



FYI *For Your Information*

St. Croix Catholic School

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Due this Friday, September 25th:

Marathon Service
Activity permission
slips for students in
3rd through 8th
grade. (not needed
for grades K – 2)
<http://stcc.webalo.com/marathon0910.aspx>

Family
Acknowledgement
of Compliance to
the SCCS Behavior
Guidelines and
Discipline Policy
<http://stcc.webalo.com/disciplinepolicy.aspx>

From the Principal's Desk by Mrs. Epperly

As most of you are aware, on Monday, September 21st SCCS students came together with the Stillwater community to pay tribute to a Stillwater Police Officer who passed away last week.

As the police escort for Brienne Heroux, including law enforcement, fire and emergency personnel from many communities, passed by the school on its way from Stillwater to Hastings, SCCS students and staff stood quietly with bowed heads or hands over their hearts. The solemnity of the occasion was understood by even the youngest students.

You can read a full account and see a picture of SCCS students featured in the St. Paul Pioneer Press as they lined the street in front of the school to pay their respects.
http://www.twincities.com/ci_13390280?source=email

A few more pictures sent to us by the Pioneer Press can be found on page 8 of this FYI and on our Web site under *News and Events*. The picture on the front page of the Pioneer Press has prompted phone calls from people we don't even know who were touched by the picture and the story.

Our prayers are with the Heroux family.

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The NWEA MAP test is being administered to all students in grades 2-9. The test window runs from September 14th through October 9th. This time frame allows for all the students to take the test and also for students who need to make up the test for various reasons to occur. Parents should expect a report of your child's scores to come home within a week or two of the October 9th ending date.

Northwest (NWEA) Evaluation Association Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) is a computerized adaptive assessment program. The assessment is unique in that it adapts to the student's achievement level, accurately measuring what a child knows and showing what he or she needs to learn. In addition, MAP measures academic growth over time, independent of grade level or age.

Our challenge as educators is to assess "for" learning rather than "to" learning. The NWEA test tool is a rich resource for this type of assessing. Extensive research has been done on assessment. What we as educators must continually be reminded of are that teaching and learning must be interactive. Throughout a unit of study the following techniques are used to increase student learning in a classroom:

1. Achievement targets are determined and communicated to student.
2. Key learning goals are communicated to student.

SCCS SCRIP REMINDER



We already have 13 families that will receive a tuition credit for purchasing SCRIP!!!

There are many more families that are growing close to this incentive!!!

Remember that families reaching \$5,000 - \$7,499 in gross sales volume will receive a \$50.00 tuition credit; families reaching \$7,500-\$9,999 will receive a \$75 tuition credit; and families reaching \$10,000 or more in gross sales will receive a \$100 tuition credit.

All tuition credits will be applied in May 2010. This is not a hard task to accomplish when you think of the total dollar amount you spend in gas and groceries alone!!

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

3. Assessment activities and scoring procedures should reflect student progress and identify the next learning steps.
4. Assessment should be used to build student confidence.
5. Classroom assessment performance results in feedback giving insights on how to improve.
6. Student should be given opportunities to assess his/her own work.
7. Teachers work closely with student to review assessments so he/she can be in charge of his/her own improvement.
8. Instruction must continually be adjusted based on assessments results.
9. Dialogue throughout learning should be thoughtful, reflective, and focused.

Educators know that assessment "for" learning means that students understand they can continue to learn at productive levels. Educators also know learning is driven by what teachers and students do in the classroom. We teach many kinds of students. Accurate assessment requires developing student skills. Then we can maximize students' confidence and increase the learning of all students. SCCS teachers continually receive professional development during this school year in the area of assessing for learning.

St. Croix Catholic School test results from previous years can be found at www.stcroixcatholic.com under Academics > Our School Report Card.

SCCS Service Marathon Update

Our third Marathon collection day is Thursday, September 24th, and next Thursday is already our last scheduled Marathon collection day. 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 Sr. Theresa Anne's class. They claimed the trophy (and candy) for the second week of the Marathon with the highest average per student turned in for the week. This Friday, the Marathon trophy will again go to the class with the highest average funds per students collected for the week. Watch for the picture of the winning class on the Web site on Friday afternoon.

