

# Home and School Association Newsletter



**April/May 2011**

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## **A message from our President:**

Greetings! So many busy and exciting things are going on at St. Mary's these days! The warmer weather brings opportunities for outdoor fun ~~ and work! If you haven't already seen it, visit our Facebook page for the first picture of the Rosary Garden being developed behind the school. "Thank You" to Mrs. Jasper, Mrs. Stafford and Mrs. Zell for heading up this project, as well as all the others who have been working hard. There is more to be done, so it's not too late to get involved!

Here are just some of the HSA-related things coming up:

>> Rosary Garden plant donations ~~ send in the permission slip if you'd like your child to bring home a plant donation card listing a type of plant needed! (Please send plants or monetary donations by Tues, April 19)

>> Rosary Garden planting day ~~ Thurs, April 21 (Holy Thursday) at early dismissal ~~ come on back to the garden to help with the planting!

>> Teacher Appreciation Week ~~ May 2-6 ~~ be sure to thank ours awesome teachers this week!

>> Field Day ~~ Friday, May 6 ~~ watch for info about how you can help with this fun-filled day!

>> Middle School Dance ~~ Friday, May 6 ~~ Mardi Gras fun for our MS students and friends!

>> HSA Meeting / Spring Program / Pig Roast ~~ Friday, May 13 ~~ more to come about this year-end event!

On another note, THANK YOU to everyone who has helped with any of the fundraising we've done this year. In addition to the ongoing expenses the HSA helps to support (classroom expenses, library, computer lab, etc.), we have several exciting new projects made possible by these funds:

\*\*\* Music Program >> Mrs. Watkins has ordered 2 Clarinets, 2 Flutes, 2 Trombones, and 2 Trumpets for the music program. We will also purchase and set up appropriate storage to keep these items safe and available for the students to use.

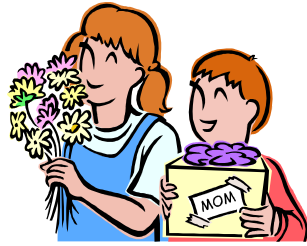
\*\*\* Rosary Garden >> As mentioned above, this work is underway and very exciting! HSA funds are being used for much of the structure of the garden along with other donations of those items, too.

\*\*\* Beautification Project >> Having begun with the painting done on the front and sides of the building, this work is set to move forward now that funds have been raised by the School Board through the Mardi Gras Dinner Dance, and donated to the HSA for this purpose. It will proceed in additional phases, including painting the remainder of the school, enclosing the area of stain-glassed windows on the front of the building (which leak and cannot be repaired), restructuring the pillars and eaves along the front of the building, and more. Watch for a revised illustration of this plan, necessary to address structural issues with the sketch currently in the front of the school.

Let's end this year with a BANG!

~~ Jill

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*Mother's Day, Father's Day, Graduations,  
weddings, showers, confirmations,  
communions.....*

*All of these spring occasions that call for  
gifts are PERFECT opportunities  
for GIFT CARDS!*

*These are also PERFECT opportunities to  
support St. Mary's and buy your gift cards  
from our SCRIPS program!*

*Send in your order on Monday morning  
and have them by Friday afternoon!*

*How easy is that...no lines, no running  
around town especially with gas prices  
going up and up!*

*Put in your Spring Celebrations order  
today!*



**Only 2 more restaurant fundraisers left!!**

**We will meet at Cici's for both of them!**

**April 15<sup>th</sup> (note date change!) and**

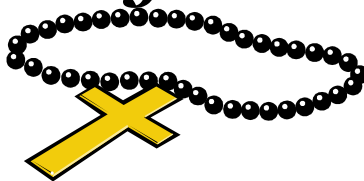
**May 11<sup>th</sup>**

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***Mark your calendars:***

***Holy Thursday (April 21<sup>st</sup>) afternoon***

***Come and help create St. Mary's  
Rosary Garden!***



***Bring your shovels, gloves and  
donated plants!***

**MAY 13<sup>th</sup>**

**A VERY IMPORTANT DATE**

**“PIG ROAST” Family Barbeque**



**LAST HSA Meeting of the year**

**Introduction of NEW HSA OFFICERS**



**SPRING DRAMA PRODUCTION**

**“Peter Pan”**



**IT WILL BE AN EVENING FULL OF FUN  
THAT  
YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS!**



## ***Teacher Appreciation Week*** ***May 2-6, 2011***

***HSA is busy planning special treats for our teachers and staff during this week, however it would be great if you want to do something to show your appreciation also!***

### **COMING SOON**

**Proposed HSA By-Law Revisions will be in your Brown Folder on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Please vote on these and return to school by May 11<sup>th</sup>. Results will be announced at the BBQ on May 13<sup>th</sup>.**

**This is such a busy time of year! Are you having trouble keeping up with what is next? Check for newsletters, coming events and pictures on our facebook page or our website:**

**[www.stmaryscatholicschool.com](http://www.stmaryscatholicschool.com)**

**Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless. ~Sherry Anderson**



## A note from your In-school Volunteer Coordinators

Teacher Appreciation week is May 2-May 6 and we all love our SMCS teachers! Volunteers will be needed to assist with planning and food. Also, we are looking for volunteers to assist with the Pig Roast - which is really just a family picnic (no actual pig will be roasted). We will need people to help set up/clean up and serve food, etc. If you are able to help out with either of these opportunities, please contact either myself or Kayce German.

Sincerely,  
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*Are you beginning to think about your summer vacation?*

*Our faculty and staff are a well-traveled bunch, you may ask them for some suggestions!*

*Did you know that:*

*-Mrs. Jasper, Newsom, Kerchief, Thom, Moran, and Volkman have all visited Europe*

*-Mrs. Moran, Kerchief, Stiglich, Thom, and Newsom have all visited Mexico*

*-Mrs. Bissell and Mrs. Thom have visited Korea and Mrs. Bissell has also been to Japan*

*-Together our teachers have been to nearly every state! Thus, they are a wealth of travel information! Enjoy!*