

Educating the Whole child in the Values of Jesus and Mary.

St. Thomas More School

Weis Center - South Campus

Principal's Newsletter



The Barrister

"Prefer nothing to the love of Christ."

April 1, 2010

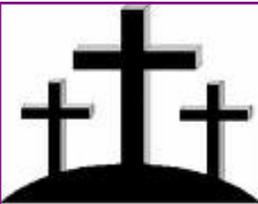
Holy Thursday, 2010



Our Patron Saint

We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

Sts. Benedict and Scholastica



My Savior, do you invite me to share in the glory of the Resurrection?

Please stay with me as I struggle to see how accepting the crosses of my life will free me from the power of the one who wants only to destroy my love and trust in You.



Help me to be humble and accepting like Your son, Jesus. I want to turn to You with the same trust He had in your love.

Save me, Lord. Only You can save me.

Blessed Mother, pray for us.



NO SCHOOL



Friday, April 2, 2010



Monday, April 5, 2010

**Thanks for the help!!!
You ARE appreciated!!!**

The book fair was a huge success this year and here is a list of the parents who volunteered their time to help make it so successful.

Anita Hemingway, and Amy Osmulski., Coordinators

Alice Balbo, Chris Balbo, Cynthia Becker, Diane Beckman, Lillie Beckman, Sparkle Box, Joy Chronowski, Elizabeth Cipowski, Kim Cipowski, Sue Doherty, Katie Fesko, Josette Gonzalez, Hilary Hanas, Tonia Michalski, Karen Michel, Frank Mrvan, Jane Mrvan, Phyllis Sarnowski, Tammy Savickis, Yvonne Stodulski, Amy Wiess, Andrea Yeager, and Alicia Zaleski.

God Bless you for all you do for STMS!



**The St. Thomas More
Family Singers
Present ...**

**Our Annual
SPRING PROGRAM**

The **fifth through eighth grade** program is on Tuesday, April 6 at 7:00pm. The theme for this program is Disney through the years.

The **PK through fourth grade** program is on Thursday, April 8 at 7:00 pm. The theme for this is Songs of Faith.



MOMS of 4th-8th Boys

By now, you should have received your invitation to the Student's Council's 3rd annual Mother-Son Dance "**SPRING FLING**". The dance will take place **Friday, April 23**, from 6:30-8:30 in our very own STMS's Eagles Nest. Hors d'oeuvres and desserts will be served, and a DJ will provide the evening's entertainment. A photographer from Lifetouch Studios will be on hand to capture the evening's memories. All reservations are due by **Friday, April 9th**. Looking forward to seeing all of you there!

Jesus remember me when I come into Your Kingdom.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE FOR CHURCH

Holy Thursday, April 1

10:30 a.m. Chrism Mass at Holy Angels Cathedral

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 2

1:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Prayer Service



Holy Saturday, April 3

2:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Baskets

8:00 p.m. Vigil Mass of Easter

Easter Sunday, April 4

6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 Noon Masses



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.*

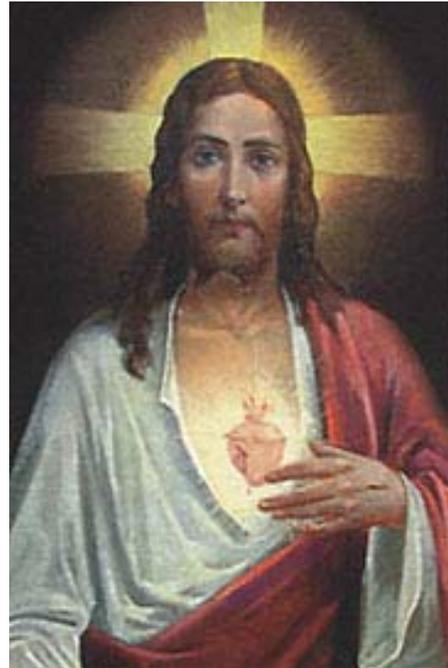


April is MATH AWARENESS MONTH:

STMS will be participating in the annual observance of Math Awareness Month through a number of activities. MAM is sponsored by the Joint Policy Board for Mathematics (JPBM), which has selected "Mathematics and Sports" as the theme for MAM 2010. Check out the website:

www.mathaware.org

Please say a prayer for
**VOCATIONS to the Holy Priesthood
and Religious Life.**



Please remember Father Mike & Father Rick in your Easter prayers especially during this, *The Year of the Priest.*

Jesus was crucified so that WE could LIVE for eternity! That, my friends, is TRUE LOVE!



