



# SMCS VIKING VINE



*Nurturing all children and achieving academic success in the Spirit of Christ.*

**"Catholic Schools: Faith, Academics, Service"**

**September 23, 2011**

**Principal's Corner**

*"Nurturing all children and achieving academic success in the Spirit of Christ" This familiar phrase is our SMCS Mission Statement. We see it posted in classrooms, on the Viking Vine and announced over the loudspeaker. But where did it come from and what does it mean to us as a SMCS community?*

*This Mission Statement was formulated as part of our SACS reaccreditation process in 2005. Our previous Mission Statement that was established in 1990 was almost half a page in length and worded in such a way that it was a challenge to commit to memory. We sought, as a faculty, to create a mission statement that would more accurately reflect our vision at SMCS and at the same time be a statement that we could use daily. You will see our Mission Statement posted throughout our school and on most of our school correspondence.*

*"Nurturing all children" This part of our Mission statement speaks to who we*

*are as a school community of teachers, parents and children with this as our ultimate goal. Not only do we as teachers and parents "nurture" and feed the minds and spirits of our students but the students also are called to "nurture" each other. Our students nurture each other when they show respect and support for each other in class, on the playground and in all their daily activities.*

*Continue with us in nurturing our students to be the best they can be. Hope to see all of you this weekend for some fun and fellowship at the CalcaChew Festival!*

*Yours in Faith,*

**Mrs. Brenda Dufrene**

**Very Important Reminder**

Please be reminded that students are **not** to be dropped off or picked up by the school office. Students may be dropped off behind the cafeteria or the Church parking lot. When picking the students up in the afternoon, grades K-3 and older students with younger siblings may be picked up behind the cafeteria and 4-8 in the Church parking lot.

Thank you for your cooperation!

**Art Basket for Calca Chew**

The Art Club will be creating a Basket for Calca Chew. The name of the basket is "We Heart Art". The basket will include various items needed for all kinds of artists. Paint, crayons, pencil colors, drawing books, model magic, tie die kit, construction paper, and much much more! Please make sure when you visit the silent auction, you bid on our many wonderful baskets that the teachers, students and room mothers have created.

**St. Margaret School and Parish CalcaChew Festival  
Sunday, September 25th**

**9:00 - 3:00**

**Come One! Come All!**



**Events**

Sunday, September 25th

9:00 - 3:00 CalcaChew

Monday, September 26th

5:00 pm - 7th gr. Volleyball game @ EDS vs EDS

5:45 pm - 8th gr. Volleyball game @ EDS vs EDS

Tuesday, September 27th

5th grade Social Justice Gathering @ IHM

Wednesday, September 28th

Free Dress for Sally Foster

6:45 pm - Football game @ St. Louis vs ICCS

Thursday, September 29th

Free Dress for September Birthdays

**Club Meeting Dates**

Monday, Sept. 26th

3:00 - Math Counts

Tuesday, Sept. 27th

3:00 - Science Club

Thursday, Sept. 29th

3:00 - 7th & 8th gr. Art Club

3:00 - Chess (Intermediate)

**Lunches**

Monday - Sept. 26th  
Hamburger/Fries

Tuesday - Sept. 27th  
Soft Shell Tacos/Corn

Wednesday - Sept. 28th  
Chicken Nuggets/Mac & Cheese

Thursday - Sept. 29th  
Baked Chicken/Rice Dressing

Friday - Sept. 30th  
Country Fried Steak/Creamed Potatoes

Choice of Milk Daily

**Things to Remember**

**Birthdays this week are:**

Mary-Elizabeth Rosteet and Emily McGuire



**Tuition Due  
15th of  
every month**

**(Late fee of \$25.00 after the 25th)**

**HALO of the Week!**

Our Halo of the week is **Mr. David Hardey**. We welcome Mr. Hardey as our new Religion Coordinator and 8th grade Religion teacher. We hope he enjoys being here as much as we enjoy having him here.

## Viking Lagniappe

### Feast of Saints

This Thursday is the Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels. "Angel" is a word that means "God's message" and these are the three most excellent examples of God's *messengers* in Scripture. "Michael" means "who is like God." He is remembered for fighting Satan casting him and all of his evil spirits out of heaven. That is why we pray to him. "Gabriel" means "God's strength". It is the words of St. Gabriel that we recite when we pray "Hail Mary full of grace". "Raphael" means "God's remedy". He is found in the Old Testament. He helped Tobias on his journey. He reminds us that each of us has a guardian angel that we can pray to for guidance. That is why we pray the prayer to our guardian angel. Our guardian angel is our best friend because he was appointed by God to watch over us and lead us back to the Father. Let's pray to them this week!

Mr. David Hardey  
Religion Coordinator

### Beta Dance

Who: SMCS Students Grades 6 - 8

When: Friday, September 30th

What Time: 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Where: SMCS Cafeteria

Admission: \$5.00 per person

Concessions:

Soft Drinks ~ \$.50

Chips ~ \$.50

Pizza ~ \$2.00



### 2011-2012 Beta Officers

President - Julia Boult

Vice-President - Matthew LeJeune

Secretary - Joseph Bang

Treasurer - Katherine Booth

Prayer Leader - Jaina Ange

### Way to Go!

On September 19th, the St. Margaret's Knights of Columbus and St. Martin DePorres held a Soccer Challenge. Our own fifth grade student **Madalyn Howard** was the winner in the 10 year old age group. She will now move on to the District Competition.

Congratulations and Good Luck Madalyn!



## Extra! Extra! Read all about it!

### Science Club News

Please remember to save those old treasures for the Annual Science Club Garage Sale. Storage is available at Bunker Road Self Storage. Please call the school office for details or email Mrs. Reeves @ [jreeves@stmcs.com](mailto:jreeves@stmcs.com). Also, please remember we will be having a Plant Sale @ the Garage Sale, so start those plants now. The Garage Sale will be Saturday, March 3, 2012.

### Fright Night

Monday, October 31st

6:00 - 7:00 pm

Central Library

Stories that will keep you on the edge.  
Meet in "Haunted" Large Meeting Room of the Library.

### Recycle! Recycle! Recycle!

Remember to Recycle!

Garage Sale Storage Room is Available - Key is in the office!

When dropping phone books off at recycling centers in Lake Charles...Remember to email Mrs. Reeves at [jreeves@stmcs.com](mailto:jreeves@stmcs.com), as to how many and where you dropped them off.

## Announcements

### Photography 101

Improve your pics!

Teens visit with Jason Broussard of Photo Tek and discover the tricks to taking picture perfect camera shots. Bring you best 8X10 photo or email them to [sgerhart@calcasieu.lib.la.us](mailto:sgerhart@calcasieu.lib.la.us) and get tips for improvements.

Central Library  
Tuesday, October 4th  
6:00 pm

### Teen Clubs @ Public Library

Animanga Club - Friday, Sept. 23rd from 4:00 - 5:30 pm - Thursday, Oct. 6th from 5:00 - 6:30 pm & Friday, Oct. 21st from 4:00-5:30 pm.

Teen Advisory Board - Saturday, Oct. 8th, Nov. 5th & Dec. 3rd from 3:00 - 4:00 pm.

Teen Book Club - Saturday, Oct. 8th, Nov. 5th, & Dec. 3rd from 1:30 - 2:30 pm.

Photography - Thursdays, Oct. 20th & Nov. 10th 5:00 - 6:30 pm

Camera Club - Scratch Meeting Thursday, Oct. 13th & 27th 5:00-7:00 pm, Saturday, Nov. 12th 10:00 - 12 Noon.

