

St. John School Weekly News for Parents & Students
March 28, 2008

Dear Parents,

March has been a very positive month at St. John School! Our students (and parents) have once again supported the Diocesan Services Appeal with Lenten theme days. Thank you for your generosity.

We had another great Open House with a fantastic Art Show, a great jungle scene for "March is Reading Month" in the primary hallway, and an exciting Book Fair.

Speaking of books, "March is Reading Month" has put literacy front and center for our students. Thank you to the many parents and guest readers who have come in and read to our students during March. Your efforts reinforce the importance of reading, a key skill for school success and lifelong learning and enjoyment.

Have a great spring break! *Sincerely, Mike Kehoe*

Character Trait for April: Trust

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.**

Proverbs 3: 5-6 (NIV)

CALENDAR:

Fri. Mar.	28	Spring Break begins at end of school day! Classes resume on Monday, April 7th
Sun. April	6	RFP Registration - Cafetorium
Mon.	7	Classes resume Lunch Tickets sold NO SCRIP orders this week (SCRIP resumes on Monday, April 14th)
Tues.	8	10 a.m. Gr. 6-8 Mass in Church – Parents Welcome
Wed.	9	Moola-Moola Savings Club 7 p.m. H.S.A. Executive Board Mtg. – Staff Lounge
Fri.	11	End of 3 rd Quarter POPCORN DAY & SPIRIT DAY
Sun.	13	Gr. 2 (Duberg) Hosts Coffee & Donuts after 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Masses – Grand Hall
Mon.	14	Lunch Tickets sold 9 a.m. SCRIP orders to school office
Tues.	15	8:45 a.m. Prayer Service hosted by Gr. 7 Students on " TRUST " - Cafetorium 10 a.m. Gr. 4-5 Mass in Church – Parents Welcome
Wed.	16	Moola-Moola Savings Club
Fri.	18	SPIRIT DAY! 8:45 – 11:30 a.m. Gr. 3 Trip to GM Truck & Bus Deadline: Orders for Summer Review Programs Due (GRASP & Summer Skills Sharpeners)
Sat.	19	Happy Birthday, Mr. Jewell! (Science Teacher)
Mon.	21	Report Cards sent home

2008-09 REGISTRATION PACKETS: PLEASE RETURN ON MONDAY, APRIL 7TH

There are still a few St. John School families that have not returned their Registration Packets. Please return the completed forms to the school office on Monday, April 7th so that we can finish our registration process for current families and begin calling new families on our waiting list. Thank you!!

SCRIP UPDATE! SCRIP resumes on Monday, April 14th

There will be no SCRIP sold until Monday, April 14th. Please mark your calendars.

2008-09 SCHOOL SUPPLIES & DENNIS UNIFORM CATALOGS: Be watching future blue notes for information!

Pre-Paid School Supplies: (Optional) Order forms and information will be coming home in April.

Dennis Uniform Updates: 2008-09 Dennis Uniform Catalogs and information regarding store and school sales will be coming home in April. Disregard the school sale dates included in your 2008-09 registration packet. School sale dates will be: *Sat., Aug. 9 and Mon., Aug. 11.*

8th GRADE WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP: Information Sent Home w/Students

Information about the 8th grade trip to Washington DC (May 5-9, 2008) was sent home with students on March 26. Parents, please look over that information as it contains final payment information as well as room assignments and dress guidelines for this trip.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL BOOK BOWL NEWS: Thanks to Book Bowl Teams for representing St. John School!

Book Bowl is an academic activity that St. John School has been involved in for over ten years. Students who want to be on a Book Bowl team are required to read ten books. The teams begin meeting in November at one or two lunch/recesses a week to go over details of each book. Because these books are so fully explored, the students learn the importance of reading for detail.

Competition is held in the Spring at Baker College and lasts 2 to 2 ½ days. Our students thoroughly enjoy the college atmosphere, competition, and meeting students from other Genesee County schools.

This year many winning scores were determined by only a few points. Our students did well in their divisions.

The 7/8 Team came in 3rd; Gr. 5/6 Team #1 came in 4th; Gr. 5/6 Team #2 came in 3rd.

All the students enjoyed reading the books and participating in the competition.

This year's team members are:

Gr. 5 Book Bowl Team: Andrea Dasky, Melody Draeger, Abby Floyd, Cheyenne Mammel, Rebecca Martin

Gr. 6 Book Bowl Team: Brittany Costantini, Ian Dillingham, Morgan Gavulic, Gabrielle Kline, Claire Peabody, Elle Pohlod, Rebecca Roat, Jody Schiess, Grace Trecha

Gr. 7 Book Bowl Team: Tori Davis, Rose Joynt, Matthew LeDuc, Elizabeth Lekarczyk, Elizabeth Martin, Blair Pellatt, Sarah Waraniak

Gr. 8 Book Bowl Team: Matthew Foguth, Shannon Schiess

CANDIDATES ARE NEEDED FOR H.S.A. OFFICES OF: VICE-PRESIDENT and TREASURE

St. John Home and School Association needs two new officers for the 2008-09 & 2009-10 school years.

Please note the following duties of officers and consider running for an office:

The **H.S.A. VICE PRESIDENT**, as an active member of the Executive Board, shall act as an aide to the President, perform the duties of the President in the absence of the officer, and be responsible for the overall coordination of fundraising activities, in concurrence with the Executive Board. (i.e. Fall Fundraiser, Auction, Santa Secret Shop, etc.)

The **H.S.A. TREASURER**, as an active member of the Executive Board, shall act as custodian of the Association funds, keep a complete record of all deposits, receipts, and disbursements, receive all funds and deposit same, require all bills to be itemized, pay all bills, preserve all vouchers, warrants, receipts, bank statements, and submit for annual audit as requested by the Executive Board, prepare a financial statement for publication in the June newsletter.

