

**Saturday, November 7, 2009
at
Villa Cesare in Schererville**

Dinner and Open Bar

Dancing with Live Music by
History's End
Silent and Live Auctions
Raffles

Entertainment Books

The 2009-2010
Entertainment Books are
now on sale. Available in
the Parish Office for only
\$20 each.



*Start saving
money
today!!*

*Makes a
great
gift,
too!*

STMS STUDENTS ARE THE VERY BEST !!!



PRESIDENT-ELECT

Grade 8



VICE-PRESIDENT ELECT

Grade 7

Congratulations to all of the students!

5th Grade

Alexandria Bleza
Alyssa Chronowski
Matt Dempsey
Mark McDevitt
Nick Sopic
Megan Whelan

6th Grade

Josephine An
Calvin Haislip
Mark Montella
Luke Pillarella
Samantha Sabo
Megan Zabrecky

7th Grade

Hannah Dempsey
Maureen Doherty
*Colleen Lusk
Jake Morgan
Grant Rademacher
Nikki Smith

8th Grade

*Ryan Cloghessy
Cody Grzybowski
Kailee Loughlin
Matt O'Brien
Daniel Straka
Sam Toth

STUDENT

COUNCIL

INDUCTION NEWS

2009

THIS EVENING
7:00 P.M. St. Thomas More School
Special guests will follow
the induction.

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Counselor's Copy

Mrs. McCabe's column, "The Counselor's Copy" will appear weekly in The Barrister. Mrs. McCabe is our school Counselor. You may reach her by calling (219) 836-9151, extension 313

Teaching compassion in children can help them become more loving, accepting individuals. Compassion is a combination of feeling for someone else, experiencing that person's suffering and making an attempt to reduce the suffering of others. A compassionate person considers the sufferings of others as his own.

Today it is important to teach compassion because we live in a competitive society. Academics and sports can be cut throat and stressful for children. The media exposes children to violence on TV and in video games. This tends to increase violence in kids themselves.

Teaching compassion can make children aware of the world around them and it teaches tolerance toward different cultures and personalities. All education begins at home so model compassion for your children to emulate. Try to volunteer at local shelters, food kitchens, and/or animal rescue shelters if time allows. Teach the children that not everyone may be as blessed as they are!

Home & School Corner ..

Mrs. Janet Erickson's column, "Home & School Corner" is a new feature, and will appear weekly in The Barrister. Mrs. Erickson is the Secretary for the STMS Home & School Association.



1. A special thank you to Anita Hemingway for helping with the Entertainment Books.

2. Cookie dough order forms will come home this Thursday.



3. Watch for Harvest Gala tickets.



4. Don't forget to attend the HSA meeting on September 29th and earn .5 HOPE hours.



5. Our sincere condolences to the Dublak family. May the Lord provide them the strength and courage as they go through this very difficult time.



**9th Annual
Run
For
Tomorrow
5K Run/Walk**

**Saturday
October 17, 2009
8:30 a.m.**

REGISTER NOW

Race Day Registration/Packet
Pick-up
7:00–8:15 a.m.

On-line Registration:
www.signmeupsports.com

Pre-registration due date:
October 9, 2009

Race Course—5K
USTAF Certified

Computerized timing by
DRKcomputing

Start and finish at
Munster Community Pool

Student-designed t-shirt for all
pre-registered

Awards Ceremony and
Post-race refreshments

Questions:
Contact St. Thomas More School
(219) 836-9151

Registration Form

One registration form per person.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

E-Mail _____

Phone _____

Please indicate your division:

Adult Division (age 15 and up)	Student/ Youth Division (grades K thru 8)
Age _____ (on 10/17/09)	Current Grade _____
Male _____	Male _____
Female _____	Female _____
Run _____ OR Walk _____	Run _____ OR Walk _____

T-Shirt Size	
Adult Size: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____	
Youth Size: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____	
NO T-Shirt _____	

Please enclose a check with this SIGNED registration form. Make check payable to: St. Thomas More School	
_____ \$ 15.00 (all pre-registered/ shirt guaranteed)	
_____ \$ 55.00 (pre-registered family/ 4 or more/ submit together)	
_____ \$ 10.00 (pre-registered w/NO SHIRT option)	
_____ \$ 20.00 (all late or same-day registrations)	
_____ FREE (St. Thomas More Teachers ONLY)	
_____ CARA member \$2.50 discount (Member # _____)	

In signing this form, I assume all responsibility for my person and belongings and agree to waive responsibility for the St. Thomas More Church, School, HSA, and all sponsors or members of the race committee for any injury, theft, or loss incurred during the race. I verify that I am physically fit and have trained sufficiently for this event.

Signature _____
(parents please sign on behalf of all minor children)

Please return the SIGNED application, along with your check to:
St. Thomas More School
Run for Tomorrow Committee
8435 Calumet Avenue
Munster, IN 46321

**Yesterday I dared to struggle.
Today I dare to win.**



ARCHANGEL MICHAEL

A Prayer to Saint Michael

Saint Michael, Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our protection against the wickedness
and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host,
by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who prowl about the
world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



Saint Raphael

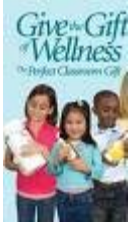
Blessed Saint Raphael,
Archangel, We beseech thee to help us in all our needs and trials of this life, as thou, through the
power of God, didst restore sight and give guidance to young Tobit. We humbly seek thine aid
and
intercession, that our souls may be healed, our bodies protected from all ills, and that
through divine grace we may be made fit to dwell in the eternal Glory of God in heaven.
Amen.



