

St. Mary's School

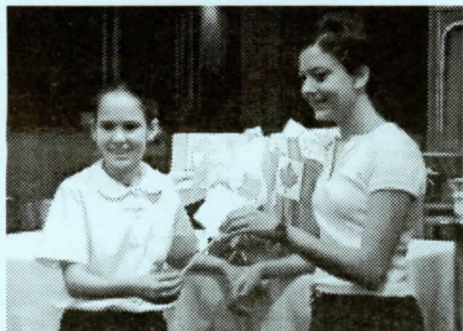
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UNITED WE STAND

Ms. Miranda Chaimbrone, an eighth grade student of St. Mark's School in Sault Ontario presented Ms. Claire Belevender, a student of St. Mary's School in Sault Michigan, approximately 50 Canadian flags with messages of "Good Will" written on the backs.



The flags were presented after the St. Mary's School children's Mass on Thursday. Mrs. Maria Farney, Principal at St. Mary's School, introduced Michael Currier, Principal of St. Mark's, who explained that the flags were our Canadian neighbors way of saying, "You are not alone."

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT

St Mary's School has been invited to participate in a Teacher's Assistant Program with Japan. This would be a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn about the culture of Japan. We will need a family volunteer to host this intern for a period of 3-6 months. The Internship Program pays a small compensation to the family. Please call the office if you are interested in being a host.

SPAGHETTI DINNER TRADITION CONTINUES

Our first spaghetti dinner of the new school year sponsored by the Kindergarten class was a success - thanks to all who attended. Thank you to all the Kindergarten parents for their delicious desserts - what a tremendous response! Thanks to Kindergarten parent, Ed Cook, for the Neville's hamburger donation. Special thanks, as always, to the volunteers involved with the dinner. You are greatly appreciated.

Next month's spaghetti dinner will be sponsored by the First Grade. Join us in the Clubroom for dine-in or take-out on October 25.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL CALENDAR

(First Semester)

October 12	Fall Teacher Inservice
October 15-19	Terra Nova Testing
October 23	School Board Meeting
October 25	Spaghetti Dinner
October 27	Halloween Carnival
November 6	Home & School Meeting
November 6	End of First Marking Period
November 13,14	Parent Teacher Conference (Dismissal at 11:30 a.m.)
November 21	(Dismissal at 11:30 a.m.)
Nov 22 & 23	Thanksgiving Break
November 27	School Board Meeting
November 29	Spaghetti Dinner
December 4	Home & School Meeting
Dec. 24 - Jan. 1	Christmas Break
January 18	Teacher Work Day
January 21	End of Marking Period and 1 st Semester
January 22	School Board Meeting
January 24	Spaghetti Dinner

FUND RAISING EVENTS SET

The following is a tentative list of the fund raising events to look for at St. Mary's School:

Halloween Carnival	October 27, 2001 Chair: Ann Lasecki
Jackpot Raffle	November 2001 Chair: Kerry O'Connor
Pancake Breakfast	January 27, 2002
Catholic Schools Week	Chair: Mary Jo DuVall
Book Fair	January 27, 2002
Ice Cream Social	May 2002
Rummage Sale	Chair: Robbin Manor
Golf Scramble	May 2002
	Chair: Ann Lasecki
	July 6, 2002
	Chair: Parker McCauley and J.P. Shuurhuis

Remember other sources of income for St. Mary's School include: Big G Box Tops, Family Fare, Inc., Campbell's Soup Labels, Target, Wreath Sale, Gordon Food Service, Land's End and Tyson Chicken.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

One week into the new school year we experienced a national tragedy that left the world dumbfounded yet, in the midst of such a tragedy, we were able to find comfort in our daily school routine and in the relationships established within our school and church community. As we shared our thoughts, our sorrows, and concerns with others, it became easier to cope with the sense of loss and grief. Our daily school routine provided the stability that our children needed to deal with the many emotions involved after this sad event. Being together during morning prayer, weekly Mass, meals and playtime, was a healing agent for many of us and a reassurance for our children that God is in control. Even in the midst of tragedy, there is so much for which to be thankful!

