



# FYI *For Your Information*

## St. Croix Catholic School

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### Coffee with Cressy



Come have coffee with Mrs. Epperly and other SCCS parents while learning more about volunteering at SCCS. The first *Coffee with Cressy* this year will be TOMORROW, Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am in the Edith Stein room in the St. Michael's Parish office area.

Childcare is available BY RESERVATION. Call the office at 651 439-5581 or email [dpolley@stccs.com](mailto:dpolley@stccs.com) by 6:00 pm on September 17 if you need childcare.

### From the Principal's Desk by Mrs. Epperly

St. Croix Catholic School's overarching premise for all members of the community is to show respect to others and their school; contribute to a learning environment; and follow classroom procedures. Each year the school conducts an annual parent survey, reviews information from exit surveys and compiles academic information to create a *School Report Card*. These items provide the information on SCCS' successes and prioritize growth areas. From this information last year the school found out that:

- Parents like the small, family-like environment
- Parents like the strong religious teachings
- Parents feel that the children are well prepared for life academically and spiritually
- Parents would like to see improved follow through on issues raised,
- Parents would like to see more consistency with uniform enforcement in all grade levels, and
- Parents would like to see more help for students who struggle with academics.

In the late spring and into the summer months the school administration, working with the teaching staff, parent representatives, and the Board of Directors, reviewed and updated the school's Behavior Policy in a way that clearly and consistently reflects the expectations for all students, supports respect to others and their school, and contributes to a safe learning environment. We reviewed what was written in our policies and procedures and we believe the updated Discipline Policy provides the needed tool for clarity and consistency.

The 2009-2010 Discipline Policy is being introduced to parents and students this week. Each family is asked to review this policy and discuss it with your children. Then each parent and student is asked to sign an acknowledgement that they have reviewed the policy and agree to its guidelines. If you receive this FYI through an email link, you will notice that your email will include a link to the Discipline Policy and the Acknowledgement which are both posted on the SCCS web site, [www.stcroixcatholic.com](http://www.stcroixcatholic.com). If you only receive a paper copy of the FYI, watch for a copy of the policy to be sent home today with your youngest child at SCCS. Please return the Acknowledgement to the teacher of your youngest child at SCCS by Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. The Discipline Policy is on page 27 of the SCCS Parent and Student Handbook which is posted on the web site under SCCS Parents > Parent and Student Handbook. Also check out the Our School Report Card on [www.stcroixcatholic.com](http://www.stcroixcatholic.com) under Academics > Our Report Card.

## SCCS SCRIP REMINDER

Fall is coming . . .  
Don't forget your  
Rose Floral Gift card  
for your fall  
planting!!

A new Scrip Retailer  
has recently been  
added - Aeropostale  
at 7%

Remember to think  
of SCRIP gift cards  
for upcoming  
birthdays!!

Register online and  
look at the OVER  
400 participating  
Retailers!!!

Please help support  
our generous local  
retailers that  
participate in Scrip

Acapulco  
Restaurant  
30%

Brine's Market 10%  
Gorman's  
Restaurant  
20%

The Grand locations  
20%

Heritage  
Embroidery  
30%

Joseph's Restaurant  
20%

MadCapper  
Restaurant  
20%

Rose Floral  
10%

Contact Laura  
Ogren 651-439-  
1806 or Amy Gag  
651-439-0888 with  
any questions!



## SCCS Service Marathon Update

*Each child will be bringing home information and/or a permission slip today (Thursday) for his or her Marathon Service Project. Please complete those forms and return the permission forms by next Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. We are still looking for parents to help chaperone these activities, particularly the Middle School project at Feed My Starving Children. Please return the form on the bottom of your information letter or contact Carrie Sandquist at [casandquist@yahoo.com](mailto:casandquist@yahoo.com) or 651 351-0254 if you can help. The permission forms and information letters can also be found on the SCCS web site, [www.stcroixcatholic.com](http://www.stcroixcatholic.com).*

**No Limits!** That is the title of the Marathon 2009 theme song. We know that if we work together as a Catholic community, there is no limit to what SCCS can achieve. We are already on our way to reaching our Marathon goal. Our second Marathon Collection day was today, and we will continue to collect funds each Thursday through October 1st. Be sure to send your Marathon money along with the appropriate page of your Marathon Family Funds Turn In Sheet with the youngest child in your family Marathon envelope. The envelope will be returned to you for next week's collection. Each donation is appreciated, no matter how big or how small. We are hoping to have 100% of our families participate in Marathon this year. Congratulations to Mrs. Rustin's class. They collected the highest average per student and won the candy-filled



Marathon trophy last Friday. This Friday, the Marathon trophy will again go to the class with the highest average funds per student collected for the week. This traveling trophy will make its way to different classes each week based on homeroom collections. We also want to thank Marathon Man for his appearance during our Friday lunch rally last week.

