



# May News



Saint Elizabeth Regional School

May 2009

Dear Parents,

May is the month we hold special for Our Blessed Mother. As a parish we will honor Mary at our annual May Procession which is being held on Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Church. All the school students are expected to be in attendance at this procession. If you have friends that attend CCD classes at our parish please invite them to be in our procession with you. I invite our school families to be apart of our Mary devotion so together we can honor Mary as the mother of Jesus and our mother. **Any family that would like to send flowers in for the May shrine in the church please bring them to the school the morning of May 12<sup>th</sup>.** Special remembrance to our Mother's on their special day in May.

There are 17 families that have not returned the Middle States survey. The due date for return was April 27<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping for 100% return of the surveys. If you still have your survey please send it to me by the end of April. **The first, fifth and seventh grade students have a 100% return and are being offered a dress down day of their choice. Congratulations☺**

Please be aware that you have several options available to you for information on school policies, general information and important dates and events. Our forms of communication are: Parent/Student Folder, frequently updated web site [www.sercc.org/school](http://www.sercc.org/school), email, classroom phones for voice messages or to check the homework hot line, pertinent information from the school office, HASA, or the School Board sent every Wednesday for weekly communication, conferences scheduled when requested, and school news in the church bulletin. Please take advantage of these available means of communication and be proud of the wonderful happenings at Saint Elizabeth Regional School.

I would like to invite all of our School Board members, HASA members and Volunteers to a luncheon on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:15 pm. Please mark your calendar. You will receive an invitation for the luncheon. I ask you to please call as soon as possible with your RSVP of attending or not being able to attend the luncheon.

Ascension Thursday is on May 21<sup>st</sup>; we will celebrate liturgy at 9:00 am. Please join us for this liturgy if this is a convenient time for you.

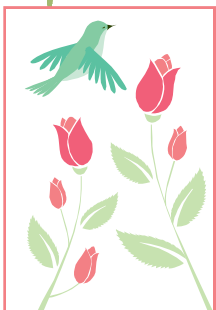
Enjoy these wonderful spring days while we continue to celebrate the Easter Season. Pentecost Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> will mark the end of the Easter Season.

Reminder - School Year 2009 – 2010; the first day of school will be Monday, August 31st.

Thank you for your support and cooperation during these busy months. It is truly appreciated.

God bless you!

*Sister Bonita*



### THIRD QUARTER HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to the following individuals for attaining honor roll status for the third marking period.

#### EIGHTH GRADE

Distinguished Honors: Jenna Edelman, Jessica Jandres,  
Christina Tran  
First Honors: Jacqueline Bastidas, Aleaya Phillips,  
Sonya Phillips  
Second Honors: Manual Colon

#### SEVENTH GRADE

Distinguished Honors: Jonathan Nicklas, Hannah Pruzinsky  
First Honors: Alyssa Aviles, Ryan Gutshall, Logan Koval  
Second Honors: Alyssa Hertel, Natalie Schrantz

#### SIXTH GRADE

Distinguished Honors: Brett Mathews, James Scheuren  
First Honors: Tiffany Tran  
Second Honors: Bryce Maley, Garrett Pruzinsky,  
Melinda Rother, Ryan Susko

#### FIFTH GRADE

Distinguished Honors: Jillian Sverha  
First Honors: Devon Fogel, Cassandra Hoff,  
Calvin Mendoza, Kayla Sponsel  
Second Honors: Gretchen Johnson, Timothy Susko

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to Abigail Stoudt of St. Mary Parish who received her First Holy Communion on April 26<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary Church in Catasauqua.

The following children from Saint Elizabeth Parish will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 am. Please keep all of them in your prayers!

Kayla Ackerman	Tyler Mackie-Stuber
Brian Azar	Tristan Nguyen
Ryan Azar	Maximilian Pasinski
Mason Burkhardt-Bauder	Gracia Rother
Ryder Faustner	Katherine Shupp
Emma Garneau	Christy Vu
Alissa Le	Anthony Wilson

Thank you to Monsignor Muntone, Monsignor Finelli, Sister Bonita, Mrs. O'Connor, Mrs. Spieker, Mrs. Fritchey, and everyone else who helped make this day special.

#### KINDERGARTEN PARENT REMINDER

Just a reminder: Our Kindergarten students will not have school on Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> due to testing of the children who are registered for our next year's kindergarten class.

#### BOOK SALE

There is a used book sale scheduled for Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. Students will have the opportunity to shop from 9 am – noon in the library.

### SCHOOL PICTURES

Tipping Studios will be here for class pictures on Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. An order envelope will be sent home next Wednesday (May 6<sup>th</sup>). Please have your child bring it in the day of pictures to hand to the photographer. Do not send it in to the school any earlier; we'd hate to see it get lost.

#### MAY PROCESSION

Our May Procession will be held at 7 pm on May 12<sup>th</sup>. If you'd like to bring in your garden flowers for that evening, you may send them with your children or bring them in to the school during morning drop off or before 9:30 am. A container will be available in the school foyer. Attire for the evening will be First Communion clothing for those in second grade and "Sunday best" for all other children. No sandals or sneakers!

#### GRATITUDE DINNER

The 8th grade parents "Gratitude Dinner" is scheduled for Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the Parish Hall.

#### STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Student Council elections for the 2009-2010 school year will be held on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Look for important papers coming home on May 13<sup>th</sup>. We ask all students to please consider representing your class.