Our school has come so far since the day it reopened its doors in 1993. This summer we experienced many positive developments within our school, which I would like to share with you and for which we are so grateful. First of all, for the first time in the short history of our school, all of the classroom teachers have returned to teach at St. Mary's School. What a great sign of stability and success! Another significant accomplishment is the completion of a written curriculum for all areas of our program. This process began three years ago and now we can enjoy the product of a coherent curriculum tailored for our school and featuring clear standards and outcomes.

Another new development is the expansion of our computer lab. We added 12 Pentium computers to our existing I-Macs. These Pentiums were a donation. Our computer lab now has a total of 24 computers, enough to fit an entire class at one time. We have internet connectivity for all computers and for every classroom. We created a new classroom in order to fit this growing laboratory and in order to expand our library.

Our French program continues to be very strong and provides our eighth grade graduates with the opportunity to take French II in High School. We also continue to offer Algebra I to our middle school students so that they have the opportunity to enter an advanced Algebra class once they graduate. For the second year in a row, we have a priest teaching religion to our middle school students. What a unique opportunity this is for our students. Thank you Father Ted and Father Sebastian for your dedication! We are so fortunate... so many blessings!

May God continue to bless all of our 138 students and their families. May God also bless all of the parishioners who support this great endeavor financially as well as with their prayers. Catholic Schools are proven to be the most effective vehicle to leave a legacy of our Faith. We thank the Lord every day for the existence of St. Mary's School!

— Maria Farney
Principal

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ST. MARY'S SCHOOL SERVICE COUNCIL

Service Council is a selected group of student leaders who choose, plan, and conduct with their student body, community service projects that improve the surrounding area or the lives of area residents.

The goal of Service Council is not only to do good work in the community but to also instill the idea of charity in young people in a "hands on" way that will be carried with them for years to come.

This year, a panel of 12 students were selected from those interested in leading this effort. Members of the Service Council are expected to attend regular meetings and actively participate in the planning process of the Council's projects.

This will be an exciting new adventure for all involved. St. Mary's School is proud to offer this important lesson to its students.

Congratulations to those students who were selected.

OUR LOVED ONES

The 6th grade students were asked to write a poem about "loved ones." The stories that were turned in are printed here.

MY DAD

Most special Dad
I love him
Caring
Honest
A great dad
Everyone's friend
Loving

— Submitted by Derek Wilds

MY OLD FRIEND

I once had a Friend that was filled with joy.
I once had a Friend and his name was Roy.
I once had a Friend, who'd shave his face clean.
I once had a Friend, that was really mean.
I once had a Friend who stole my bag lunch.
I once had a Friend who was quick to the punch.
I once had a Friend, who would laugh when I fell.
I once had a Friend, who was no Friend at all.

— Mark Carney

LIFE

My heart is too sad to speak
Why must it happen to them,
Why should it happen to anyone,
I guess it's just life.

Its tough sometimes to think
"Hey I once knew that person."
But now that they're gone,
I can't say that anymore.

Oh why did you have to leave,
Now the world doesn't seem right,
It seems like I've lost you somehow,
But yet I don't know.

And so today it still remains a mystery,
An unsolved mystery,
Why someone that could do so much,
Is taken from the world.

— Mia Shawhan

••••• GOLF SCRAMBLE NEWS •••••

St. Mary's Catholic School would like to sincerely thank everyone who helped make this years golf scramble a success. A special thanks to all the golfers, volunteers and sponsors whose generous support helps make faith based education a choice for our children. We would also like to thank Laura Kempfert, Jim Sipes, Mike Smith, and the staff at the country club for giving us the "Royal Treatment." Mark your calendars for **Next Years Scramble—scheduled for Saturday, July 6th 2002.**

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PRAYER FOR PEACE

O God, Creator of the Universe, Who extends your paternal concern over every creature and guides the events of history to the goal of salvation, we acknowledge your fatherly love when you break the resistance of mankind and in a world torn by strife and discord, you make us ready for reconciliation. Renew for us the wonders of your mercy; send forth your Spirit that He may work in the intimacy of hearts, that enemies may begin to dialogue, that adversaries may shake hands and people may encounter one another in harmony. May all commit themselves to the sincere search for true peace which will extinguish all arguments, for charity which overcomes hatred, for patience which disarms revenge.