Many employers provide matching grants for their employees' contributions to non-profit organizations (such as SCCS Marathon) and these matching grants are greatly appreciated. They contribute to the school goals as well as the incentives associated with the school reaching its goals for Mrs. Epperly to Rule from the Roof and Christmas break beginning one day early. Please check with your employer to see if they participate in such matching grants, and if so, please submit one form for the entire family contribution.

Only \$71,336.25 more to go to get that day off before Christmas (December 23) and only \$66,336.25 to see Mrs. Epperly Rule from the Roof for a day!

## No Bus Morning on Tuesday, September 22

Next week on Tuesday, September 22, please remember that there will be no bus pick-up for SCCS in the morning. This is because District 834 has a late start to their school day, while SCCS is starting on time at 9:00 am.

You will be able to drop off students either in front of the school or at the back gym doors of the school. Please DO NOT park on Third Street in front of the school or in the driveway behind the school. Stay in your car and move on quickly once your children have exited. Staff members and volunteers will be on hand to help move traffic along.

## Uniform Compliance by Mrs. Epperly

Parents, please review the uniform policy in the Parent and Student Handbook. Several areas that need consistent compliance are:

**Socks:** Navy Blue or white socks are allowed. Navy blue or white socks and/or tights may be worn by the girls. Socks should be cuffed; short tennis socks and/or golf socks are not allowed.

**Belts:** Navy blue, brown or black belts are to be worn. Belts are optional in grades K-2 but required in grades 3-8.

Thanks for helping your child/children be in compliance with this school policy.

## Alumni Gather for a "Mini-Reunion"

Members of the St. Michael's School (now St. Croix Catholic School) Class of 1955 were recently in town for their 50th Stillwater Area High School Reunion. While here, they stopped by SCCS on a Saturday morning for a visit back in time and a look into the future!

They enjoyed each other's company and had many wonderful stories to tell. Although much has changed since they left our school 54 years ago, their memories of friendships and wonderful teachers were surprisingly similar to those of the SCCS 8th grade graduates of 2009!



## Light Their Way Supporting the Children of St. Croix Catholic School

Please join us for an extraordinary dinner and presentation benefiting the children of St. Croix Catholic School on Tuesday, Nov. 3 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Social Hall. All proceeds go directly to the general fund at St. Croix Catholic School, supporting the cost of maintaining quality faculty and ensuring a Catholic education to all. We have been extremely blessed as a community that Mr. Thomas S. Monaghan will be the guest speaker for this event.

Thomas Stephen Monaghan is a very prominent entrepreneur and Catholic philanthropist who founded Domino's Pizza in 1960, selling it in 1998 for an estimated \$1 billion. He owned the Detroit Tigers baseball franchise from 1983-1992. Monaghan also founded Ave Maria University in Naples, Florida and serves as its chancellor.

Monaghan is a Catholic with a particular interest in pro-life causes and the appointment of pro-life justices to the U.S. Supreme Court. He has established multiple organizations promoting the ideals of the Catholic Church in society, including Legatus, an organization of Catholic business leaders, Ave Maria Radio, the Ave Maria List pro-life political action committee, the Thomas More Law Center, the Ave Maria School of Law and most recently Ave Maria University.

Cost for this extraordinary evening with one of America's most respected lay Catholics is \$200 per person. Seating is very limited, so please contact Sue Campbell at 651-983-6037 or email [monaghanevent@gmail.com](mailto:monaghanevent@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending, being a table captain or would simply like more information about the event.

The children of St. Croix Catholic School thank you!

## Focus on Faith by Deanne Wessel

Starting Monday September 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:30- 11:00 am, there will be a women's Bible study in St. Micheal's Parish Center nursery, children welcome. They will be reading and studying from the gospels, the Catechism and 2 encyclicals of JP II : The Splendor of Truth *and* Faith and Reason. Please take this time to learn and discuss great truths of our beautiful faith while enjoying the company of others. You are certain to gain a deeper love and appreciation of our Faith. Call Jean Ahles to register: 651-998-0496.

## Virtus Training Next Week

Remember – to volunteer at SCCS in any capacity working with children, you are required to have completed the *Virtus – Protecting God's Children* training class.

43 spaces are still available for the training at St. Michael's on September 22. The class time is from 6:00 – 9:00 pm.

Register for this class or any other class at another time and location by going to [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org).

You can print a sheet of instructions for registering online from the SCCS web site:

[www.stcroixcatholic.com](http://www.stcroixcatholic.com)  
> SCCS Parents > Important Forms and Documents > For Volunteers

THANK YOU FOR  
VOLUNTEERING

## Opportunities To Help

We are still in need of a few volunteers for these positions:

### AM and PM carpool traffic monitors

1 person/day from about 8:35 – 9:05 am and 1 person/day from about 3:15 – 3:45 pm

*This job includes helping students get out of or into cars, helping students find their rides, and signaling drivers when it is safe to pull into traffic.*

### AM bus monitors (1 or 2 people per day from about 8:35 – 9:05 am)

*Check off buses as they arrive and supervise students arriving by bus in the hallway by the gym until it is time for them to go to classrooms.*

Please call SCCS parent, Suzie Schulte at 651 983-4077 or [suzie.schulte@comcast.net](mailto:suzie.schulte@comcast.net) if you can help with these jobs.