#### WEEKLY COMMUNICATION

In the past couple of months, we've had parents tell us that they have not received certain papers/information from us. We'd like to reiterate the fact that *Wednesday* is the day that information from the school office is sent home. Teachers may send home things on different days of the week, but we ask that you please check your children's backpacks/take-home folders, etc. *especially on Wednesdays*. There are weeks that only one paper comes home and there are others that four and five different papers come home; not only from the office but from HASA and/or the school board too. Teachers in the lower grades fill take-home folders and students in the upper grades are responsible for ensuring things are placed in their backpacks for take home.

There are some important papers that come home with deadline dates and we've had numerous dates missed only to find out the parent never received paperwork. Please stress to your child the importance of their role in delivering messages and letters to you. At dismissal on some Wednesdays, we do mention that important items are going home, so maybe with reiteration from both ends, here at school and there at home, our students will become more responsible individuals; a good trait they'll carry with them through life.

#### NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Congratulations to our alumni who were inducted into the National Honor Society at both Central Catholic and Whitehall High Schools. Allyson Carmona, Rebecca Feiller, Andrea Fritchey, Jared Kochenash, Lauren Koval, Dennis Scully, Luke Serensits and Jason Susko were inducted at Central Catholic. And Nathan Keglovits and Lucas Sobchack were inducted at Whitehall. We are very proud of all of them and wish them success in their scholastic endeavors as they continue to "Strive for Excellence".

WELLNESS CORNER

Spring Sports and Hydration  
From kidshealth.org

**Bring on the Liquids**

You've probably seen athletes drinking water when there is a break in the action. That's because athletes need water before, during, and after exercise. When people sweat, they lose water through their skin. Sweating cools the body down, but if you lose too much water this way, you could get dehydrated. If you get dehydrated you won't feel well or perform well. Serious dehydration can make you sick enough that you'd need to go to the emergency department for treatment.

Drinking before, during, and after exercising (or an event) is the best way to stay hydrated. Don't wait until you're thirsty. Water is the best choice. Fruit juice mixed with water is another refreshing drink. But avoid sodas, especially caffeinated ones.

A sports drink is OK once in a while, but remember that these drinks have a lot of sugar and calories. Water is still the best drink for your body and it contains no calories. You may want to choose a sports drink if you are exercising for more than 90 minutes or in really hot weather.

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

We'd like to thank all the avid horse racing fans who supported our Night at the Races on March 28. A good time was had by all! Due to your generosity we realized a profit of approximately \$3000. Please consider becoming a member of the Saint Elizabeth Regional School Board. We are currently in search of new members. Please contact Sr. Bonita if you are interested.

HASA NEWS

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our first Basket Social event such a huge success. In all, we had over 95 baskets sponsored, and over 250 tickets sold. We would like to thank all the families who donated baskets, purchased tickets, and donated their time and expertise. A special thank you to Joan Glover for making the amazing Haluski, and Deb Schuster for the delicious Turkey BBQ.

Please consider becoming a member of the Home and School Association for next year. Applications are now being accepted. The term is for two years, with meetings one night a month. Be a part of something great! If you are interested, send your name and phone number in to HASA today.

Mark your calendars for our final HASA event of the year. By popular vote, we will hold a family bingo on Friday, May 15th. This bingo will feature gift cards to your favorite places for prizes! Check for the registration form that was sent home today.

ST. ELIZABETH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Members of the St. Elizabeth Athletic Association would like to thank everyone for participating in the Hoagie Sales this year. Your support has helped us to continue to update uniforms and equipment as well as keep registration fees the same for the fifth year in a row. We will have one more Hoagie Sale with pick up on May 13th. We will resume them again in September.

SAINT MARY PARISH NEWS

The John Sipcis Memorial Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Registration and payment should be sent to St. Mary's rectory by May 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information, please call 610-264-0332.

ASBESTOS INSPECTION

The building was recently inspected for asbestos and was found to be in safe condition. If you have any questions, or concerns, please call Mr. Ed Ritter the Facilities Manager for the Diocese of Allentown at 610-271-5200, ext 240.

LOOKING FORWARD TO JUNE

As we near the end of the school year, here are some happenings that may interest you.

- ☺ Half-day – Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>
- ☺ Field Day – Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>
- ☺ Eighth Grade Graduation – Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm
- ☺ Kindergarten Graduation – Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup> at 9 am
- ☺ Last day of school – Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>; prayer service 9:45 & dismissal 10:30 am

2009 SUMMER FUN CAMP

The Lehigh Career & Technical Institute (LCTI) is sponsoring a summer fun program open to students in grades 5 – 8. It is designed to reveal different career areas through the use of hands-on experiments, interactive projects and classroom participation. The camp is scheduled for June 22 – June 25 and June 29 – July 2 from 8:30 am – 3:00 pm. All courses are taught by skilled adults and are held at LCTI in Schnecksville. The camp fee is \$100 for each session with an optional lunch purchase (\$15 for each session). Free transportation is available for all students attending. Camp information and registration forms are available on the LCTI web site [www.lcti.org](http://www.lcti.org)

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*Happy Mother's Day!*

*Blessed is the Mother  
who lets the Lord be her guiding hand,  
Whose faith brings her family courage,  
whose wisdom comes from God,  
and whose children stand and honor her.*