We are getting closer to our Marathon service activities and last week every child should have brought home information on their grade level's activity. Many parent chaperones are needed to assist and facilitate these field trips, so if you are able to help out, please return the bottom portion of the appropriate sheet to school by Friday, September 25th. We have worked hard to plan the activities on different days so parents can accompany multiple children on their service field trips if desired. If additional forms are needed, please see the school website.

We are especially in need of middle school parents to chaperone the field trips to Feed My Starving Children. This rewarding activity requires many adults to meet the adult to student ratios set by FMSC. If you do not have a middle school student at SCCS, but would still like to chaperone the field trip, we would be happy to have you as well. Feel free to contact Carrie Sandquist at casandquist@yahoo.com if you have questions or

Scraping for Senteo

October 16
9:00 am – 8:00 pm
and

October 17
9:00 am – 5:00 pm

SCCS Gym

A \$20 donation will allow entry into our "warehouse" and you can fill a gift bag with all kinds of scrapbooking and stamping supplies, invitations, gifts, etc.

We hope to raise \$3,100 to purchase two complete classroom Senteo sets. 100% of your donation goes towards the Senteo purchase!

All products manufactured and donated by Gartner Studios.

Learn more about the Senteo system by going to News and Events on the SCCS Web site.

would like to volunteer to chaperone.

The Marathon Committee is currently in the process of assembling the Take Home Thank You Treat Bags for students meeting their individual or family goal. We'd happily accept any donations of goodies or freebies appropriate for these hard-working students. Perhaps some of our parents' employers would have something desirable to elementary-aged students and would be willing to contribute something. It's hard to know how many students will meet goal at this point, but any donations are greatly appreciated.

Total collected by students as of Thursday, September 17th : \$ 17,583.23

Matching gifts committed to date: \$ 650.00

Marathon 2nd Collection at St. Mary's Masses last weekend: \$1,142.21

Marathon 2nd Collection at St. Michael's Masses last weekend: \$2,372.86

Marathon 2nd Collection at St. Charles will be this upcoming weekend.

Our goal: **\$75,000 (\$80,000 to get an extra day off at Christmas break.)**

Only \$53,251.70 more to go to see Mrs. Epperly Rule from the Roof for a day! And only \$ 58,251.70 more to go to get the day off before Christmas break (December 23). We can do it!

Marathon 2009 Adoration Chapel Sign-Up Dedicated Prayers for our Students, our School, our Parishes and our Community

Once again we have the opportunity to dedicate prayers for our students, our school, our parishes and our community during a marathon of adoration, in the beautiful, peaceful surrounding of the St. Faustina Adoration Chapel. Individuals or families who are interested in volunteering one hour in the Adoration Chapel, beginning at 1:00 am on Thursday, October 1st to 1:00 am on Friday, October 2nd, please sign up and we will place you on the schedule. If you are already a committed adorer and wish to recruit a prayer partner, let us know. Please complete the form attached to the FYI and turn it in to your child's teacher or to the school office. There will also be a sign up sheet outside of the school office if you prefer to sign up that way. There are still many time slots available. We are hoping that our St. Croix Catholic Family will fill the 24 slots and we will have 24 hours of dedicated prayer for our Catholic Community.

Please contact Angela Nolde at 651 439-2715 or jnolde1@comcast.net with questions.

It's Art Adventure Time Again! by Pam Fioritto

This year's Art Adventure program, titled "Sources of Strength", will take place during the month of October. Volunteers, known as "picture people" attended training at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts and are very excited about getting into the classrooms to present the eight reproductions from the museum's permanent collection. This is the thirteenth year that SCCS has participated in this wonderful program which truly brings art to life for children. Please check out the preview, just outside the office, of the works to be shown this year. Thank you to our talented and committed picture people: Peggy Doeksen, Annie Loomis, Angela Nolde, Wendi Shirvar, Ann Heimerman, Cynthia Kneisel, Tunki Jantschek, Lori Kennedy, and Pam Fioritto.



