



# HOME SCHOOL CONNECTION

JANUARY 2010

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JANUARY

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a restful vacation!

Our second open **HSA meeting** will be on Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> in the gym. Guest speaker will be **Dr. Cristina Santos-Tomas**, a pediatric dentist in Newington. Hope to see you there!



**Family Games Night** is Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 in the gym! Come in from the cold and join us for two hours of family fun. Pizza and drinks will be available for purchase. Feel free to bring along your family's favorite board games, and make sure to wear matching socks for the hallway Twister tournament! ☺ More information will be sent home with your child soon.

A reminder...grocery cards for both Stop & Shop and Shaw's are available at the school every Thursday. It costs you nothing "extra" to shop this way...but a percentage of your purchase goes directly to our school! Stop by the scrip table in the gym between 8:00 and 8:30 am, or between 2:15 and 2:45 pm. You may also send in your order with payment each Thursday morning, and the cards will be sent home with your child.

## ON THE HORIZON

Back by popular demand...we're offering a **second Yankee Candle fundraiser** this year! For those of you who prefer candles to candy, look for the new spring catalog to be sent home with your child on Valentine's Day. Later in March, you'll also have the opportunity to participate in our annual **Butter braids fundraiser**, as well as our new **Munson's chocolate fundraiser**.

Our **second annual Wine Tasting & Silent Auction** will be held on Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Please give some thought over the coming month to any new goods or services your family might be willing to donate to the auction. Keep in mind that 100% of the proceeds of this event go to Saint Mary School, and your gift is tax-deductible.



 SPOTLIGHT THANK YOU

A very special thank you to Anna Kubish and all of her parent volunteers for hosting another successful Christmas Shopping Day! Thanks also to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class for their help wrapping gifts!

## FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Just a reminder that our HSA candy sale fundraiser is ongoing. These 52-piece variety boxes may be purchased for \$52.00 each, and bars are resold at \$1.00 each. Your family will earn \$26.00 toward their fundraising for each box sold! E-mail Kara Russell at the.russell.family@cox.net by February 1st, and indicate the number of boxes you'd like to sell next month.



Within the next week or so, you will receive a fundraising update indicating how much your family has raised to date. We'll also detail the remaining fundraisers that will help you reach your family's obligation. We hope this will help you plan how best to reach your fundraising goal. As always, if you have any questions, feel free to contact us at [hsa@stmarynewington.com](mailto:hsa@stmarynewington.com).