

# SAINT MALACHY PARISH SCHOOL

# January NEWS

LET PEACE LIVE IN OUR HEARTS



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## BOSTROM'S BLOG

Dear Parents,

We want to thank the Marketing Committee, staff members, parents, alumni, students, and other volunteers who helped make our Open House a success. This year we really focused on the marketing and recruitment role of the annual Open House.

Changes that were made this year:

- Day and time of the event
- More involvement from parents and alumni
- Yard signs around the community
- Tours given by parishioners, parents, alumni, staff, and students
- Extra-curricular information and displays in Noll Hall
- "Active" classrooms
- Refreshment area
- Gift bags for new families who registered

These changes helped bring in a total of 32 families! You could sense the positive family atmosphere in the building on Sunday. Events like these make me proud to be part of the Shamrock family.

Our next big school event is our School Accreditation visit on Tuesday, February 28th. A team consisting of teachers and administrators from around the Archdiocese will come and see the great things that are happening at St. Malachy School. More details to come at a later date.

Blessings,  
Mr. Goddard

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

January 29th-February 3rd: Catholic Schools Week

January 31st: 3rd Grade Faith 2000 Test

February 1st: School Commission 7:00 p.m.

February 3rd: 7th Grade Soup Kitchen

February 6th-10th: Cupid Cards (Candy Grams) on Sale

February 6th: 6th and 8th Grade Faith 2000 Test

February 9th: 6th Grade to Simon Brute College Seminary

February 10th: 2nd Grade to Children's Museum

February 11th: CYO Choir Competition

February 11th: Trash Bag Sale drive-thru

February 14th: St. Valentine's Day

February 16th: PTO Luncheon, 3rd & 4th

February 17th: 7th Grade Soup Kitchen

February 17th: 3rd Grade to Benjamin Harrison Home

February 18th: Mardi Gras school fundraiser at the Colts Complex, 6:00 p.m.

February 20th: NO SCHOOL – President's Day

February 21st: Student Mardi Gras

February 22nd: Ash Wednesday, Mass 8:15 a.m.

### SCRIPTURE:

*"Stop judging, that you may not be judged. For as you judge, so will you be judged, and the measure with which you measure will be measured out to you."*

– Matthew 7: 1-3



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## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: FAITH. ACADEMICS. SERVICE.

### Catholic Schools Week is January 29 – February 4, 2012!

#### Ongoing activities during this week:

- Saint of the Day: After Morning Prayer and Pledge, a short synopsis of the life of a particular saint will be read over the PA. Teachers will be given a corresponding Smart Board program to be displayed at the time of the reading. On Friday, a brief quiz will be given to the students to test what they learned about these saints. Students who get 100% on the quiz will have their names put into a drawing for a prize (to be done before lunch time).
- Excerpts from student essays about their joy of being a student a Catholic school
  - One excerpt will be read at the end of each day before our end of the day prayer.
  - Students will together create a mural/collage to be hung in our school hallways containing excerpts from their essays – one excerpt for each student – details later)

#### Monday, January 30th

*Saint of the Day:* St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

*7:50am – 8:00am:* Prayer Service in Noll Hall to begin Catholic Schools Week

*Service project:* Design/write cards/letters to those serving in Armed Forces – this project can begin today, and be completed throughout the week as classroom time allows. Names will be solicited and provided to each classroom. Cards will be mailed by family member.

#### Tuesday, January 31st

*Saint of the Day:* St. John Bosco

*8:00am – 8:45am:* All-school Rosary – led by Student Council members (auditorium)

*Lunch:* Bosco sticks (a notice will be sent about the menu change)

#### Wednesday, February 1st

*Saint of the Day:* St. Theodora Guerin

*Theme dress day:* Dress up clothes

*8:15am:* All School Mass. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament immediately following Mass (Fr. Joe will give a brief catechesis)

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day:* Each class will sign up for 20 minutes

*Special lunch:* Table cloths, students choose dessert from those supplied by parents

*1:30pm:* Benediction (all students return to auditorium), led by Fr. Joe

#### Thursday, February 2nd

*Saint of the Day:* St. Benedict

*Theme dress day:* Spirit Wear

*Donuts and milk:* Delivered to classes first thing in the morning

#### Friday, February 3rd

*Saint of the Day:* St. Thérèse of Lisieux

*Theme dress day:* Green and White casual

*Saint of the Day quiz:* (Done in each classroom sometime before lunch)

*Saint of the Day Drawing:* 3 winners from each level (Primary, Intermediate, MS)

Green and White volleyball as soon as lunch clean-up is complete.