St. Severin, 1909; Artist: Robert Delauney

Eucharistic Procession and Miracles Display

The Churches of St. Michael and St. Mary will host their annual Vespers and Eucharistic Procession on Sunday, September 27th. 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 26th from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. and again from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. On Sunday, September 27th 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 28th for students at SCCS to view.

Ways SCCS Students and Staff Are Helping Prevent the Spread of the H1N1 Virus/Flu

There are many things that each of us can do to help prevent the spread of the flu. At school we are reminding all students and staff to:

- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Hand sanitizers are being used often throughout the day.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way. Students are being reminded not to share personal items like drinks and food.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- While you are ill, stay home and away from others as much as possible to avoid making others sick. Symptoms of the flu include fever (100 degrees or greater), cough, sore throat, a runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headaches, and feeling tired. Your fever should be gone for at least 24 hours without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.



Staff members at SCCS are wiping down the classroom desks, counter tops, door handles, and any other areas students come in contact regularly. Custodians are also following up with regularly wiping down commons areas such as bathrooms and door bars throughout the building.

We ask that parents and family members join with us in staying health conscious.

Ark of Angels Montessori Preschool Students Visit Their Kindergarten Friends

Throughout this week, Ark of Angels Preschool students are stopping by to visit SCCS Kindergarten classes. Some of these students were friends last year while they were at Ark of Angels, but many students made new friends during their visit. These are some of the things the preschool students saw or learned during their visit:

Today we went to visit Kindergarten. We saw many things. The children sat at little tables. They listen and raise their hands when the teacher asks a question. They go to lunch in a big room called the cafeteria. They can play on the playground everyday or in the gym. They have a Smart Board in their classroom that they use for reading and learning different things. The kids in Kindergarten love school.



Ark of Angels Preschool AM Class and Kindergarten Singing a Song



Ark of Angels Preschool AM Class and Kindergarten Sharing a Story



**WELCOME
FALL**



Light Their Way Don't Miss This Once-in-a-Lifetime Opportunity!

Come and enjoy a small, intimate gathering and listen to one of America's most respected lay Catholics. Mr. Thomas S. Monaghan, an amazing rags-to-riches entrepreneur, will be the guest speaker for the evening.

Thomas Stephen Monaghan is a very prominent businessman 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.



We have been extremely blessed as a community that Mr. Monaghan will be the guest speaker for the *Light Their Way* fundraising event. Mr. Monaghan has greatly limited his speaking engagements, but is graciously donating his time to assist our school and its students. He is also willing to answer questions from you after his presentation. It is our hope that you join us for this never-to-happen again event.

This event, sponsored by a group of SCCS parents, will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 3 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Social Hall. All proceeds will benefit the children of St. Croix Catholic School and go directly to the school's general fund, supporting the cost of maintaining quality faculty and ensuring a Catholic education to all.

The cost for this amazing evening with such an historic Catholic American figure is \$200 per person. Seating is very limited, so please contact Sue Campbell at 651-983-6037 or email 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!

Box Tops for Education

Now that the kids are back in school and the house has been reorganized, I'm sure many of you have found a large stash of Box Tops for Education that have accumulated over the summer. It's time to turn those in to your child's teacher. For those of you new to the school or to the "Box Tops for Education World", SCCS receives 10 cents for each box top turned in. Numerous food and paper products are clearly marked with the Box Tops for Education symbol. All



Schedule Reminder

SCCS Lunch and Recess

Kindergarten

Recess:

12:00 – 12:20

Lunch:

12:25 – 12:45

First Grade

Recess:

11:55 – 12:15

Lunch:

12:20 – 12:40

Second Grade

Recess:

11:50 – 12:10

Lunch:

12:15 – 12:35

Third Grade

Recess:

12:45 – 1:00

Lunch:

1:05 – 1:20

Fourth Grade

Recess:

12:40 – 12:55

Lunch:

1:00 – 1:15

Fifth Grade

Lunch:

12:55 – 1:10

Recess:

1:10 – 1:25

Middle School

Lunch:

11:40 – 12:00

you have to do is check the expiration date, neatly cut it out and send it to school with your child. The money earned from box tops collected from each classroom goes directly to that teacher to use as they wish for their classroom. Middle School box tops are collected by Mrs. Glaser and are shared by the whole Middle School. Last year, SCCS earned \$2358.90 - what a fantastic fundraiser that does not include asking for \$ from your pockets! Once again, Deb Frericks and my self, Ann Tomek, will be coordinating this program. Please keep your eyes open for that box top symbol and READY, SET, CLIP AWAY!!!!