Saint Gabriel

Blessed Saint Gabriel, Archangel
We beseech thee to intercede for us at the throne of divine mercy:
As thou didst announce to Mary the mystery of the Incarnation,
so through thy prayers may we
receive strength of faith and
courage of spirit, and thus find favor with God and redemption through Christ Our Lord.
May we sing the praise of God our Savior with the angels and saints in heaven forever
and ever. Amen

**The Feast of the Guardian
Angels, the Feast of the
Diocese of Gary, is
Friday, October 2, 2009**



Health Update

This year we are all faced with a heightened concern for our children's health.

We want to thank parents for making sure their children stay home when they are not feeling well. With children, especially the youngest ones, many germs are passed even with precautions.

As we continue to watch for symptoms and keep children home with flu like symptoms, we also must keep them home with symptoms of strep throat, unknown rashes, pink eye, fever etc. until they are diagnosed, treated, and symptom free for 24 hrs. or have a doctor's slip stating they are able to return.

Again thank you for taking the steps to ensure the best learning environment for all of our children.

Words that do not give the light of Christ increase the darkness.

- Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

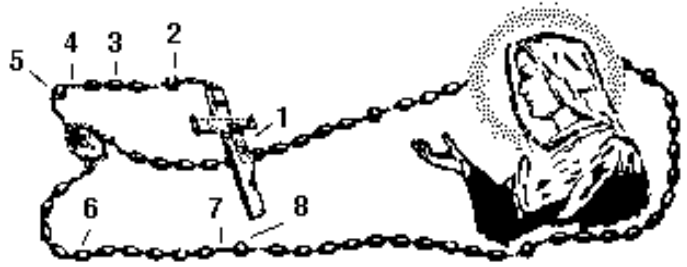
VIRTUS Training in the Diocese ...

9/26/2009	10:00am	St. Joseph School	La Porte	219-362-6472
9/27/2009	12:30pm	Our Lady of Sorrows	Valparaiso	219-759-2286
10/07/2009	12:30pm	St. Bridget School, Room 201	Hobart	219-942-6441 ext. 121
10/14/2009	6:30pm	St. Patrick School	Chesterton	219-926-1707
10/18/2009	1:00pm	St. Mary Parish Hall	Kouts	219-766-3680
10/26/2009	6:00pm	Our Lady of Grace School	Highland	219-838-6790
11/12/2009	9:00am	St. Bridget School, Room 201	Hobart	219-942-6441 ext. 121
11/21/2009	10:00am	St. Thomas More Solar Room	Munster	219-836-8610 ext. 336
11/30/2009	6:30pm	Queen of All Saints Cafeteria	Michigan City	219-878-9348
2/09/2010	9:00am	St. Bridget School, Room 201	Hobart	219-942-6441 ext. 121

Parents Did You Know ...

We just want to send a word of caring caution. We are hearing more and more of "boy-girl" parties being held, some without much supervision. We all hear what is going on in other schools and are concerned of things happening. The children openly talk about some things going on (kissing ...) which they obviously don't do in front of parents. Please be aware of the gatherings to which your children attend. It is good practice for parents to speak with parents about supervision. We care about all of the children as if they are our own.

How to Pray the Holy Rosary



PRAYERS OF THE ROSARY

1. Make the **Sign of the Cross** and say "Apostles' Creed."
2. Say the "Our Father."
3. Say three "Hail Marys."
4. Say the "Glory be to the Father."
5. Announce the First Mystery; then say the "Our Father."
6. Say ten "Hail Marys," while meditating on the Mystery.
7. Say the "Glory be to the Father."
8. Announce the Second Mystery; then say the "Our Father." Repeat 6 and 7 and continue with Third, Fourth and Fifth Mysteries in the same manner.

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

HAIL, HOLY QUEEN, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, Thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

FATIMA PRAYER

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins.

Save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.

OCTOBER is the month of The Rosary. Get started early.

The Joyful Mysteries (Monday/Saturday)

1. The Annunciation.
2. The Visitation.
3. The Nativity.
4. The Presentation.
5. The Finding in the Temple.

The Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesday/Friday)

1. The Agony in the Garden.
2. The Scourging.
3. The Crowning with Thorns.
4. The Carrying of the Cross.
5. The Crucifixion.

The Glorious Mysteries (Wednesday/Sunday) *(with this exception: Sundays of Christmas season - The Joyful; Sundays of Lent - Sorrowful)*

1. The Resurrection.
2. The Ascension.
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit.
4. The Assumption.
5. The Coronation.

The Luminous Mysteries (Thursday)

1. The Baptism in the Jordan
2. The Wedding at Cana
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom
4. The Transfiguration
5. The Institution of the Eucharist

**Pray the Holy Rosary daily
as we were told by
The Blessed Mother, Herself, at Fatima.**