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We are also looking for families who would be interested in being a **Mentor** to help Ark of Angels Preschool families who are considering SCCS for Kindergarten learn more about our school. If this is an opportunity that interests you, please email [dpolley@stccs.com](mailto:dpolley@stccs.com).

## Eucharistic Procession and Miracles Display

The Churches of St. Michael and St. Mary will host their annual Vespers and Eucharistic Procession on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Vespers will begin at 4:00 p.m. at St. Michael's. Our guest homilist this year will be Archbishop John C. Nienstedt. After prayer, the Blessed Sacrament will be processed to St. Mary's Church where we will end with Benediction. In conjunction with the procession there will be a display of Church approved Eucharistic Miracles of the World in St. Michael's Social Hall. Display hours will be Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. and again from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. On Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> the display will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. This display is free and open to the public. We will keep the display up on Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup> for students at SCCS to view.



## Men's Retreat / Day of Reflection September 26, 2009 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

- Holy Mass – 8:00 am
- Morning Break – Coffee & Rolls
- **First Conference *Be the man God wants you to be***  
by: Fr. Mark Moriarty; Pastor of the Church of our Lady of Peace, Rogers, MN.
- **Second Conference *Men and the Holy Mass***  
by: Fr. John Paul Erickson; Director of Archdiocesan Office of Worship
- Lunch
- **Third Conference *Be a man of prayer***  
by: Fr. Randal Kasel; Parochial Administrator of the Church of St. Charles
- **Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
- **Confession, Rosary and Benediction**

Cost of the retreat is pre-registration of \$10.00 per person or \$15 on the day of the retreat. Cost includes morning coffee & rolls and lunch. Men of all faiths are welcomed. Please your name and registration fee to the St. Charles Men's Club: Church of St. Charles, c/o St. Charles Men's Club, 409 North Third St., Bayport, MN 55003

## Something New!



### SCCS Night at DQ (Dairy Queen)

**Tuesday,  
September 22  
4:00 - 7:00 PM**

*Dairy Queen supports education and encourages students to strive for excellence.*

**Take time to enjoy a blizzard or a meal at Dairy Queen in downtown Stillwater and DQ will support SCCS with a donation of a percent of the proceeds.**

*Look for SCCS Nights at DQ on the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the last Tuesday of each month and join other SCCS families and friends for an after school snack or a dinner out.*

## Training for Current and New Altar Servers at St. Michael's

Boys and girls, grade 4 or older are invited to become altar servers at St. Michael's. The primary role of the altar server is to assist the priest in the celebration of the liturgy during Mass. The altar server is also a valuable help to the priest at funerals and weddings and other types of liturgical services throughout the year, such as Stations of the Cross during Lent. It is a privilege to serve at the altar and we hope that many young people will answer the call to help. We will have a training session on Tuesday, September 29th at 6:15 p.m. in the Church. Fr Miller and server coordinator, Dave deLeon will be conducting the training. ***Father will be going over some changes to the current procedure so we would like all current servers to attend as well as new servers.*** If you are not a member of St. Michael's, but would like to be trained as a server to help at school Masses or funerals during the school year, you are more than welcome to attend. Please email or call Deb Mayer if you will be attending – [dmayer@costm.org](mailto:dmayer@costm.org) 651-379-1265

## Upcoming Events

### Thursday, September 17

School Pictures for SCCS students and Ark of Angels Thursday class. This is a *No Uniform Day*. Parents can bring younger siblings for pictures at 8:45 am.

2<sup>nd</sup> Marathon Money Turn-In Day

5:30 pm Ark of Angels Family Potluck  
St. Michael's Social Hall

### Friday, September 18

9:15 am *Coffee with Cressy* – Volunteer Orientation – if you missed the volunteer orientation on August 25<sup>th</sup>, please consider coming today to discuss volunteering at SCCS. Childcare is available, but please RSVP to the office to reserve a spot for your child.

### Saturday, September 19 and Sunday, September 20

School Participation Masses at St. Mary's and St. Michael's and 2<sup>nd</sup> collection to benefit the SCCS Service Marathon. (St. Charles School Participation Masses have been changed to September 26 and 27)

**Tuesday, September 22** - No buses this morning – parents must drive – buses will run as usual in the afternoon

4:00 – 7:00 pm SCCS Night at Stillwater Dairy Queen

### Wednesday, September 23

9:15 am All School Mass  
Family and friends, please join us

### Thursday, September 24

3<sup>rd</sup> Marathon Money Turn-In Day

### Friday, September 25

Return Marathon permission slips for students in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Return Family Acknowledgement of Compliance to the SCCS Behavior Guidelines and Discipline Policy