Focus on Faith by Jeanne Crea

The Feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael (normally celebrated on Sept 29) will be celebrated this Sunday! Listen for songs and readings relating to these special angels.

Angels—messengers from God—appear frequently in Scripture, but only Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are named.

Michael appears in Daniel's vision as "the great prince" who defends Israel against its enemies; in the Book of Revelation, he leads God's armies to final victory over the forces of evil. Devotion to Michael is the oldest angelic devotion dating back to the fourth and fifth centuries. The St. Michael prayer was introduced by Pope Leo XIII and used to be said after every Mass.

On Sunday April 24th 1994, Pope John Paul II recommended this prayer be used by all Catholics as a prayer for the Church when he said: "*May prayer strengthen us for the spiritual battle we are told about in the Letter to the Ephesians: 'Draw strength from the Lord and from His mighty power' (Ephesians 6:10). The Book of Revelation refers to this same battle, recalling before our eyes the image of St. Michael the Archangel (Revelation 12:7). Pope Leo XIII certainly had a very vivid recollection of this scene when, at the end of the last century, he introduced a special prayer to St. Michael throughout the Church. Although this prayer is no longer recited at the end of Mass, I ask everyone not to forget it and to recite it to obtain help in the battle against forces of darkness and against the spirit of this world.*"

Prayer to St. Michael: Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host - by the Divine Power of God - cast into hell, Satan and all the evil spirits, who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Gabriel also makes an appearance in Daniel's visions, announcing Michael's role in God's plan. His best-known appearance is an encounter with a young Jewish girl named Mary, who consents to bear the Messiah.

Raphael's activity is confined to the Old Testament story of Tobit. There he appears to guide Tobit's son Tobiah through a series of fantastic adventures which lead to a threefold happy ending: Tobiah's marriage to Sarah, the healing of Tobit's blindness and the restoration of the family fortune.

Each of these archangels performs a different mission in Scripture: Michael protects; Gabriel announces; Raphael guides.

<http://www.americancatholic.org/features/saints/saint.aspx?id=1153>

<http://www.ourladyswarriors.org/prayer/michael.htm>

Training for Current and New Altar Servers at St. Michael's September 29th

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 651-379-1265

Upcoming Events

Thursday, September 24

3rd Marathon Money Turn-In Day

Friday, September 25

Return Marathon permission slips for students in 3rd through 8th grade

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

Monday, September 28

SCCS classes invited to view the Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit in St. Michael's Social Hall today.

Wednesday, September 30

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

Thursday, October 1

3rd Marathon Money Turn-In Day

1:00 am Marathon Eucharistic Adoration through 1:00 am on October 2

Friday, October 2

Grade 4 Field Trip to the State Capitol and a play

Monday, October 5 through Friday, October 9 Marathon Service Week and Fire Prevention Week

Monday, October 5

Primary Music Marathon at Linden Healthcare Center beginning at 9:15 am

Tuesday, October 6

11:00 am – 3:00 pm Grade 6 to *Feed My Starving Children*

Fire Prevention Presentations for Kindergarten, grades 1 and 5

6:30 pm Home and School Meeting

Wednesday, October 7

9:15 am Marathon Mass

12 noon – 3:00 pm Intermediate Marathon Clean-up at St. Michael's Cemetery
(rain date is Friday, October 9)

Thursday, October 8

Kindergarten Field Trip to Aamodt's Apple Farm

11:00 am – 3:00 pm Grades 7 and 8 to *Feed My Starving Children*

Wednesday, October 14

Pizza with the Principal Marathon Prize (for students raising \$275 or more)

Thursday, October 15 and Friday, October 16 - NO SCHOOL

Education Minnesota Professional Conference

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September 21, 2009

SCCS Students Pay Tribute to Stillwater Police Officer Brienne Heroux