— Pope John Paul II

HOME & SCHOOL REPORT

The first Home & School Association meeting was held on October 2, 2001. We had a wonderful turnout of old and new parents alike. Some facts about the Home & School Association we'd like to share with you:

- Last year the Home & School Association, through the hard work and dedication of all parents, raised over \$25,000 (75% of that which goes to the St. Mary's School Board);
- The Home & School Association was able to purchase every item that was requested on the teachers' wish list;
- Through Partners Communication we were able to provide each classroom with internet access and a pa phone system;
- We sponsored the Youth for Christ presentation;
- We allotted \$100.00 disbursement for film and processing for the yearbook;
- Gave each classroom \$200.00 for start-up monies for supplies, etc.;
- That with the success of the monthly spaghetti dinners an additional \$300 per classroom was designated/dispensed to each classroom for their projects, supplies and end of the year activities;
- That from the spaghetti dinner money, each class donated 25% of their money to a charity of their choice, i.e. St. Vincent DePaul and St. Joseph's food pantry were among the charities;
- If you attend the Home & School Association meetings you obtain service hours;
- This year, purchases were made for the new modified basketball hoops, walkie talkies for outdoor recess and after school dismissal, just to name a few;

Come and join us on November 6, 2001. We'd love to hear your ideas and have your input. Thanks to Gordon Food Service for providing the delicious pies for everyone to enjoy after the meeting.

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and light for my path."

— Psalm 119:105.

GET TO KNOW...

Sue Ellen Michels has joined the St. Mary's staff as Kindergarten Aide. She is a native of Rogers City, Michigan and a 1975 graduate of Alper Community College. She was employed at LSSU as a secretary/receptionist for several years. She and her husband, Dr. Frederick Michels, Vice Provost at LSSU, have two children—Heidi, a 2001 graduate of Sault High who is currently attending Grand Valley State University, and Mark, a freshman at Sault High. Mrs. Michels' interests include walking, reading, cooking, visiting shut-ins, cross country skiing and family activities. She very much enjoys working with the children and staff at St. Mary's.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to teach the truths of the Roman Catholic Church to our children to build faith, character, and sound, unwavering morals based on the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Magisterium of the Church.

We believe in the pursuit of the truth through a positive and nurturing learning environment and a solid academic education. Our long-term goal is to contribute to the formation of adult leaders who are prepared to transform the world by being authentic followers of Christ and beacons of the Truth.

WE ARE PROUD

We would like to thank Mr. Aldrich for donating religious pins to all the students and staff at St. Mary's School. These pins were attached to red, white and blue ribbons which were donated by Don Bentley, a parent at St. Mary's School. This small gesture of solidarity and patriotism has meant so much to our students.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

I've listened to people talk about the attack on America and how everyone felt. I listened occasionally to the news coverage about the terrorist attack. The evening of Friday, September 14, I watched the Memorial Service held at the National Cathedral in Washington D.C. I started crying while I was listening to this service. Crying because of the senseless loss of so many lives. By the end of the memorial service, I was crying because of the joy I felt. At that service, there were many different religions represented. Many different religions that believe in the One True God. I felt total joy because God brought so many Christians together. I have never, in my lifetime, heard more people talk about praying than I did after the terrorist attack. Seeing so many heads of Government at this service, praying, singing and listening to God's Word together, made me think that maybe, just maybe, the division between Government and Religion will start to swing back to the way it was when the United States was formed. When the song "God Bless America" was written, when our National Anthem was written, "One Nation Under God," and when our currency was made "In God We Trust."

The St. Mary's Catholic School Board started the 2001-2002 school year by welcoming our new Board Members from St. Joseph Parish at a celebration Mass followed by dinner on June 26, 2001. Lyle Peck, Jane Scheid and Laura Shawhan from St. Joseph's started their three (3) year term on July 1, 2001.

The beginning of the school year started out very smoothly with all teachers returning from last year. This reflects greatly on the students, the teachers and administration in providing a peaceful, stable environment for our children. Enrollment is 138 students in grades K-8.

