



# HOME SCHOOL CONNECTION

SEPTEMBER 2009

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SEPTEMBER

Welcome back, everyone, and welcome to our new families! It was great to see so many families at our Ice Cream Social last week. What a great way to kick off the new school year!

Our annual [Welcome Back Pancake Lunch](#) will be held this Friday, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>. All students will be treated to pancakes, sausage, and watermelon, compliments of HSA. Students may bring a bagged lunch to school if they prefer.

This Friday also kicks off our [Yankee Candle Fundraiser!](#) The scented catalogs will be sent home with your child, and order forms are due back by Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>. We bumped up this year's sale dates in response to parent requests, so delivery will be earlier than last year!

[Meet the Teachers Night](#) is Thursday, Sept. 10 at 6:30. That evening, HSA will unveil our new Scrip program. This easy, no-cost fundraiser lets you put your grocery bill to work for SMS! Stop by the table in the front lobby that night for more information.

Please plan to join us for our [first HSA meeting](#) on Wednesday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the gym. We'll be giving an overview of our events calendar, and the meeting will feature guest speaker Elaine Weber, our school nurse, who will offer advice about some pertinent health concerns, including the H1N1 virus. As always, parents who attend the meeting will receive dress-down passes for their children!

## ON THE HORIZON

Mark your calendars for our [2nd annual Scholastic Book Fair and Homemade Cookie Challenge](#) on Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Our distinguished panel of judges will recognize winners from among student and faculty bakers...so start working on your best recipes now! Details about the competition will be sent home with your child soon.

Be sure to save the date for this year's [BOO BASH](#)...Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>!

## FATHER JOE'S CORNER

*Dear Parents & Friends of St. Mary School*

*Welcome back to our returning faculty and students! Welcome to our new students and families! Thank you all for entrusting your children to our school! It can be a tremendous sacrifice to provide a Catholic Education for your children and I thank you for choosing St. Mary as your child's school.*

*The education your child receives within the school is only part of their faith formation. As pastor, I am concerned not only with your son or daughter developing a relationship with God and the Church but I am also here to help you, the parent or guardian continuing your personal faith formation as well. In the months and years ahead, I look forward to teaching your families about the rich traditions of Catholicism as well as dialogue with members of other faith traditions who also bring their children to St. Mary School. Reverence for God and respect for different worship communities allow us all to grow in wisdom and understanding.*

*I invite you to participate in the life of our school and parish by joining old friends and new in the spiritual, social and educational opportunities here in the St. Mary Parish Family.*

*Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything I can do for you or your family. I can be reached through the school office, the rectory or by email at [frjfk@aol.com](mailto:frjfk@aol.com).*

*God Bless!*

*Fr. Joe Keough  
Pastor  
St. Mary Parish*

## SPOTLIGHT THANK YOU

Thanks to Laura and Chelsea Morelli for their help at the Welcome Back Ice Cream Social!

## FUNDRAISING UPDATE

This year's HSA candy sale fundraiser will be ongoing. This means that parents may contact HSA by the first of each month (beginning in October) to request boxed candy to sell. 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! The fall sports season is a great time to sell candy, so e-mail your requests to Kara Russell at [the.russell.family@cox.net](mailto:the.russell.family@cox.net) by October 1st, and indicate the number of boxes you'd like us to purchase for your family.

