



St. Mary/McCormick Catholic Academy
Communicator
“One Child at a Time”
Week of March 1 ~ 5



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The mission of St. Mary/McCormick Catholic Academy is to provide a safe learning environment which fosters academic excellence and spiritual growth in the Catholic faith. St. Mary/McCormick Catholic Academy educates “One Child at a Time” - mind, body, and soul.

America and Me Essay Contest

The 8th grade class of SM/MCA participated in the America and Me Essay contest sponsored by the Farm Bureau Insurance. The topic of this year’s contest was ‘My Michigan Hero’. Emily Gibbons took first place with her essay titled “So Different Inside”. Juliana Falk’s essay “My Personal Michigan Hero” took second place and Dakota Carter’s essay “Jude Carter, My Michigan Hero” placed third. These students received award certificates for their achievement. The winning essays are displayed in the MCA wing; stop by and read these well written essays. As the 1st place winner, Emily’s name will be engraved on a plaque for display in the school. Emily’s essay will also advance to the state level competition, from which the top ten essays in Michigan will be selected. Congratulations to Emily, Juliana, and Dakota and to all of our 8th grade students who participated; all essays and the heroes they wrote about were most enjoyable to read.

St. Mary/McCormick Catholic Academy 6th Grade Orientation

We are holding an orientation for new and prospective middle school students on

**Tuesday, March 16,
from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

Teachers, current students, parents and graduates will be available to introduce families to the school. Classrooms, textbooks and our new and exciting technology will be on display.

Join us March 16 and bring a friend or neighbor so they too can learn about the benefit of a Catholic education.

Day Care News

Our day care will remain open until 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, March 11 and Friday, March 12 during conferences for our elementary students.

Lenten Food Drive

During Lent we are collecting food for the needy. The box is located in the hallway between St. Mary and McCormick. Thank you for your help.

Science Fair

**Tuesday, March 9th
Elementary students
will have their
projects displayed in
the gym
from 3 – 7:30 p.m.
Middle School will
begin at 6:30 p.m. in
the McCormick wing.
Awards will be
announced @ 7 p.m.**

We hope to see you



there!!!!

St. Mary/McCormick Catholic Academy will host an Open House on Sunday, March 21, from 1 – 3 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend and learn what all our school has to offer. This is an opportunity to meet the teachers, visit the classrooms, and see how technology is being used to increase student achievement.



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Beatrice Thornton Student
Art Exhibition

March 4 – 26

SC4 Fine Art Galleries
323 Erie Street, Port Huron
The following students from
our school have art on
display at this exhibition:

Pix

Emma White – Grade 2

Tree Print

Grace Mills – Grade 3

Liz Acker – Grade 3

Engraving

Steven Kelly – Grade 4

Attic Window

Andrew Clouse – Grade 5

Heidi Likins – Grade 5

Jenna Koppinger – Grade 5

Color Wheel

Hannah Colby – Grade 5

Anna Vorderbrueggen – Gr. 5

Engraving

Rachel McClelland – Grade 5

Sarah MacFarland – Grade 5

For more information call:
989-5709

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Weekend Workers:

March 6 & 7

St. Mary's:

5:00 p.m. – Jodi Singer

8:00 a.m. - Cyndi Trice

9:30 a.m. - Claudine Hilbec

11:30 a.m. – Can You Help?

Lenten Prayer for Spiritual
Renewal

God, heavenly Father, look
upon me and hear my prayer
during this holy Season of
Lent. By the good works You
inspire, help me to discipline
my body and to be renewed in
spirit.

Without You I can do nothing.
By Your Spirit help me to
know what is right and to be
eager in doing Your will.
Teach me to find new life
through penance. Keep me
from sin, and help me live by
Your commandment of love.
God of love, bring me back to
You. Send Your Spirit to
make me strong in faith and
active in good works. May my
acts of penance bring me Your
forgiveness, open my heart to
Your love, and prepare me for
the coming feast of the
Resurrection of Jesus.

