



St. Mark Parent Club Paw Prints



Parent Club Caritas Committee
 Summer Activities
 -Save the Dates-

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Two summer sessions are planned for "Sandwich Making" for St. Malachi's Backdoor Ministry

When: Friday, June 19, 2009
 and

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Where: The Social Hall

Time: 10:00 a.m. (over by 10:30!!!)

What: Please bring 1-2 lbs of lunchmeat or cheese and one box of granola bars or cereal bars.

The Parent Club will provide bread RSVP's to Kathy by email @ cprohio@mac.com or phone: 216.671.3403

Also:

School Supply Collection to benefit Our Lady of Mount Carmel and The Bridge Avenue School

Watch for the summer sales !!!!

Collection to take Place: **August 15th and 16th**
 before and after all masses

Suggested items: Pretty much anything goes!!!!

- Pens
- Pencils
- Crayons
- Markers
- Glue
- Glue Sticks
- Notebooks
- Notebook Paper
- Backpacks

A reminder will be printed in the bulletin

Special dates to

Remember:

Run for the Arts 05-30-09

Ice Cream Social 05-31-09

Market Day 06-13-09

Eucharist Adoration 06-14-09

Caritas Sandwich Making

06-19-09 and 07-30-09

Parish Picnic 06-28-09

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Minutes of General Meeting—Tuesday, May 19th, 2009

Dining for Dollars

The next Dining for Dollars will be held at Max & Erma's in Westlake on May 21st.

President's Report

Thom Winans reported that the new Laminator has arrived at the school. The Parent Club is continuing to look for any "Wish List" items from teachers. The teachers are also looking at the possibility of purchasing a Video Camera for news or "Pod Casts" and other school activities. Thom announced that Father John will introduce a "New Family Liturgy" to start before the next school year.

Run for the Arts

Sue Beech announced that Julia McInnerney (4th Grade) is the winner of the T-shirt contest this year. All is coming together for race day, Saturday, May 30th. The committee is intending to add an ART SHOW along with the race for 2010.

Ice Cream Social

Cindy Stanton is heading this event to be held Sunday, May 31st after the 12:00 Mass. Ice Cream will be served in the gym. Flyers have gone home through the school this week. Contact Cindy at (216) 941-0677 or cindee151@sbcglobal.net with questions, comments or to volunteer. In conjunction, a Scholastic Book Fair will be held from 9:00am to 1:30am in the Social Hall to raise money for St. Charles' Parish School that lost their library due to fire.

Parish Picnic

The Parish Picnic will be held June 28th. The Holy Name is looking for helping hands to man games and tables. One hour of your time will help make this event a success. Please email Amy Kelly at aelly@roadrunner.com if you would like to join the fun.

Market Day

Market Day has raised \$7,915.75 this school year. The next Market Day is June 13. Market Day pick up will be moved to a weekdays over the summer. Mark you calendar for Tuesday, July 14th at 4:30pm and Tuesday, August 11th at 4:30

Caritas

Noted a very successful year. Activities included: Sandwich Making for St. Malachi Back Door Ministry, Monday Night Meal to St. Malachi, Card Making for Armed Services, Recycled Sports Equipment for St. Augustine. Summer dates for sandwich making are Friday, June 19th at 10:00am, and Thursday, July 30th at 10:00am in the St. Mark Social Hall.

Corpus Christi

Eucharist Adoration will be held in the Church on the Feast of Corpus Christi in Sunday, June 14th from 1:00pm-5:00pm.



Don't Pick the Scab

As a parent with summer right around the corner, I know to start stocking up on Band-Aids. Not that I don't use them during the other seasons, it's just that as the temperature starts to rise so do the incidents of scrapes on the elbows and knees ...in fact it's already begun...

Just a few weeks ago, my daughter fell and received a really nasty scrape on the elbow. She came crying with blood streaming...and after I convinced her to calm down and take a few deep breaths, she regained her composure. I cleaned her up, used the anti-biotic cream and of course, a really big Band-Aid. Luckily, my daughter LOVES Band-Aids!!! Actually, it is unusual if she is without one. Days later as the wound began to heal, I explained it was best to take off the Band-Aid and let the "air get to it" so that a scab could form and heal the sore completely. Reluctantly, she agreed...

After a few days, once again she came crying to me with blood streaming from the same sore. I asked what had happened and she told me that it had started to itch really badly and so she picked at the scab. As I once again cleaned her up and administered the usual creams and bandages, I explained that the itching was actually a good sign... it meant that the sore was healing and that she should leave it alone this next time. My words were these..." It might itch a whole lot, but just leave it alone...don't pick the scab... let it heal!" She seemed not to believe me so I added, "I am your mom ...trust me. I know what is best."

So many times in dealing with my kid's problems and giving them my wisdom, I can hear the voice of my Heavenly Father speaking directly to ME. This was one of those times... and I began to ponder these points as they pertained to my life.....

How many times have I found myself hurting from various episodes in my life? How many bumps, bruises and sores have I received? How many times have I used Band-aid after Band-aid to try to cover up the hurt? How many times has God tried to take off the bandages so that He could truly heal me? And of course, how many times have I picked the scab of a wound that was almost healed...only to come back bleeding and crying to God?

...I am sure God was chuckling and shaking His head as He watched the scene with me and my daughter unfold. And I felt His Spirit talking to me..."As I am healing one of your wounds, it might itch really badly, but that is OK...that means it is getting better. Leave it alone and don't pick the scab...let it heal all the way. When I am done, one of two things will happen: you will not be able to see that even a scratch existed or there will be a scar. But a scar is not bad; it will quietly remind you that although you were hurt, I healed you. And then, just as I had added with my own daughter, I felt Him say, "And I am your Father...trust me. I know what is best!"

Happy Summer!!!

Debbie Broughton



St. Mark Parent Club May 2009



Mission Statement

The purpose of this organization is to provide a supportive relationship for the parents and faculty, and to continue to enrich the spiritual and academic experience here at St. Mark School. The Parent Club will always place the needs and development of our children, the students of St. Mark School, as our number one priority.

Newsletter

The Paw Prints is the publication of the St. Mark Parent Club. Entries for the March newsletter are due on **Thursday, August 20, 2009**. All school or parish related groups are welcome to submit entries to the Paw Prints. Please submit entries via email, typed to your specifications. All entries will be inserted into the newsletter document. All entries and issues of the Paw Prints will be approved by the executive board and Dr. K. For questions or to send entries for our monthly newsletter contact Katie Bryant at dkbryant2256@att.net or Patty McGinty at mcgintyfour@sbcglobal.net.



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