The transition to the Smart Program for tuition collection has gone very well. All families have either registered with the Smart Program or paid their tuition in full before school started on September 4, 2001.

We elected officers for the School Board on July 24, 2001. President: Susan Wilds; Vice President: Margaret Henningan; Treasurer: Diane Harrington; Secretary: Jane Scheid.

The finance, policy, development and curriculum committees met several times over the summer months preparing for a new school year. We have some very dedicated individuals on these committees. If anyone is interested in participating on a certain committee, please contact me at 635-9907.

Remember parental and parishioner involvement is the key to our success for Catholic Education in our community. God Bless America.

—Susan Wilds, School Board President

LOOKING FOR SPONSORS!

Would you like to see your name in this newsletter? For \$100.00 (a tax deductible contribution), you can! Please contact Laura Shawhan at 632-0408 or the school office at 635-6141. Thank you.

DONATIONS

A special thank you to the following benefactors:

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May God Bless you for your continued support of St. Mary's School.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Help St. Mary's Catholic School celebrate its upcoming 10th Anniversary. Our community, faith, families and parents have dedicated themselves to providing our youth the opportunity to nurture spirituality, education, leadership and integrity.

We invite you to not only become an instrument in Catholic Education, but a part of the Legacy that supports this worthwhile project of importance, for this generation and the next.

Our annual fund drive is in full swing! Yes, I support Catholic Education with my contribution to St Mary's Catholic School.

Mail donations to St. Mary's Catholic School, 360 Maple Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI.

\$1,000	Archangels
\$ 500	Thrones
\$ 250	Seraphim
\$ 100	Cherubim
\$ 50	Dominations
\$ 25	Virtues
—	Others

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

The St. Mary's annual Halloween Carnival will be held on Saturday, October 27, 2001 from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. There will be games, prizes, pop, popcorn, candy and lots of ghoulish fun! Put on your best Halloween costume and come and trick or treat with us.

COLOR DAY

This year, once again the students at St. Mary's School will participate in "Color Day." Once each month, the students are allowed to wear casual attire in exchange for a donation that is used for charity. On September 21st, the students at St. Mary's School held a special "color day" for the families and victims of the September 11th bombing. The students collected \$300.00 which will go to Catholic Charities USA and will be distributed through Human Services for Grief Counseling and Emergency Financial Assistance for families and communities in New York City, Washington D.C. and West Pennsylvania.

The students will continue to fulfill their obligation with Esvin Salalopez, the child the school sponsors from El Salvador, with their regular color day throughout the year.

KINDERGARTEN: NEW BEGINNINGS

There are a lot of new things in Kindergarten this year. We have twenty-three new little faces eager to learn and grow here at St. Mary's. I'm very pleased with this group! Each day with them brings a new joy for me. We also have two wonderful helpers. Mrs. Michels is our new kindergarten aide. I don't know what I would get done without her. She truly is a blessing. Mrs. Burford, our wonderful school secretary, is taking some time to share in our Religion. Mrs. Burford leaves the busy office for a short time each morning to present our lessons/activities with the Kindergarten. We appreciate her time and feel fortunate to have her.

The Kindergarten also has desks this year. Yes, desks. We are really moving up in the world. We have a new Language Arts program and Handwriting program. We are thoroughly enjoying them! We have a lot to be thankful for this year. We look forward to our upcoming months with hope and great anticipation.

PRAYER FOR VICTIMS

Holy Lord, almighty and eternal God, hear our prayers for your servants, whom you have summoned out of this world. Forgive their sins and failings and grant them a place of refreshment, light and peace. Let them pass unharmed through the gates of death to dwell with the blessed in light, as you promised to Abraham and his children for ever. Accept them into your safekeeping and on the great day of judgment raise them up with all the saints to inherit your eternal kingdom.

Lord our God, you are always faithful and quick to show mercy. Our brothers and sisters were suddenly and violently taken from us. Come swiftly to their aid, have mercy on them and comfort their families and friends by the power and protection of the Cross.

THANK YOU

A special thank you to Chuck Fabry from Soo Welding for getting the flag pole back in working order. A special thank you also to Dennis Farney for donating the flag that once flew over the Coast Guard Air Station Chicago, which is now closed.

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