



September 20, 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It was heartwarming to see each student from Grade 4 up to Grade 8 bring in their loaf of bread on Monday, Sept. 13. Two representatives from each class involved brought the loaves over to Lady Shaw Senior Residence where they presented them to the seniors. The smiles seen on both the seniors' and students' faces said it all. The King Arthur's Life Skill Bread Baking activity was a great success.

At *Back to School Night* you heard the expectations presented by your child's teacher(s). The faculty and staff at St. Mary's have high expectations and will help your child meet them.

We are now in the midst of the ITBS (Iowa Testing of Basic Skills) assessment involving students in Grades 2 through 8 and also CogAT for Grades 3, 5 and 7. These tests were developed primarily for the purpose of supporting instruction. After the results are obtain, the teachers look at the information and determine what areas of the curriculum may need extra attention and instruction as well as areas of strength and areas of growth with individual students. Please remember that the ITBS assessment is just a snapshot in time. What your child does on a daily bases is the important part.

The best ways to help your child prepare for the ITBS week is to make certain that they get a good night's sleep; limit their time on any electronic devices; have a healthy breakfast; bring a morning recess snack and encourage your child to do their best.

Finally, as we enter into the last week on September, a reminder that students are expected to follow the dress code of St. Mary's Chinese Day at all times.

Sincerely,
Mrs. N. Fiebelkorn

Dates to Remember

- September 9 - 30 Mandatory Chocolate / Catalogue Sales; chocolates available through the office. The mandated amount of \$180.00 per student
- September 20 - 30 ITBS (Iowa Testing of Basic Skills) Grade 2 - 8
- September 27 Minimum Day: Extended care available; Teachers' Workshop
- September 28 Picture Day – ALL students in full uniform
- September 30 Chocolate / Catalogue Sales end
- October 1 Minimum Day: Extended care available
- October 3 11:00 a.m. Unity Mass at Old Saint Mary's Cathedral: installation of Father Daniel; school choir will participate
- October 6 PTG Advisory Board Meeting 6:15 p.m. in Hecker Hall
- October 8 Teacher-in-service: School closed: Student Holiday

A St. Mary's Student is expected to be a person of *CLASS*.

Critical Thinker, Life Long Learner, Active Listener and Effective Communicator,
Spiritually Open, Socially and Environmentally Active

親愛的家長 / 監護人：

九月十三日，星期一，由四至八年級，每班學生派出兩個代表送麵包到邵逸夫耆英中心。從長者和學生的微笑中已說出一切。這個麵包製作課程非常成功。

會見老師夜你們已聽到你孩子的老師說及一年內的計劃。聖瑪利的老師和職員期望能幫到學生們走上成功的道路。

現在是標準試的中段由二至八年級學生參與和三年、五年和七年級學生也須要考 CogAT 試。這些試的目的是建立學生們的基本教育。獲得結果後，老師會審查資料和找出學生在那一個地方須要加以注意和改善及對個別學生的栽培。請記住標準試只是一剎那。你的孩子每日所做的基本事情是最重要。

幫你孩子預備標準試這星期要令他們有好的睡眠；減少時間在他們的電子計劃；有一個健康早餐；帶一些上午小食和鼓勵他們做到最好。

最後，踏入九月最後一星期，提醒你們是學生在本校任何時間必須依照學生手冊內的校服規則。

校長啓

備忘錄

九月九日---卅日	強制銷售糖果 / 目錄章程；朱古力可在校務處提取 每位學生最少銷售一百八十元
九月廿日---卅日	二年至八年級標準試
九月廿七日	半日上課---教師工作坊---護兒服務
九月廿八日	照相日---學生穿著整齊校服
九月卅日	目錄章程 / 糖果銷售截止
十月一日	半日上課---護兒服務
十月三日	舊聖瑪利座堂---上午十一時麥神父就職彌撒---校內合唱團參與
十月六日	家長委員會議下午六時十五分在 Hecker Hall
十月八日	教師受訓日---學校放假---學生假期