



## St. Margaret Mary School

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## Weekly Newsletter

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Happy New Year!



### From Desk of Mr. Ryan Krienke, Principal

**Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):** You will notice that this week's red folder contains information about our school advisory board (SAB). This is very similar to a school board in a public school. We are still looking for a seventh member. In addition, the board will meet the third Wednesday of each month in the school library. Most of our time will be spent working in our standing committees. If you feel that you could be of assistance in helping our school grow through marketing, finance, educational achievement or building and grounds please call the school office as soon as possible. We need the leadership of our parents to help Saint Margaret Mary continue to grow and develop as a quality Catholic School in Milwaukee.

**School Mission:** *St. Margaret Mary School is an enthusiastic, faith-filled Catholic Community committed to strong academic standards and Christian Values. We are called to:*

- *Develop a strong academic curriculum that integrates Christian values and Catholic traditions. Provide varied opportunities for students, staff and parents that support each other.*
- *Encourage participation in varied religious experiences which will help to develop faith and a relationship with God.*
- *Foster a sense of self-giving following Jesus' example.*

**God Bless and Happy New Year!**

*Ryan Krienke, Principal*

### From the St. Margaret Mary School Advisory Board

**Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):** I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the St. Margaret Mary School Advisory Board. The School Advisory Board is an organization comprised of parents, parishioners and community members who assist the school administration in planning, policy making, budget review, and advancement opportunities.



The 2011-2012 School Advisory Board Members are: **Lisa Strahota, Chairperson; Jean Facette, Vice Chairperson; Mary Blinkhorn, Secretary; Members: Bob Ciganek, Dionne Ojeda, Tanya Tucker**

There are four Standing Committees with the School Advisory Board: *Finance Committee*, Chair: Mary Blinkhorn; the *Marketing Committee*, Chair: VACANT; the *Student Achievement Committee*, Chair: Jean Facette; and the *Buildings & Grounds Committee*, Chair: Bob Ciganek. It is through the work of these Standing Committees that the Board achieves its goals and objectives.

The School Advisory Board meeting is the place for parents/guardians to voice concerns about school issues dealing with policy, budget and school advancement. **The Board Meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm in the school Library.** If you will be attending a Board Meeting to express a concern, please be advised of the following:

- If you have an item to be put on the agenda, you must put that request in writing 7 days before the scheduled meeting and send it to myself or Mr. Krienke.
- The first 10 minutes of each meeting will be reserved for non-Board members to voice concerns.
- You will be given 3 minutes of speaking time.
- If your item warrants additional Board discussion, it will be added onto the agenda of the next meeting.

Our current School Advisory Board is looking to fill one additional seat. If you have an interest in serving on the Board, especially in the area of Marketing, have any general questions or would like to add an item to the agenda please contact Mr. Krienke at 414-463-8760 or at [rkrienke@stmmpp.org](mailto:rkrienke@stmmpp.org) or you may contact me at 414-760-1351 or at [lisahota@yahoo.com](mailto:lisahota@yahoo.com).

*Sincerely,*

*Lisa Strahota, SMM School Advisory Board, Chairperson*

## A Glance at the Next Two Months...

January 2012	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30	31	1	2	3	4
	<b>CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK</b>						
February 2012	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	26	27	28	29			

### Other Important News!!!

**Spring Auction:** The School will host its First Annual Spring Auction @ Mt. Mary College, March 31! Invitations to come.

**Winter Season:** Please send children to school dressed for cold weather. Students without snow pants & boots cannot play in the snow. Please label items with student names.



**Handicap Parking:** The school has several handicap parking spots available for those who need them. Please only park there if you have a sticker, tag or license plate indicating you can park in handicap spots. Also please make sure empty spots are not blocked for others to use.

**Choice Open Enrollment:** Please help us spread the news of SMM! Open enrollment began December 1<sup>st</sup> for this school year. Your good words help us continue to grow as a school!

### Volunteer at St. Margaret Mary

Show your support for the school through these various volunteer opportunities. Call the School office for more information.

- Assist with the morning drop-off for our 4K-4<sup>th</sup> grade students OR in the lunchroom.
- Assist with the Wednesday afternoon Kids for Christ program 2-3PM
- Aid the School Office with mailings and other projects.
- Serve as School Advisory Board's Marketing Committee Chair