



ST. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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All The Colors of the Earth

*Children come in the all the colors of the earth-
The roaring browns of bears and soaring eagles,
The whispering golds of late summer grasses,
And crackling russets of fallen leaves,
The tinkling pinks of tiny seashells by the rumbling
sea.
Children come with hair like bouncy baby lambs,
Or hair that flows like water,
Or hair that curls like sleeping cats in snoozy cat
colors
Children come in all the colors of love,
In endless shades of you and me.
For love comes in cinnamon, walnut and wheat,
Love is amber and ivory and ginger and sweet
Like caramel, and chocolate and the honey of bees.
Dark as a leopard spots light as sand,
Children buzz with laughter that kisses our land,
With sunlight like butterflies happy and free,
Children come in all the colors of the earth, sky
and sea.*

*Let us enjoy our Thanksgiving weekend and with
our family and friends and thank God for all that
we have in this great land of ours.*



ACTIVITIES

BASEBALL

Our baseball team represented SMB very well at the tournament on Oct. 3, 2008. We came third in the standings. Congratulations go out to the following team members:

Jacob D.	Victoria P.
Christie M.	Amy H.
Mark F.	Vicky T.
Jessica M.	Kenrick H.
Lauren G.	Aaron V.
Mark M.	Jessica L.
Michael G.	Amanda W.
Keith O.	Tyler L.
Lucas G.	



Thank you to our coaches Mr. D'Astolfo and Ms. Baltazar.



CROSS COUNTRY

STUDENTS ARE
PRACTICING DAILY
FOR THE FAMILY

CROSS COUNTRY MEET THAT WILL BE
HELD ON OCTOBER 21ST AT THE
CONSERVATION AREA.

REMINDERS.....

When you are **picking up** your child in the middle of the day (especially at lunch time) please sign him/her out in the book on the counter. We ask that you are diligent with this process as we have to account for all the students throughout the day.

Absence...

Please call the office when your child is going to be away. If your child is absent and we don't receive a call you will be called at home or at work to verify the absence.

Permission forms.....

There is a walking permission form in the front of your child's agenda. Please make sure that this form is signed for those days that the students take walking trips in the community.



Late for school.....

It is very important that students are on time for school. Being on time means that students are in the back ready to walk to class with their classmates. When a student is on time, they receive directions for the day with all the rest of the students, they are able to listen to the announcements and alleviate any stress that being late might cause. Students who are late might miss valuable information that sets up their day.

THANK YOU

To all the parents who are remaining by the path in the morning as students are assembling.

To all the people in the community that have helped with the ARC process during the past year. A special thank you goes out to the Council members who have done such a great job representing out school.

LUNCH TABLE

When you are dropping off a lunch for your child please make sure he/she knows you will be dropping it off. Make sure your child's name and teacher's name is written on the lunch and leave it on the lunch table in the front foyer. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. **For safety reasons students will not be allowed to go out to your car to retrieve their lunch.**



COUNCIL CORNER

The Council is again providing lunches on Friday. The following are the dates for the lunches for the month of October

Friday Oct. 10th - Pizza

Friday Oct. 24th - Pizza

Friday Oct. 31st - Hot Dogs

The ARC process has officially ended and the decision is now in the hands of the trustees. The official decision will be made available at a Board meeting on Nov. 18th at 7:00 pm. On Nov. 19th we will have a School Council Meeting to discuss the final decision of the trustees. We look forward to seeing all of you at both meetings.

HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILDREN DO BETTER IN SCHOOL



- 1) Set a positive tone about school.

Talk with your children about school and encourage them to have a positive attitude about it. Let them know how important and valuable you think school is. Children are **MORE LIKELY TO SUCCEED IF THEY VIEW** school as a worthwhile experience.

- 2) Keep your child Healthy
Good health and the ability to learn are closely connected and good health does not just happen. Here are some tips:
 - If children are to do well in school, their bodies need to be properly fed. "Junk food" is fine for an occasional treat, but it should not take the place of well-balanced, nutritious meals.
 - Encourage your child to choose at least one for of exercise that he or she enjoys-a team or individual sport, a recreational activity, even biking or walking- and to participate in it regularly. Research show that

physically active children tend to do better in school.

- Adequate rest is also needed-it's hard for children to learn when they are tired. Set a regular bedtime that allows for enough sleep and stick to it.

- 3) Talk with your children
Talk naturally. Don't use baby talk no matter how young the child. The more words a child can understand and say, the easier it will be for him or her to learn to read and to understand.
- 4) Listen to your children
Encourage them to talk about their everyday activities. Make sure you give them the chance to initiate conversation during your meals and on other suitable occasions. Your children will learn to express themselves if they know you will give them your attention.
- 5) Encourage your children
Encouragement and recognition reinforce learning. Reading for example is enjoyable but it's also hard work for children. They need your support and encouragement. Praise them when they succeed and help them when they are having problems. Describe to them what you are proud of and ask them what they are proud of.

community we are nothing without relationships. Relationships that grow in a spirit of communion – an understanding that we share an identity based on being created in the image and likeness of God and being imbued with one Spirit. We are many parts of one body.

Our violent world might be attributed to the lack of empathy that some of us have toward one another. We sometimes see this lack of empathy in our when we ignore the feelings of others or laugh at someone who gets hurt.

So this is our theme for this month. Students will be asked to talk about being empathetic. We had an assembly on the First Friday that spoke about what we need to do to be a person with empathy.



*Have a
Happy Thanksgiving!*

VIRTUE FOR OCTOBER



Empathy

This month we focus on the virtue of **empathy**.

God has given us the ability to form connections with each other-to live together. Empathy helps us to connect and live together in safe, caring, inclusive communities.

We understand empathy to mean the ability to identify with and feel other people's concerns. We believe that in a faith