2009/2010 Registration

Registration has begun for
St. Mary/McCormick Catholic
Academy families. A
registration fee and lunchroom
fee is due to reserve a spot for
next school year. **Open
registration will begin
Monday, March 15th to non
St. Mary/McCormick
Catholic Academy families.**
A "family plan" rate will be
given to any families who will
have children attend both
St. Mary Academy and
McCormick Catholic
Academy.

***Please register early to
ensure a spot for next year.***

Open Gym

MCA Student Council will
sponsor Open Gym on
Thursday, March 18, 2010,
from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. in the
school gym.

Cost: A .50c or more
donation to help the Heifer
Project upon arrival to the
gym. Middle school students
must bring their own after
school snack, drink, and
change of clothes.
Activities for Open Gym will
be: Board games, card
games, gymnastics,
basketball, and dodge ball!
We hope to see all MCA
students attend this fun
event.

MCA Student Council

Icehawks Game
Friday, March 12th

Ticket sales were down
compared to the December
game but we DID qualify to
sell "chuck-a-puck". We **need
volunteers** to work the
counter selling them from
6:30pm thru the start of the
second intermission. If we get
6-8 volunteers we can break
the time up. Only 2 parents
worked the entire December
game from which we earned
\$150 - that would double what
we've made from this games
ticket sales. Please contact
Katie Byrne @ 810-987-9856
with when you can sell
"chuck-a-puck".

**Casey's Pizza & Subs
Dinner Fundraiser**

When you have dinner at Casey's Pizza on Friday, March 12th, 10% of your food sales will be donated to our school. Deposit your sales receipt into the collection can on the counter. Whether your going to our Icehawks hockey game or not, please stop by for a great dinner - several Lent friendly options are available.

Icehawks Poster Contest

Students can earn an entry to win a Gund Teddy Bear wearing an Icehawks knit cap. Simply make a poster for the Icehawks Hockey game and turn it into your teacher by Thursday, March 11th - new date due to the Science Fair. PLEASE put your name and grade on the back. Posters can be any size and on any type paper/poster board. One entry per student and everyone can enter whether they are attending the game or not.

**Icehawks Spirit Day
March 12th**

In honor of our fundraiser game Friday, March 12th, Mrs. Krueger has approved Icehawk Spirit Day. Students can wear their Icehawks t-shirt or jersey over their regular school uniform.

Scrapbook Fundraiser

Registrations continue to come and almost half the seats are sold. Please turn your registration form in as soon as possible to ensure your spot. Forms are available at <http://www.stmarypthuron.org/2010scrapbooking.pdf>.

Please consider earning your remaining Parent Participation hours by helping with this fundraiser. **Volunteers and donations are still needed** for a variety of items. A sign-up sheet is in the gym or contact Katie Byrne to sign-up @ scrapbookkatie@hotmail.com or 810-987-9856.

*The Cardinal Mooney
Catholic family is proud to
announce the following
former students of
St. Mary/McCormick
Academy who are in the top
of their class:
Daniel Falk
Ryan Mullally
Zachary Smith
These students will be
honored at Mass on March
24th in the Holy Cross
Church.*

Booster Club Meeting

Our Booster Club will meet in our Library on Friday, March 12 @ 9 a.m.

March tuition is due. Late fees will be added, so please make sure payment is received this month.

Coffee & Donuts

We need volunteers to help serve coffee & donuts on Sunday, March 21st after all of the masses. You can receive credit towards your required fundraising hours. Sign up sheet are posted in the gym. Please contact Elaine MacFarland @ 810-990-1525 during the day; after 5 p.m. 984-5782.



Thank You! Thank You!

Thanks very much to Ms. McQuiston for purchasing a ceramic kiln for our school's art classes. Working with clay will give our student's a wonderful new art dimension to explore. How great! Thank you, Ms. McQuiston. We truly appreciate this very generous gift.