

# Principal's Newsletter

Mrs. Cynthia Boyle, Principal  
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## Cross Country Team

St. Mary's is alive with activity each day after school. Our dynamic SMS cross country team has been filled with enthusiasm and spirit as they jog through their trails. The last meet of the season for our 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders will be this Thursday in Gloucester. Please join me in congratulating all the boys and girls who participated in this newly established team. It has been a wonderful experience for all students involved. Special thanks to our coaches Martha Murphy, Jane Murray, Amanda MacKay and Cecilia Makovec for their time and talent.

**Members of the cross country track team are ready to start.**



### Veterans Day Charity

In honor of Veterans Day, SMS is sponsoring a drive in honor of the men and women who have served our country. Please consider donating.

- New toothbrushes
- New white socks
- New tee shirts
- Soap and other toiletries

There will be a collection box in the front hall of the main building. Thank you for your consideration toward our veterans.

## Octoberfest

On Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> the Student Council has planned an Octoberfest celebration in Mary Foley Park. Teachers will take their classes over to enjoy the

fun for one class period during the day. It is a great way to celebrate Halloween. Octoberfest will be a dress down day. Students may bring a \$1.00 donation and wear black & orange. Donations will go to the Servants Heart Food Pantry for Thanksgiving purchase.



## Basketball Begins

Our basketball program begins next week. St. Mary's School sponsors seven teams for both girls and boys. The schedules will be posted as soon as they are available. Come to the games if you want to enjoy good talent and school spirit at its best.

### Open House

St. Mary's School will have an Open House on Thursday evening November 17<sup>th</sup> from 6- 7:30 pm for new and prospective families for the 2012-2013 school year. If you know of friends or neighbors who are looking at schools please let them know. Our parents are our best form of advertisement.

# Servant's Heart Pantry

The Servants Heart Food Pantry is extremely grateful for our contributions. Please send in your donation by Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Donations for the Servants Heart Food Pantry for the month of November are as follows:

**PreK & K- Brownie Mix**



**Grade 1- Jelly**

**Grade 2- Beef Stew**

**Grade 3—Corn Beef Hash**

**Grade 4-Hamburger Helper**

**Grade 5-Rice-A-Roni**

**Grade 6 -Spaghetti Sauce**

**Grades 7 & 8- Juice**

## PTO Events

On Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> the PTO will be sponsoring a Halloween Party at the Masonic Hall from 12-2. There will be fun-filled activities for all to enjoy. We hope to see you there.

Thank you to all who participated in the annual candy sale sponsored by the PTO. Your

support is greatly appreciated. Prizes and the limo ride will be given out on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. All money must be turned in by November 1 to be eligible for prizes.

### **Congratulations to our Candy Sale Winners!**

1st prize: Juliana Fosco  
(IPOD Nano)

2nd prize: Bob Brodeur  
(Kindle eReader)

3rd prize: Elisa Fosco  
(Flip HD Video camera)

Limo riders to Prince Pizza are: Juliana Fosco, Bob Brodeur, Elisa Fosco, Nicholas Fowler, Anne Little, Josef Nobile, and Emily Schena.

## Book Fair



Our annual Book Fair will take place the week of November 28<sup>th</sup>. The Book Fair will be open during parent conferences at the end of the week. Flyers will be sent home with your child as a sample of some of the books that we will



have for sale. Books make great Christmas presents!

## Reminder!

**Friday, November 11 is Veterans Day. There is NO SCHOOL on that day.**

## Marks Close

Marks close for the first trimester on Wednesday, November 23 for all grades. Report cards will be sent home on Thursday, December 1. Conferences will be held on Thursday evening from 6–8 p.m. and Friday afternoon from 11:30–2:30. Forms will be sent home for appointments in the next few weeks.



## Important Dates

October 30	Halloween Party
November 1	Monthly Mass at 10:15 in celebration of <i>All Saints Day</i> . Grade 6 is preparing a special Mass in honor of the saints.
November 4	Dismissal at 11:00 Teachers and Staff Faculty meeting
November 4	Junior high dance in the lower church hall. The theme for the dance is Rodeo.
November 11	Veterans Day

## Thanksgiving



On November 24, we celebrate Thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful for, and we hope that the holiday provides you not only with time to enjoy your family, but also time to say thank you to God for the many gifts in our lives.



### THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Lord of Gifts, from your holy heart has come a flood of gifts to us.

With uplifted hearts, we have gathered around this table to thank you with prayer and with worship of feasting.

We are grateful not only for the gifts of life, but for all the gifts of friendship, love, devotion, and forgiveness that we have shared.

On this feast of giving thanks, Lord God, we thank you for showing us how to return thanks by lives of service, by deeds of hospitality, by kindness to a stranger, and by concern for each other.

We are most grateful for the way you, our hidden God, have become visible to us in one another, in your countless daily gifts, and for the marvels of creation.

Come, Lord of Gifts, bless our table and the food of this feast.

Let us thank the Lord, today and all days.

Amen.