THANK YOU:

During Lent, we dispensed with Birthday Treats. If you would like to send "belated" treats, please feel free to do so on...



Wednesday, April 14.

Let the Joy of the Resurrection lift us from loneliness and weakness and despair to strength and beauty and happiness.



Please remember to bring your Holy Childhood Lenten boxes. The boxes should be returned to the homeroom teachers by **Friday, April 16, 2010.**

Please see Mrs. Block, in Room 226, if you have any questions. Thank you for your generosity.





The next Market Day is Monday, April 12th.

Orders are due by Thursday, April 8th.

We are requesting the 1st grade parents to volunteer. *Thanks!*



Our STM Eagles will bring home their Report Card on Tuesday, April 6th.



continued support of St. Thomas More School is so very much appreciated.

Even in this difficult economy, parents are willing to sacrifice so that their child can get an education that includes the academics, discipline, and rigorous religious education that come with our Catholic school. Spiritual growth and faith development underscore everything we do for your child while he or she is a student here at STMS. As a Catholic school, we do not view the faith of your child as separate from his or her regular academic learning. WE believe and we teach that **God can be found in all academic subjects as the master artist, the logical mind behind the mathematical equations, the scientific source of all creation, the historian who intervenes on behalf of human history, the author of all languages, and the great communicator who wants us to live in peace with all our brothers and sisters, even those from different cultures and walks of life.**

Your personal endorsement of STMS to neighbors and business associates is very helpful.

Consider these top 7 reasons to enroll and bring others to enroll their child(ren):

1. Catholic identity and culture permeates the school community and is evident throughout the campus.
2. Superior academics with a balanced curriculum that includes the Arts—which many school systems are cutting.
3. State-of-the Art technology available for all students.
4. Good stewardship and efficient use of your tuition dollars.
5. Passing on the Catholic faith and its traditions through a strong religion program.
6. Development of self-discipline and of a commitment to serve others.

During this Lenten season, we are asking all parents to make a special effort to spend some family time together reviewing and learning the students' Basic Catholic Teaching. Please make this a family effort so that our students retain all that they have learned in their religion classes at school about their faith. With consistent effort by parents and students alike, everyone will benefit. Be sure to take your whole family to the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a way to reinforce our Catholic teachings and to support your child in faith development.

NEWS YOU CAN USE ??????????

There are over 58 million dogs in the U.S!

Humans blink over 10,000,000 times a year !

In the year 2000, Pope John Paul II was named an "Honorary HarlemGlobetrotter."!

Every second, Americans collectively eat one hundred pounds of chocolate

There are approximately fifty Bibles sold each minute across the world!

Honolulu is the only place in the United States that has a royal palace!

More money is spent on gardening than on any other hobby

In 32 years, there are about 1 billion seconds!

The average person laughs 13 times a day!

Ernest Vincent Wright wrote a novel, "Gadsby", which contains over 50,000 words -- none of them with the letter E!

The sun is 330,330 times larger than the earth!

From the "Bunny."





News from T.R.I.P.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

<u>Week</u>	<u>Orders In</u>	<u>Orders Available</u>
4/5/09	NO Special order TRIP—SUPPLIER HOLIDAY*	
4/12/10	Mon., 4/12	Wed., 4/14

*Select TRIP merchants will be available for purchase on Thursday, April 8 from 8 am to 9 am in the Raven's Roost (next to the principal's office).

Merchant News:



From 3/20/10 to 4/16/10, iTunes will increase from 5% to 8%. From 4/1/10 to 5/7/10, Red Robin will increase from 9% to 11%.

Remember... T.R.I.P. helps YOU with tuition!



Camp Lawrence SUMMER FUN!!!

CAMP LAWRENCE, on the beautiful Moss Lake in Valparaiso, Indiana, is now accepting applications for residential summer camp.

Camp runs from **June 13th** through **July 31st**. For more information, or an application, please call us at: (219) 736-8931, or check out our web site:

www.nwicyo.org



Something from "The Good Old Days" Returns to STMS ...

Those parents who attended STMS in "The Good Old Days" will remember bringing their teacher a stamped, addressed (parents name!) envelope in order for the final report card of the year to be mailed. We are returning to this practice.

