



Established 1897

SCHOOL NEWS

"God's gifts are never loans; they are always deposits."

Events Calendar

Oct. 19-22

R.E.A.P

SMPS 6th Graders
(Camp Russell, Oglebay Park)



Thursday, Oct. 21

Kindergarten Assessments



Thursday, Oct. 21

Parent Association Meeting

Guest Speaker: Clinical
Psychologist Patricia Bailey, Ph.D.

Topic: Bullying
(School Hall, 6 pm)



Friday, Oct. 22

Market Day Order Sheets Due



Oct. 29

8th Grade Retreat

(8:30 am, Angelus Center)



Wednesday, Nov. 3

All Saints Mass

First Graders Dress as Saints
(8:30 am)



Friday, Nov. 5

8th Grade CCHS Visitation

(8:30 am)



Saturday, Nov. 6

**Wine & Cheese Social
Shopper's Delight Auction**

\$10 advance tickets/\$12 at door

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Mustang Spirit runs high at SMPS Parent Association sponsors Spirit Week fun

Spirit Week ended with flair on Oct. 8 as all 350 students gathered at the Angelus Center parking lot, during a beautiful, summer-like afternoon to show their Mustang pride. Led by our enthusiastic team of cheerleaders, each class chanted the "V-I-C-T-O-R-Y" cheer at the Pep Rally to determine this year's spirit stick winners.

Congratulations to Kindergarten, 5th Grade and 7th Grade for earning the coveted prize with the loudest cheer! Thanks to the Parent Association, all students also received an SMPS cowbell as their spirit gift at the Pep Rally.

Other spirit week activities included the "Fill a Bucket Game" for TK-4. Winners of a \$5 Tim Horton's gift card were Abby Heilman (TK), Anne Nettles (K), Skyler Blake (1st), Alexis Paras (2nd), Jacob Rine (3rd), and Derek Harrison (4th).

Also, 500 canned food items were collected and donated to the Catholic Neighborhood Charities.

A special thanks to all parent volunteers who contributed to Spirit Week: Jackie Reinbeau, Jessica Danze, Tammy Parea, Leslie

Mustang 7/8 Football Team Captains J.D. Griffith, Ben Duplaga and Alex Crum addressed the Pep Rally crowd of students, teachers, and parents.



Special thanks to the SMPS Cheerleaders, Coaches Kim Burge and Sarah Felton, and Athletic Director Lee Gruber for all their hard work and support at both the Spirit Week Pep Rally and kick-off Tailgate Party.



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TK students show their Crazy Blue/Gold spirit at the Pep Rally. Shown (from l) are Merritt Delk, Jayden Burge (partially visible), Lilyan Hanna, Taylor Broadwater, and Angelina Parea.

Kosanovic, Lois Lewis, Melissa Michael, Erica Tamburin, Betsy Delk, Cassie Queen, Terri and Melvin Kahle, Gus and Kelly Saines, Kim Bordas, Kelley Craig, Chris Anthony, Sheila and Mike Romanek, Jen McCallen, Ken and Jen Imer, Rick and Kristy Riedel, and Isaac and Kathleen Dieffenbaugher.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Family Pasta Night serves 1,000 meals

There were a record number of pasta meals served at the Oct. 10 Family Pasta Night fundraiser, says event coordinator Staci Spry. "I thank everyone who turned out for Pasta Night...we had a steady crowd all day and served about 1,000 meals," Spry said.

The school and parish community really supported the event -- so much so that around 5:30 pm, the kitchen crew ran out of pasta, sauce, and salad and was forced to turn people away at the door. "We apologize to those who weren't able to dine with us," Spry said. "The turnout was incredible and we will definitely have to increase our supplies for next year." In total, she said, about 150 lbs. of penne pasta were consumed during the six-hour event.

Congratulations to the following raffle prize winners: Becky Marshall (Honey Baked Ham basket); Orphy Klempa (WVU basket); Joni Marshall (Beauty Basket); Lee Gruber (Family Entertainment basket); Shirley DeBen (Pampered Chef basket); Jackie Sebulsky (Restaurant basket); Sara Palmer (CCHS Boosters basket); and Mason Palmer (SMPS basket). Our lucky 50/50 winner was Mrs. Heather Taylor (\$426.50).

A special thanks to our business sponsors: Figaretti's, Generations, Wheeling Hospital, Wheeling Linen Company, Ye Olde Alpha, Gumby's, Kalkreuth Roofing & Sheet Metal, Salsa Cafe, Klug's Greenhouse, WVNCC, Hole 'N Run, Honey Baked Ham, Dream Clean, Danny Ferrera, Karen Nixon (Pampered Chef), Shari Beiswenger Pet Grooming, Exxon, and WesBanco Arena. Thanks, too, to the many parent, student and teacher volunteers who contributed to the planning and execution of this fundraiser. In all, \$4,300 was raised for the school's academic programs!



7th Grade Student Sami LaBelle was among 43 student volunteers at this year's Family Pasta Night. Sami's father, Dan, also volunteered as a member of the kitchen crew.

october RESPECT LIFE

"Prayer for Life"

O God our loving Creator, all life is in Your hands from the moment of conception until death. Help us to cherish our children and to be grateful for the privilege of sharing in your work of creation. Bless all those who defend the rights of the unborn, the poor, the handicapped and the aged. Enlighten and be merciful toward those who do not value the gift of life. Help them to seek and find You. Grant that by our care and respect for all people, we might be a sign of Your love in the world today. This we ask in Jesus' name.

Amen

Discover Catholic Schools

OPEN HOUSE

Nov. 10 (4-7 pm), WJU

If you have a neighbor or friend who might be interested in learning more about area Catholic Schools, tell them about the upcoming Catholic Schools Open House on Nov. 10 at Wheeling Jesuit University's Troy Theater. From 4-7 pm, the general public can visit with school representatives from all Ohio and Marshall County Catholic Schools, including St. Michael's. Any current Catholic school family who brings an interested party to the event will have his name entered into the special *Bring A Friend Raffle* to win restaurant gift cards. Help us spread the word about the wonders of Catholic Education!

CLASS SCIENCE NEWS

8th Graders perform blood-typing experiment



Dr. Cynthia Mueller assists 8th grader Henry Gompers with the blood-typing experiment using a sterile lancet to draw his blood. This experiment is conducted annually as part of Mrs. Burge's genetics and blood science chapter.

Dr. Cynthia Mueller recently helped Mrs. Burge's science class with an experiment on blood-typing to supplement their chapter on genetics and blood. After Dr. Mueller pricked their fingers with a sterile lancet, each student determined their own blood type and Rh factor using the student experiment kit. Students then graphed the blood type breakdown for 8-8 and 8-9 to determine the percentage of trait possibilities based on parents. A variety of blood types were discovered among 8th graders: A+(5); A-(9); B+(4); B-(0); AB+(0); AB-(1); O+(7); and O-(3).

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For registration or class shadowing information, please contact Mrs. Marilyn Richardson, school principal.

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