



St. Mark Catholic School October 2009 Newsletter



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Fall is Here!

Seems like our beautiful September weather is over. Please remember to send your child to school dressed warmly, and with appropriate foot-wear for these cool autumn days.



School Mass

Father Robert will be away on holidays for the month of October. Mass will resume on November 12. Everyone is welcome to attend.

School Pictures

School pictures will be taken on Tuesday, Oct. 6th. Please remember to mark this day on your calendars and come to school looking your best on that day. A reminder will be sent home the day before picture day.

Walk - A - Thon

This year our annual Walk-A-Thon Fundraiser will be held on Thursday October 29. Please have your child come to school in their costume.

Book Fair

This fall's book fair will be held at St. Paul's on Oct. 27th, 28th and 29th. The book fair will be open in the evening on the 27th, from 4:30-6:30, There will be a selection of books geared to adults as well.

Feast Days

October is one of the months we usually remember our Blessed Mother Mary. One of her feast days, the Feast of the Holy Rosary, is on Oct. 7th. A meaningful family activity on that day might be to say the rosary together, or perhaps even one decade of the Rosary. Other saints we remember in October

include St. Theresa, St. Francis and St. Marguerite D'Youville.

Mid-Term Reports and Interviews

This month, we are sending home a Mid-term report on Thursday, Oct. 22nd. This report will give you an indication of how your child is doing in terms of learning skills. We will have parent teacher interviews on Tuesday, Oct. 27th, from 3:30-5:00pm. Please take this opportunity to inform yourself about your child's progress, so that if any steps are needed to improve his or her performance, we can put them in place as early as possible.

Awards/Spirit Day

This month, for Student of the Month, we are looking for students who excel in science and/or technology. Terrific Kids Award, which is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, goes to students who are enthusiastic. It's always good to celebrate the accomplishments of our students. We try to give awards for all areas of education, not just academics, so that all students have an equal chance to win an award. Parents are always welcome to attend our award celebration held on the last Wednesday of the month at 2:30pm.

Health Card Numbers

We keep these numbers on file in case of emergency, in case your child has to be brought into the hospital from school for any reason. These numbers now have expiry dates, so if you have been issued a new number for your child, you need to send that number to us, so we can change it in our files.

Science North

A big thank-you to Felix Lopes from Lopes Mechanical for once again paying for our school membership to Science North. This fee, which amounts to \$7.00 per child, enables us to visit Science North as many times as we wish between October and May. We are truly grateful to Mr. Lopes for this generous gift.



Tax Support

Please ensure that you are registered as a Catholic School Supporter on the municipal assessment roll. If you have recently moved or are not absolutely sure, please contact the school office.



Thanksgiving

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Prayer

*Most gracious God, we thank You for the many gifts we have. We praise You for parents and toys, for school and good food, for friends and playtime. Give us open hearts to see others' needs and open hands to help them. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, who is one with You and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.
Amen.*





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