Please begin now to send your child (each child must have his/her own stamped, addressed envelope) with the envelope to his/her homeroom teacher. **Thank you.** (Posting # 1)



O sacred head, surrounded by crown of piercing thorn!
O bleeding head, so wounded, reviled and put to scorn!



Easter 2010

+JMJ

Dear St. Thomas More School Family:

Easter joy, hope, and life to all of you!

The Lord IS Risen, Alleluia! !

This is our proclamation on this Easter morning. All of our attention is drawn to the One who has been raised from the dead.

It's more than a story. We are drawn into the ultimate meaning of life. Jesus Christ has conquered sin and death. In Him all is made **NEW**; this is our joy.

The message that went from Jerusalem on that first day of the week is our message. In the liturgy that we celebrate we are caught up in this transforming event. The only way to be touched by this is not to remain spectators, but participants **Today**, not tomorrow.

As believers we put our faith in the Resurrection. I would say this is nothing less than living out of the conviction that God has given us everything. To accept the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and to be incorporated into this means that what Jesus did is ours if only we believe.

God has left us the divine plan when He sent the Son and through this Easter season we are invited to make this real in our lives. As we say at the memorial acclamation during the Eucharistic prayer: Christ has died, **Christ IS risen**, Christ will come again.

May we realize even more profoundly through the deeper release of the Holy Spirit within the meaning of St. Augustine's proclamation- **We are Easter people and Alleluia is our Song.**

May the Risen Lord truly give you the courage and conviction to live out the hope to which we are called. He has given to us the Holy Spirit to carry the Divine Will to completion.

Principal

**Happy
Easter!**



WELLBITS

BRAIDED EASTER BREAD

Take advantage of this Holy Week and bond with your family while making some homemade, nutritious Easter Bread. Kneading bread, as indicated in the recipe below is actually a great 'muscle workout'. In addition, make a few substitutions (i.e. wheat bread for white; egg whites for whole eggs; skim milk for whole milk) and you have increased the nutritional value and decreased the fat/calories. Happy Easter!

Ingredients

- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour, divided
- 1/4 cup white sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 (.25 ounce) package active dry yeast
- 2/3 cup milk (use skim milk for lower fat/calories)
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 eggs (substitute 2 egg whites for one of the eggs)
- 5 whole eggs, dyed if desired

2 tablespoons butter, melted

NOTE: Substitute 1/2 cup of wheat flour for increased nutritional value



Directions

In a large bowl, combine 1 cup flour, sugar, salt and yeast; stir well. Combine milk and butter in a small saucepan; heat until milk is warm and butter is softened but not melted.

Gradually add the milk and butter to the flour mixture; stirring constantly. Add two eggs and 1/2 cup flour; beat well. Add the remaining flour, 1/2 cup at a time, stirring well after each addition. When the dough has pulled together, turn it out onto a lightly floured surface and knead until smooth and elastic, about 8 minutes.

Lightly oil a large bowl, place the dough in the bowl and turn to coat with oil. Cover with a damp cloth and let rise in a warm place until doubled in volume, about 1 hour.

Deflate the dough and turn it out onto a lightly floured surface. Divide the dough into two equal size rounds; cover and let rest for 10 minutes. Roll each round into a long roll about 36 inches long and 1 1/2 inches thick. Using the two long pieces of dough, form a loosely braided ring, leaving spaces for the five colored eggs. Seal the ends of the ring together and use your fingers to slide the eggs between the braids of dough.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Place loaf on a buttered baking sheet and cover loosely with a damp towel. Place loaf in a warm place and let rise until doubled in bulk, about 45 minutes. Brush risen loaf with melted butter.

Bake in preheated oven for 50 to 55 minutes, or until golden.

Approximate Amount Per Serving (No Substitutions) = Calories: 236

*10 Servings Per Recipe



Be sure to see the attachment at the end of this edition of *The Barrister* about the

Munster Swim Club.



STMS ART CLASS

At the end of this edition of *The Barrister*, you will see some **AWESOME** examples of **STMS** artistic talent. Enjoy!!!

A few words from Mrs. McCabe on FRIENDSHIP.

Friendship is an important part of kids' development. Having friends helps them be independent beyond the family and prepares them for the mutual, trusting relationships that they will hopefully establish as adults.