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## SCHOOL NEWS

### SHAMROCK PLUNGERS ~ FREEZIN' FOR A REASON!

St. Malachy 8th grader Abbey Gliva will once again be participating in the Polar Plunge to raise funds for Indiana Special Olympics. This year, she has formed a team called the Shamrock Plungers! As of now, fellow 8th graders who will be braving the elements that day are: Luke Armbruster, Gabbi Bratton, Ellen Flood, Aubrey Hadley, Emma Houston, Dillan Leisher, Taylor Merrill, Lauren Metallic, Josh Smith, Samantha Soltis, and Allison Walters! The event will take place at Eagle Creek Reservoir on Saturday, February 25th. The team goal is to raise \$1,500 for Indiana Special Olympics! Any support from the St. Malachy family would be greatly appreciated! By going to the link listed below, you can support the Shamrock Plungers with words of encouragement. Donations can also be made on the fundraising page to help them reach their goal. Thanks so much for your support of this great organization, and.....Go Shamrocks!

<http://www.firstgiving.com/process/teamarea/default.asp?did=1586&TeamId=168517&EventId=127592>

### ST. MALACHY FIGHTS CANCER!

Relay for Life is a 24-hour relay event that will take place at Brownsburg West Middle School the weekend of June 2nd-3rd. It is a fun event for the whole family. There will be carnival games, good food, a blow-up jungle gym, and much more! The purpose is to raise money for the American Cancer Society and to spread cancer awareness. If you want to be part of St. Malachy's Relay for Life team, you can sign up at [www.relayforlife.org/brownsburgin](http://www.relayforlife.org/brownsburgin). Follow the link to join a team. St. Malachy's team name is: Shamrock. Our goal is to raise money for cancer research and show the Brownsburg community how much spirit is in our school! Questions or comments should be directed to Andrea Beyke at [abeyke@stmalachy.org](mailto:abeyke@stmalachy.org).

### 8TH GRADE FUNDRAISER IS COMING SOON

During the month of February, the 8th grade class will again be selling Mike's and All Pro Car Wash (N. Green St. next to Applebee's) coupons for only \$8 each! Our class will receive 50% profit for each coupon we sell. The money we make will help offset the cost of our class trips. Please support our fundraiser and purchase a carwash coupon from us. Carwash coupons make great gifts for Valentine's Day, Easter baskets, Mother's/Father's Day, graduations, birthdays, etc. To purchase carwash coupons, please contact any 8th grade student or Julie Konger at 517-7447 (call/text) or [bkonger@indy.rr.com](mailto:bkonger@indy.rr.com). We will also be selling carwash coupons after all the masses the weekend of February 11th-12th. **Thanks for supporting the SMPS Class of 2012!**

.....▶ **PLEASE NOTE...** Big R award winners from the weeks ending January 20th and January 27th will be posted in the next newsletter.

### MISSED A MEETING?

Below are the sites to access SMS Committee Minutes:

*School Improvement Board:* [http://www.saintmalachyschool.org/current\\_families/school\\_improvement.php](http://www.saintmalachyschool.org/current_families/school_improvement.php)

*School Commission:* [http://www.saintmalachyschool.org/current\\_families/school\\_commission.php](http://www.saintmalachyschool.org/current_families/school_commission.php)

*PTO:* [http://www.saintmalachyschool.org/current\\_families/pto.php](http://www.saintmalachyschool.org/current_families/pto.php)

*Marketing:* [http://www.saintmalachyschool.org/current\\_families/marketing.php](http://www.saintmalachyschool.org/current_families/marketing.php)



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## MINI MARDI GRAS

The Girl Scouts of St. Malachy will be offering again this year a “Mini Mardi Gras” babysitting service for children ages 2 years and up (potty-trained please) in Noll Hall for families attending the school Mardi Gras on Saturday, February 18th. There will be games, activities, and movies. The event starts at 5:30 p.m. and ends promptly at 11:30 p.m. Dinner will be provided at 6:30pm. Movie at 10:00 p.m. Registration is limited to the first 50 children. Please bring a pillow and blanket or sleeping bag for movie time. The cost is \$25 per child or \$60 per family. Please send a check made payable to *Girl Scouts of St. Malachy*. Include the age of the child (ren) and contact number via backpack mail to: Victoria Breckler- 4L or e-mail Francine Breckler at [fbreckle@iuhealth.org](mailto:fbreckle@iuhealth.org).

.....➤ **HELP US RECYCLE AND RAISE FUNDS!**... We are participating in a fundraising program which collects empty printer cartridges and used cell phones to raise much needed funding. We are helping to keep the earth clean while we earn new equipment or even cash! You can send in your recyclables to the office.

## Congratulations to the winners and participants of West Deanery Spelling, Art, and Math Contest!





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## SAVE THE DATE FOR ST. MALACHY'S 13TH ANNUAL MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

### EVENT DETAILS

This year's Mardi Gras celebration will be held on **Saturday, February 18, 2012**. The Mardi Gras will begin at 6:00 p.m. and is held at the Indianapolis Colts Complex on West 56th Street. The event is \$150.00 per couple, and always delivers a fun-filled evening with raffles, auctions, dinner, drinks, and lots of excitement.

The evening's highlights include a \$10,000 reverse raffle and unique auction items that are available through a silent and a live auction. Some of last year's items included vacation packages, one-of-a-kind Colts items, sporting event tickets, and more.