- **Two (2) parents are needed to volunteer to run for each office**
- **Elections need to be completed by mid-May**
- **New officers will begin their terms after the June H.S.A. Executive Meeting**
- **H.S.A. Executive Board Meetings are held every 4-6 weeks, as needed**
- **Current H.S.A. officers will be glad to answer your questions**
- **Call the school office or an H.S.A. officer to place your name on the slate of candidates**
- **Serving on the H.S.A. Board is a wonderful opportunity to help our school!**

Don't wait to be asked!! Step forward and volunteer!! Call the school office or one of the following H.S.A. officers if you have questions: President – Christine McDunnough; Vice President – Laura Carpenter; Secretary – Christine Conroy; Treasurer – Lori Kline; Boosters – Jeanne Kaye

ATHLETIC NEWS! www.stjohnathletics.com

Spring Sports! Registration is now over and practices have begun. As soon as schedules are available, they will be distributed to athletes and will be posted on our website: www.stjohnathletics.com

FIELD CLEAN UP DAY! LOTS OF HELPERS NEEDED! Sunday, April 6, 2008 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Please come out and join us for our first Baseball/Softball Field Preparation Day! Bring your rakes, shovels, and gloves and help us get the field ready for games! Weather permitting - we will be working on the field on Sunday, April 6th from 1:30 – 3 p.m. It shouldn't take too long with lots of help!

FOOTBALL UPDATE! Our football numbers are looking GREAT! We will be sizing athletes for helmets, pads, and uniforms after Spring Break. More information to follow!

GYM CLOSED! The St. John Gym will be closed on Saturday, April 26th for a community event.

Athletic Questions? Call Kristie Carino at 629-3533 (Athletic Office Phone) or email at kcarino@stjohnfenton.com.

KOZY KORNER REGISTRATION: Summer and Fall Registration

Kozy Korner Child Care is holding their Summer and Fall registration at this time. Registrations are due by Friday, April 25th. Questions? Call (810) 629-6297.

SUMMER ACADEMIC PROGRAMS:

GRASP SUMMER PROGRAM - The Grand Rapids Academic Summer Program, GRASP, is a copyrighted nine week correspondence program which **helps students maintain reading and math** (grades K-8) skills while they are on summer vacation. It takes parents and child approximately one hour per week to complete each weekly lesson. Because it is a correspondence program, it can accompany you on your vacation. Lessons are completed, mailed to a scoring center where they are analyzed, then returned to you. Instruction sheets found in each packet provide all the necessary information. The enrollment fee is **\$25 for one subject, \$44 for both**. Students are enrolled at their current grade level (2007-08 grade). **GRASP enrollment forms are available in the school office. All GRASP enrollment forms and fees are due in the school office NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, APRIL 18th.**

THE SUMMER REVIEW BOOKS: Summer Math Skills Sharpener featuring new, easy to follow format (for grades K-8) includes Pre-Algebra, Algebra, Geometry, High School Math, & Math for Life. Designed to help students maintain and enhance their math skills throughout the summer months. There is a sample book in our school office. **Summer Language Arts Review** (Gr. K- 6 Only) helps review reading and writing skills, phonics, spelling, punctuation, grammar and more. **Touch the Future Keyboarding Review** (Gr. 3 -6), teaches the "touch method" of keyboarding and can be used with or without a computer keyboard. **Foreign Language Review** (for middle school/high school) is designed to review first and second year Spanish and first year French by reviewing grammar and vocabulary. Program books are offered to parents for **\$16 each** and will be distributed to students at the end of the school year. The book contains an answer sheet for immediate feedback with parents. Order forms are available in the school office. Order forms and checks for \$16 are due in the school office **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, APRIL 18th.**

ARTHRITIS WALK – Join the Team for a Cure! Sat., May 3rd at 10:30 a.m. @ Fenton H.S. (Check in 8:30 a.m.)

The Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter is the source of help and hope for the 2.3 million adults and almost 7,000 children in Michigan who have one or more of the 106 forms of arthritis. Help put an end to America's number one cause of disability by joining the *Arthritis Walk* to be held in Fenton on May 3rd. Start building a Walk Team today!

Sign up to walk today!! Brochures are available in our school office. For more information, all 800-968-3030 Ext. 230 or visit us at www.arthritis.org to register online or to find other Arthritis Walk sites.

UNCLE RAY'S FUNDRAISER FOR ARTHRITIS WALK: Saturday, April 12th from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Uncle Ray's Dairyland is holding a fundraiser for "Team Manley" and the Fenton Arthritis Walk. Come to Uncle Ray's On Leroy Street in Fenton on Saturday, April 12th from 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. For a donation, you can play FREE Putt-Putt and eat FREE Ice Cream. Questions? Call Ann-Margret Manley at 750-1668.

SPRING CLEANING – HELP BY RECYCLING: Used Blankets & Towels Needed for Animal Shelter & New Toys

The Gr. 4 Junior Girl Scout Troop #1855 is collecting used blankets and towels and new cat & dog toys for a service project. All the items will be donated to the local animal shelter. There will be a collection box by the school office until Friday, April 11th. Questions? Contact Donna Gonzalez at 629-1245 or Kim Fay at (810) 234-3364. Thank you in advance for your support!

BASKETBALL CLINICS & SPRING LEAGUES: Attention Gr. 1-8 Students!

Flyers were distributed to students today regarding spring leagues and clinics at Planet Hoops & Fitness Center located off Hill Road. Leagues begin April 7th. 3x3 Tournament held on April 12 and 13. Deadline April 7th. For more information, Visit www.PlanetHoops.net or call (810) 874-1191.

**HAVE A FUN
&
RELAXING SPRING BREAK!!**