Groups of friends are different from cliques in some important ways. Friendships grow out of shared interests, sports, activities, classes, neighborhoods. Members are free to socialize with others outside the group without worrying about being cast out. It is acceptable that they do not do everything together.

Cliques sometimes form around common interests, but the social dynamics are very different. Cliques are usually tightly controlled by leaders who decide who is "in" and who is "out." The kids in the clique do most things together. Someone who has a friend outside the clique may face rejection or ridicule.

Members of the cliques usually follow the leader's rules, whether it's wearing particular clothes or doing certain activities. Cliques usually involve lots of rules and intense pressure to follow them. Kids in cliques often worry about whether they'll continue to be popular or whether they'll be dropped for doing or saying the wrong thing or for not dressing in a certain way. This can create a lot of pressure, especially for girls. Others may be pressured to take risks like stealing or bullying others in order to stay in the clique.

Cliques can cause long-lasting trouble when kids behave in a way they feel conflicted about or know is wrong in order to please a leader and stay in the group; the group becomes an antisocial clique or a gang that has unhealthy roles; such as weight loss or bullying others based on looks, disabilities, race or ethnicity; or a child is rejected by a group and feels ostracized and alone.

As kids navigate friendships and cliques, there's plenty parents can do to offer support. Some tips include: talking about your own experiences when you were in school; help put rejection in perspective by reminding your child of the times s/he has been angry with parents, siblings or friends and how quickly things can change; and you can shed some light on social dynamics by acknowledging that people are often judged by the way a person looks, acts, or dresses and that often people act mean and put others down because they lack self-confidence and try to cover it up by taking and keeping control. Parents can also help by fostering out of school friendships so that it gives kids an opportunity to create another social group and learn new skills.

Here are some ways to encourage kids to have healthy friendships and not get too caught up in cliques: find the right fit-don't just fit in. Encourage kids to think about what they are interested in and value and how those things fit in with the group. Encourage your child to continue doing things that they like to do even if it is "uncool" in the group. Talk about ways that they can resolve that. Encourage kids to be friends with people they like and enjoy from different settings, backgrounds, ages and interests. Help your child speak out and stand up for themselves and for others that are being cast out or bullied. Encourage them not to participate in anything that feels wrong, whether it's a practical joke or talking about others behind their backs. And most importantly it is essential that kids take responsibility for their own actions. Encourage sensitivity to others and not just going along with a group. Remind kids that a true friend respects their opinions, interests, and choices, no matter how different they are. Acknowledge that it can be difficult to stand out, but that ultimately kids are responsible for what they say and do.

Remember to provide the big picture. As hard as cliques might be to deal with now, things can change quickly. What is more important is making true friends-people they can confide in, laugh with, and trust. The real secret to being "popular" is for them to be the kind of friend they'd like to have: respectful, fair, supportive, caring, trustworthy and kind.



STMS MOMS CLUB EASTER EGG HUNT



The St. Thomas More Moms' Group Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Sat., April 3rd, from 10:00 am to Noon in the gym and cafeteria. Please enter through the gym doors. Please bring a breakfast dish or beverages to share. The breakfast is first, followed by the Easter Egg Hunt. Thank you to the St. Thomas More 6th grade Girl Scouts for helping in organizing the event this year! Please call Dawn Hein at 219-923-6352 with any questions. **All are welcome!**

let's have some FUN while learning at the same time!!!

STMS SPRING FEST

\$ 2.00 to participate for the WHOLE WEEK.

APRIL 6 - 7 - 8 - 9

Tuesday: CRAZY SOCKS DAY AT STMS! Students should wear "wacky" or fun socks. **Jeans are permitted.** Raffle at the end of the day.



7:00 PM: STMS SPRING CONCERT
Grades 5-8

Wednesday: Sports Day. Students may wear their favorite sports gear or shirts/sweatshirts promoting their favorite sports team. **ICE CREAM TREAT** **Jeans MAY be worn.**



Thursday: CRAZY/WACKY HAIR DAY! Students may wear a wig or "fancy" up their hair as they desire. (All must return to "normal" for Friday.) 😊 Jeans **MAY** be worn **End of day Raffle!**



7:00 PM: STMS SPRING CONCERT
Grades Pre-S - Grade 4

\$ 2.00 for the WHOLE WEEK!

Friday: RED T-SHIRTS (SPRING FEST T-SHIRTS IF PURCHASED) AND JEANS DAY!