Included in the silent auction are spectacular "class baskets" – themed and collected from each grade in the school. Each grade creates a gift basket of donated items – that contain items around a certain theme – and, then Mardi Gras attendees have the chance to bid on the class basket. This part of the evening can create some very spirited competition – as the baskets are always a crowd favorite.

The event is open to all parishioners and non-parishioners alike. It is a fun event for a group of friends – or, a great way to meet new friends. Tickets are on sale now! Please contact Kem Kazmierzak at [kemk@stmalachy.org](mailto:kemk@stmalachy.org) for details.

### HOW TO GET INVOLVED

As you can imagine, this event takes a good deal of planning and preparation, as each year the number of attendees is around 400 people. There is the work that goes into soliciting donations for the auction items; planning out the event details; and securing sponsorships to help finance the event and increase the proceeds for St. Malachy School.

This important event is not possible without the generosity of our sponsors and we are always looking for support. There are three levels for sponsorship and those are \$5000, \$2500, and \$1500. Each sponsor will have their company logo displayed on the night of the event and will get a certain number of tickets with each ticket also serving as an entry for the \$10,000 raffle drawing. Sponsorship level information and save the date notes will be sent home with students through back pack mail.

Our sights are set even higher this year as we hope to have even more sponsors – and, we appreciate everyone's help in gaining sponsor support. Our sponsors have also commented that they enjoy sponsoring an event that benefits the school children of St. Malachy – that also promotes their company's name, products, and services to such a large audience.



.....► **REMINDER OF UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS TO BENEFIT MARDI GRAS...** On Tuesday, January 31st, a fundraiser will be held to benefit Mardi Gras! Orange Leaf in Brownsburg will be donating 20% of the day's sales to the 2nd grade Mardi Gras basket. Just mention you are supporting SMS Mardi Gras!



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## ATHLETICS

### BASKETBALL MARATHON

The Athletic Committee is holding a basketball marathon on February 3rd and 4th. We need teams to play each hour starting at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 3rd and will play until 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 4th. Cost is \$5.00 per player and the funds go toward the new athletic fields. Please email Kevin Rollings at [kandl132b@aol.com](mailto:kandl132b@aol.com) to arrange playing time.

Please visit the St. Malachy Athletics webpage for more information at [www.stmalachyathletics.org](http://www.stmalachyathletics.org). For upcoming athletic schedules, please visit [www.cyoarchindy.org](http://www.cyoarchindy.org).

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### CARDINAL RITTER HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to the following St. Malachy parishioners for earning Honor Roll status in the second quarter of the 2011-2012 school year at Cardinal Ritter High School. In order to make the Honor Roll a student must have earned a grade point average of at least 3.25. High Honor Roll includes students who have a grade point average of at least 3.75.

**High Honors:** Claire Anderson, Michael Arnould, Delia Atkinson, Matthew Bayler, Deviney Benson, Leah Bullock, Natasha Chopra, Adrienne Damler, Andrew Dorsa, Sam Dorsa, Ross Fenimore, Samantha Fenzel, Daniel Fesenmeier, Stephen Fon, Shannon Ford, Kristen Gossman, Andrew Groth, Katherine Harvey, Anna Hession, Katherine Hiskes, Lauren Hofer, Jenna Houston, Erica Johnson, Chelsea Jones, Joseph Kurucz, Lacey Kurucz, Maria Mark, Tori Merrill, Leo Metallic, Lawrance Mukona, Rose Murphy, Lauren Owen, Mollie Rader, Frank Roselli, Samantha Rush, Anthony Ryback, Luke Schepers, Taylor Schepers, Andrew Smith, Danielle Smith, Connor Strack, Kelsey Sturgeon, Alexander Thomas, Corie Walton, Meredith Waters, Alexander Weihammer, Madison Witczak, and Isaac Wynne.

**Honor Roll:** Anthony Armbruster, Michael Birk, Nathan Birk, Zachary Bruggen, Keegan Bruns, Hunter Calvert, Hayden Cleveland, Bridget Feeney, Kelcie Gillund, Morgan Glaze, Erica Groth, James Hood, Victoria Johnson, Katerina Kaiser, Claire Kearns, Mariah Kelly, Jenna Kirk, Lillian Martin, Ryan McAndrews, Sydney Reed, Christin Rollett, Grant Schrack, Thomas Smith, Adam Strack, Megan Sturm, Collette Van Noy, Bennett VanMiegham, Evan Vinci, and Austin Woods.

### PARENT MEETING AT BROWNSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

A parent meeting for all incoming freshmen to Brownsburg High School will be February 15, 2012, in the Brownsburg High School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. Counselors and administrators will be available to answer parent questions and provide assistance with the planning of the program of studies.



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### THE LOCK-IN WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

The Student Council put on a lock-in for 4th-8th graders last Saturday. We had over 100 participants. Within the 3 hours, the students participated in activities that consisted of Minute-to-Win-it, board games, cup stacking, cards, food, drinks, and open gym. The students and volunteers had a blast, and want to make this an annual event.

