

# November 2010



## Calendar Notes

- Nov. 2:** Election day; Vote Yes on Proposal 1 for Troy Library.
- Nov. 5:** End of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter/Half day for St. Mark students. Last day to sign up for childcare for Nov. 24.
- Nov. 8:** Tuition payment due. Remember to check your child's book bag around the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month for the next month's invoice.
- Nov. 8:** No school St. Mark students; teacher in-service.
- Nov. 10:** **St. Mary:** Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:00 - 8:30 AM and 12:00 - 1:00 PM
- Nov. 11:** **St. Mark and St. Mark:** Parent/Teacher Conferences. Before and after school, and evening appointments available. All conferences are by appointment.
- Nov.16:** Picture Retakes, 8:30 AM
- Nov. 24:** No school for St. Mary and St. Mark. Childcare available. Sign up by Nov. 5.
- Nov. 25 - 26:** Thanksgiving Break; No school or childcare.
- Dec. 1:** St. Mary and St. Mark Christmas Program at 7:00 PM
- Dec. 23 - 31:** Christmas Break; Child care available during break for students enrolled in full-day child care, except on Dec. 24 and Dec. 31. Sign up for childcare by Dec. 8.

## Parent/Teacher Conferences



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Please note that one or both parents of all St. Mark students are expected to attend fall conferences to discuss their child's progress.

Parents of St. Mary students are strongly encouraged to attend the fall conferences as well. Establishing good communication with your child's teacher and learning about expectations is vital in creating the best learning atmosphere for your child.

## Christmas Program December 1 at 7 PM



We are pleased to announce that our 2010 Christmas Program will be Wednesday, December 1 at 7 PM in St. Mary's Church. All children from preschool through St. Mark's fifth grade will be performing in this holiday program. Families and friends from both schools are invited to attend this, our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Program.



## Christmas Charitable Project

In an effort to help those who are less fortunate, the schools are undertaking a project of charitable giving. Information regarding "Gifts for all God's Children" will be sent home soon. We encourage you to make it a family project to help out as much as possible. Create ways for your children to earn the money to be brought in for donations. It will make the lesson of sacrificial giving much more personal and have a lasting impact on your child's life.



## Thanksgiving and Christmas School Closures



There are no classes for St. Mary or St. Mark students on Wednesday, Nov. 24. Childcare is available for Nov. 24 with advance registration by Nov. 5. Our schools and childcare are closed Nov. 25 and 26 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

For the Christmas break, our schools will not be in session from Dec. 23 through Dec. 31, 2010. Childcare will be available during the holiday break for all students currently enrolled in full-day child care. Please register by Dec. 8 for childcare during the Christmas break. No childcare will be available on Dec. 24 and Dec. 31, because the schools will be closed on these dates.



Remember, even if your child is currently enrolled in our full-day childcare program, you must register for childcare during the holiday breaks.



**Thank you** to everyone who helped make the International Food and Bingo Night a success! A special thanks to Mrs. Cretu for organizing the event.



Our schools received an achievement award from the U.S. Census Bureau for raising awareness and inspiring participation in the 2010 Census. Good job, everyone!



A heartfelt welcome to new students to our school family:

Pre-K: Srinitha Kondapaneni, Matthew Messiah; Preschool: Jessica Benyamin, Himasree Puppala; Toddlers: Giselle Sesi; Infants: Kaylynn Johnson.



**Bee Attitudes Award Winners** for the month of September 2010 were:

**St. Mary:** Jude Emanuel, Jia Ulahanan, Harshith Amaram, Srinitha Kondapaneni, Phoebe Malak, and Matthew Messiah.

**St. Mark:** Mark Guirguis, Minerva Hanna, Matthew Mikhael, Teodor Cretu, Gabriel Megally, Sara Zaky.

Congratulations to all of the students who have been winning Bee Attitude Coupons. We're seeing a lot of children who know how to "Bee-have!"



### Tea-m Angel Award

We think all of our teachers and assistants are wonderful! This year the administration has started an award to recognize some of the outstanding things our staff does. In a nod to all of the tea drinkers on our staff, the award will be called "Tea-m Angel," and recipients of this award will receive a tea cup filled with goodies and a gift card to Borders Bookstore. September's award recipients were Susan McClelland and Regina Werenka for their outstanding work in putting together the display of artwork from our schools at the Troy Public Library. Congratulations and thank you for all of your efforts, ladies!



### Picture Retakes

If you missed the original school picture day on Oct. 19 or if you were not happy with your child's photo, picture retakes are scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 8:30 AM. If you are having

your child's picture retaken, please send the complete original photo package back with your child to be returned to Kaiser Studio. Envelopes for ordering pictures are available in the main office.

### PTO Box Tops for Education

Please remember to send in your Box Tops for Education coupons. All proceeds from this year's Box Tops for Education will go toward new playground equipment.



**"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."**  
I Thessalonians 5:18



### School Closings: Severe Weather Conditions

In case of emergency closing due to severe weather, utility failure or other emergency, St. Mary and St. Mark will announce the closing on WXYZ Action News on your television. (ABC – Channel 7) You can also log onto the WXYZ website at [www.wxyz.com/schoolclosings](http://www.wxyz.com/schoolclosings). When severe weather occurs, we make every effort to keep our child care open for our working parents even when we cancel classes. Our school name will be listed in one of two ways depending on the extent of the programs closed:

#### 1. St. Mary CDC School: Classes Cancelled/Child care Open

All classes are cancelled, which means morning classes for St. Mary and full-day classes for St. Mark are cancelled. If **St. Mary CDC School** is listed on the school closing list, then the **childcare is still open for both schools** for children who are enrolled in our full-day childcare program. *If you will be using child care when classes are cancelled, please call the office before 8:00 AM, so we can arrange for sufficient staff.* Bus service will not be available when classes are cancelled.

or

#### 2. St. Mary CDC Child Care: Entire Facility Closed

The entire facility is closed, because conditions are unsafe for staff to report; classes are cancelled and no childcare is available. If **St. Mary CDC Child Care** is listed on the school closing list, the entire facility is closed.

In case of emergency occurring during the day which results in the Director's decision to close the center, parents will be contacted by phone.



**Please Note: Parents must have childcare plans in place for the occasions when our schools will be closed for the above-mentioned types of emergencies.**



### Reporting Absences to School

It is the parents' responsibility to notify the school if their child is going to be absent on any given day. Messages can be left at **248-619-0530**. Please try to call the school to notify us of your child's absence before 8:00 AM.



### Labeling Your Child's Outerwear

**We recommend that all outerwear be labeled on an inside tag with your child's name.** Garments often fall on the floor near the cubbies or are sometimes left on the playground or left at school. In these instances, the staff has to guess what items belong to which child. Not every child can identify his/her own clothing. It is to your child's benefit as well as the staff's to have all your child's outdoor clothing, such as coats, scarves, mittens or gloves, hats, and boots clearly labeled. We appreciate your taking the time to label your child's belongings.

Also – Please remember that as long as it is not raining, children usually go outside for recess. Make sure that zippers and buttons are in working order.