1:30 PM 8TH GRADE VS STMS FACULTY IN VOLLEYBALL



SATURDAY

SPRING FEST FAMILY FUN NIGHT!!!!

3:00 - 9:00 PM IN THE GYM

LOTS OF ACTIVITIES & FOOD!!

RAFFLE TICKET DRAWINGS



SPECIAL THANKS TO MRS. CUSIMANO AND MRS. KLYCZEK FOR PLANNING THE WEEK

"Mr. Nordyke, what is the Tenebrae Prayer Service?"



"Tenebrae" is the name given to the service of Matins and Lauds belonging to the last three days of Holy Week. It differs, in many things, from the Office of the rest of the year. All is sad and mournful, as though it were a funeral service; nothing could more emphatically express the grief that now weighs down the heart of our holy Mother the Church. Throughout all the Office of Thursday, Friday and Saturday, she forbids herself the use of those formulas of joy and hope wherewith, on all other days, she begins her praise of God. Nothing is left but what is essential to the form of the Divine Office: psalms, lessons and chants expressive of grief. The tone of the whole Office is most noticeably mournful: the lessons taken from the Lamentations of Jeremiah, the omission of the *Gloria Patri*, of the *Te Deum*, and of blessings etc., so the darkness of these services seems to have been designedly chosen to mark the Church's desolation. The lessons from Jeremiah in the first Nocturn, those from the Commentaries of St. Augustine upon the Psalms in the second, and those from the Epistles of St. Paul in the third remain now as when we first hear of them in the eighth century.

The name "Tenebrae" has been given because this Office is celebrated in the hours of darkness, formerly in the evening or just after midnight, now the early morning hours. There is an impressive ceremony, peculiar to this Office, which tends to perpetuate its name. There is placed in the sanctuary, near the altar, a large triangular candlestick holding fifteen candles. At the end of each psalm or canticle, one of these fifteen candles is extinguished, but the one which is placed at the top of the triangle is left lighted. During the singing of the *Benedictus* (the Canticle of Zachary at the end of Lauds), six other candles on the altar are also put out. Then the master of ceremonies takes the lighted candle from the triangle and holds it upon the altar while the choir repeats the antiphon after the canticle, after which she hides it behind the altar during the recitation of the *Christus* antiphon and final prayer. As soon as this prayer is finished, a noise is made with the seats of the stalls in the choir, which continues until the candle is brought from behind the altar, and shows, by its light, that the Office of Tenebrae is over.



Let us now learn the meaning of these ceremonies. The glory of the Son of God was obscured and, so to say, eclipsed, by the ignominies He endured during His Passion. He, the Light of the world, powerful in word and work, Who but a few days ago was proclaimed King by the citizens of Jerusalem, is now robbed of all his honors. He is, says Isaiah, the Man of sorrows, a leper (Isaiah 53:3,4). He is, says the royal prophet, a worm of the earth, and no man (Psalm 21:7). He is, as He says of himself, an object of shame even to his own disciples, for they are all scandalized in him (Mark 14:27) and abandon Him; yea, even Peter protests that he never knew Him. This desertion on the part of His apostles and disciples is expressed by the candles being extinguished, one after the other, not only on the triangle, but on the altar itself. But Jesus, our Light, though despised and hidden, is not extinguished. This is signified by the candle which is momentarily placed on the altar; it symbolizes our Redeemer suffering and dying on Calvary. In order to express His burial, the candle is hidden behind the altar; its light disappears. A confused noise is heard in the house of God, where all is now darkness. This noise and gloom express the convulsions of nature when Jesus expired on the cross: the earth shook, the rocks were split, the dead came forth from their tombs. But the candle suddenly reappears; its light is as fair as ever. The noise is hushed, and homage is paid to the Conqueror of death.

S.T.M. LUNCH MENU – WEEK OF APRIL 5, 2010

Daily Ala Cartes: Salads—Large-\$2.25; Small-\$1.80 Yogurt--\$0.70 Milk--\$0.45

Monday, April 5

No School



Tuesday, April 6

Corn Dog
Potato Wedges
Green Beans
Peaches
Ice Cream
Milk

Ala Carte: Corn Dog \$1.20

Wednesday, April 7

Mini Sub Sandwich
Shredded Lettuce
Celery Sticks & Dip
Pretzels
Applesauce or Fruit
Milk

Ala Carte: Sandwich \$1.50

Tuesday Volunteers

Cathy Lyons
Ann Dicarlo
Penny Covelli

Wednesday Volunteers

Cheryl Peters
Chris Balbo
Jan Rademacher

Thursday, April 8

Taco Salad
Carrot Sticks
Pears
Corn Muffin
Milk

Friday, April 9

Hot Pretzel w/Cheese
Yogurt Cup
Salad
Pineapple Tidbits
Brownie
Milk

Ala Carte: Pretzel \$1.20



HE IS RISEN!!!

Thursday Volunteers

Joy Chronowski
Anita Hemingway
Susan Bleza

Friday Volunteers

Melissa Reardon
Martha Smith
Jane Mrvan

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Menu subject to change.

Hot Lunch Prices: Student - \$1.85/day 5 days - \$9.25 20 days - \$37.00
Adult - \$2.50/day

Cash or checks made out to STM are accepted.

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.

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.**

Students should turn in payment in a SEALED envelope labeled with the following information:

Lunch Money, Student First and Last Name, Teacher Name, Amount Enclosed

E-mail Mrs. Murray for lunch account balance inquiries: lmurray@stm-school.com

Remember to check Edline for the monthly menu and the cafeteria volunteer list.

'Twas the Night Before Easter

'Twas the Night Before Easter!

'Twas the night before Easter on
Internet Lane;
From New York, to Russia, spring
Holidaze reigned!
Computers were linking from
Disney to space;
And folks were resolving the
Easter Egg case!
The kids were entranced by a
techno-theme,
While visions of dinos appeared on
the screen!
And Mom dyed the eggs, while I
searched the Net,
For flowers to send her--or in
trouble I'd get!!
When swiftly, my Mac began such
a clatter,
The mouse shrieked in horror,
"Netscape!--what's the matter!"
Away to my window, I jumped
with great speed;
A break for sore eyes, I surely did
need!
I saw flowers of spring beginning
to bloom,
I welcomed the view from my
computer room!
When what to my wondering eyes,
did I see,

But a Stranger stooped low, on bended
knee.
With a quick glance I knew 'twas a
backflash of time,
I envisioned the form of my Savior
Divine.
More rapid than eagles, my memory
raced,
To another time and another place.
Where Christ, Lord of all, called each
one by name--
"Follow Me," was His Word, and they
willingly came.
They watched Him perform deeds of
wondrous love;
They knew His power came from God
above.
Yet we (you and me, folks!) just led him
to die;
In the dark of a tomb our Savior did lie.
But then in another flash of great power,
I saw Him arise--death conquered that
hour!
He was robed all in white, with radiant
glow;
He stood in great splendor, this Savior I
know.
His eyes with loving compassion shown,
I knew in that moment I need ne'er be
alone.
His hands were outstretched as this One
bid me come;

The work of redemption forever
done.
I stood there in silence, in humble
awe,
As the Reason of Easter I now
clearly saw.
Then quickly as the scenes had
appeared,
They faded--I felt not one moment
of fear.
I bowed low in worship; earth's
sight now so dim;
I had seen Easter's meaning; I had
been there with Him.
As I saw Him, with faith's eyes,
lifted above,
The night before Easter was filled
with pure love.
And I heard him exclaim as He rose
out of sight,
**"A Blessed Easter to all! I have
conquered your night!"**



A few years ago a group of salesmen went to a regional sales convention in Chicago. They had assured their wives that they would be home in plenty of time for Friday night's dinner. In their rush, with tickets and briefcases, one of these salesmen inadvertently kicked over a table which held a display of baskets of apples. Apples flew everywhere. Without stopping or looking back, they all managed to reach the plane in time for their nearly missed boarding.

All but one. He paused, took a deep breath, got in touch with his feelings, and experienced a twinge of compassion for the girl whose apple stand had been overturned. He told his buddies to go on without him, waved good-bye, told one of them to call his wife when they arrived at their home destination and explain his taking a later flight.

Then he returned to the terminal where the apples were all over the terminal floor. He was glad he did. The 16 year old girl was totally blind! She was softly crying, tears running down her cheeks in frustration, and at the same time helplessly groping for her spilled produce as the crowd swirled about her, no one stopping, and no one to care for her.

The salesman knelt on the floor with her, gathered up the apples, put them into the baskets, and helped set the display up once more. As he did this, he noticed that many of them had become battered and bruised; these he set aside in another basket.

When he had finished, he pulled out his wallet and said to the girl, "Here, please take this \$20 for the damage we did. Are you okay?"

She nodded through her tears. He continued on with, "I hope we didn't spoil your day too badly."

As the salesman started to walk away, the bewildered blind girl called out to him, "Mister . . ." He paused and turned to look back into those blind eyes. She continued, "Are you Jesus?"

He stopped in mid stride, and he wondered. Then slowly he made his way to catch the later flight with that question burning and bouncing about in his soul: "Are you Jesus?"

Do people mistake you for Jesus? That's our destiny, is it not? To be so much like Jesus that people can not tell the difference as we live and interact with a world that is blind to His love, life and grace. If we claim to know Him, we should live, walk and act as He would. Knowing Him is more than simply quoting Scripture and going to church. It's actually living the Word as life unfolds day to day.

You are the apple of His eye even though we, too, have been bruised by a fall. He stopped what He was doing and picked you and me up on a hill called Calvary and paid in full for our damaged fruit. Let us live like we are worth the price He paid.

Nasco "Sketchables" Art Contest

National Competition



The students' postcard designs were also entered into a separate competition at STM in which Gillian Urbaniak, seventh grade student, won the **Grand Prize**.

Congratulations Gillian!

Nasco is a national art competition for aspiring young artists, which annually sponsors the "Sketchables" Art Contest in which STM students from 4th through 8th grades participated. Every student in these grades designed a postcard, which was entered into this national competition.

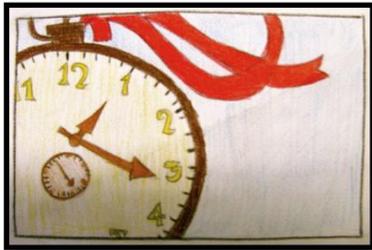
The winners will be announced in the Nasco 2011 catalog.

National Finalists will be awarded the following:

*First Place \$100 and award
Second Place \$75 and award
Third Place \$50 and award*

STM Competition

4th –8th Grade First Place Postcard Winners



8th Grade: Angelica Perez



7th Grade: Alyssa Anglin



6th Grade: Tim Krajci



5th Grade: Alex Raycroft

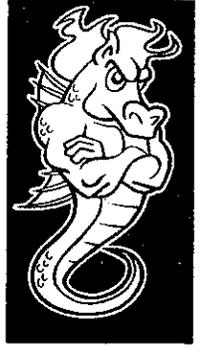


4th Grade: Jaycee Helmer

THE MUNSTER SWIM CLUB

ANNOUNCES

SIGN-UPS FOR THE 2010 SPRING/SUMMER SEASON



Be Part of the Richest Tradition in all of MUNSTER!

We have a level for everyone from a 2 day a week non-competitive group
to 5 day competitive groups

**Wednesday, April 7th and Thursday April 8th
5:30-7:30 p.m.**

At the Munster High School Front Entrance (proceed straight back, we are outside the
pool near the athletic office)

New swimmers must be able to complete two pool lengths, your choice stroke, in a brief
evaluation swim. Bring a suit and goggles. Separate checks will be required for club
dues and participation. A brief orientation will be provided to all new families.

PRACTICE TIMES AS FOLLOWS:

WHILE SCHOOL IS STILL IN SESSION: April 14th-June 4th practices begin at 5:15 pm

ONCE SCHOOL IS OUT-- June 7th-late July:

2 DAY Red: 11 am-12 pm (Mon and Wed)

4 DAY Red: 11 am -12 pm (M-Thurs)

White: 9:45-11:15 am (M-Fri)

Gold/Black: 8 -10 am (M- Fri) and 6:30-8:15 pm (M,T,Th)

TRAINING FEES:

2 DAY Non-competitive RED: \$100

4 DAY RED SEAHORSES: \$185

WHITE SEAHORSES: \$270

BLACK SEAHORSES: \$350

GOLD SEAHORSES: \$400 (discounts for families with multiple swimmers)

Questions? Call one of our Board Members:

- Dave Blocher 801-4404
- Janet Bieniak 972-0986
- Diane Beckman 838-1448
- Kelly Wakefield 838-4938
- Athena Svolos 924-8022
- OR Head Coach: matthewalee@comcast.net

PLEASE visit our website at www.munsterseahorses.org

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