

**School Of St. Peter Martyr
425 West Fourth Street
Pittsburg, CA 94565**

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Though perplexed at her calling, Mary responds; 'Here I am, the servant of the Lord, let it be with me according to your word.' *May our lives sing Yes to God with Mary.*

In response to the revelation of the shepherds, 'Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.' It was to be the pattern of her life. *Teach us, Lord, Mary's gift of contemplation.*

In response to the experience of losing her son and then finding him in the temple, Mary 'treasured all these things in her heart.' *May we, like Mary, learn to see more deeply into things.*

Among the disciples, in the upper room, after the resurrection, Mary is part of the community of prayer. *In company with Mary, may prayer be the heart of our discipleship.*

CALENDAR UPDATE

- May 23rd, Friday, students in third and fourth grades will lead our prayers and the crowning of Mary at 8:10 a.m. Students in third and fourth grades may bring flowers to be placed around the statue of Mary during our prayer. There is Straw Hat Pizza Lunch. Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, \$2.00 per slice, soda, water, or small Gatorade \$1.00.
- May 24th, Saturday, 25th Annual Scholarship Breakfast honoring the SPM graduating class of 2008, at 9:00 a.m. in our school cafeteria. The breakfast is free for our eighth grade graduates and only \$7.50 for everyone else. The menu includes eggs, sausage, fruit, coffee, juice, and breakfast rolls. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are available at SPM School.
- May 26th, Monday, is Memorial Day. School will be closed. On Memorial Day we remember all those who have died in the many wars our nation has fought. God of peace, we recall today the words of Jesus, "Blessed are the peacemakers, they shall be called the sons and daughters of God." As we remember all who have died because of war, inspire the leaders of all nations to turn away from war and work for peace. Help us also to live in peace with one another, and with peoples of every nation, race, and creed. Bless us as we celebrate this day with our family and friends.
- May 27th, Tuesday, is a regular school day. **There is no hot lunch. Students are reminded to bring their lunch.**
- May 28th, Wednesday, **students may purchase a hot dog, chips, and a drink for \$3.00 during lunch.** This special lunch is not listed on our monthly calendar.

FAMILY CONTRACTS

Thank you to all that have signed your 2008-09 Family Contracts. If you are among those that have not yet signed your 2008 –2009 Family Contract please stop by the school office during business hours. Remember to mark your calendars as to when your first payment is due for the 2008 – 2009 school year. All registration fees are due now. Classes for the 2008-09 SPM School year will begin on August 20th.

SPM FAMILY RECORDS VERIFICATION

We are in the process of updating our records and need your help. Enclosed is a form asking you to verify your address and phone number and to provide your family's primary e-mail address. Some of you completed this form on contract day. Please return the completed form to the school office.

PARENT PARTICIPATION – BINGO

As per your family agreement, each family is responsible to complete their BINGO hours during the dates assigned to their children's grades. **BINGO hours completed after May 17th count towards the 2008-2009 school year.** Families are billed \$15.00 for each hour not completed. The purpose of assigning dates by grade levels is to assure there is sufficient help at each date. Each month the BINGO coordinator's name and phone number are listed on our monthly calendar. Next year's eighth grade class (class of 2009) is responsible for the following dates: May 24th, May 31st, June 7th, June 14th, and June 21st. Erika Hoffmeister is our coordinator for these weeks. Thank you for your service.

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2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR NOTES

(A complete Basic Calendar will be sent to all families in our summer mailing.)

August 2nd, Saturday, Uniform Day, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
August 20th, Wednesday, First Day of School, 8:10 – 10:00 a.m.
August 21st, Thursday, PreKindergarten begins
August 21st & 22nd, Thursday & Friday, 2:00 p.m. dismissal
September 1st, Monday, Labor Day
September 5th, Friday, Back to School Mass, 11:00 a.m.
September 8th, Monday, minimum day
September 15th, Monday, Photo Day
September 18th, Thursday, minimum day, conferences (evening conferences)
September 19th, Friday, minimum day, conferences
September 22nd – October 1st, ITBS Testing (grades 2-8)
September 29th, Monday, minimum day
October 7th – 9th, Tuesday-Thursday, Fifth Grade Camp Alliance
October 10th, Friday, Student Holiday, School Closed
October 13th, Monday, Columbus Day Holiday
October 20th, Monday, minimum day
October 22nd, Wednesday, Make up photo day
October 31st, Friday, Halloween, minimum day
November 3rd, Monday, minimum day.
November 11th, Tuesday, Veterans' Day Holiday, School Closed
November 12th, Wednesday, End of First Trimester
November 17th, Monday, minimum day
November 26th – 28th, Wednesday-Friday, Thanksgiving Recess
December 8th, Monday, minimum day, School Mass 10:30 a.m.
December 18th, Thursday, Christmas Concert 10:30 a.m.
December 19th, Friday, minimum day
December 22nd – January 2nd, Christmas Break
January 5th, Monday, classes resume, minimum day
January 19th, Monday, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Holiday, School Closed
January 25th, Sunday, Catholic Schools Week Liturgy & Open House
January 25th – January 31st, Catholic Schools Week (Catholic Schools Celebrate Service)
January 26th, Monday, minimum day
February 9th, Monday, minimum day
February 11th – 13th, Wednesday – Friday, Eighth Grade Retreat
February 16th, Monday, Presidents' Day Holiday, School Closed
February 23rd, Monday, minimum day
February 25th, Ash Wednesday, Mass at 10:30 a.m. End of Second Trimester
March 9th, Monday, minimum day
March 13th, Friday, School Holiday
March 16th, Monday, Graduation Photos
March 23rd, Monday, minimum day
March 27th, Friday, Spring Photos
April 9th, Holy Thursday, minimum day
April 10th, Good Friday (school closed)
April 13th – 17th, Monday – Friday, Easter Break
April 20th, Monday, classes resume
April 22nd, Wednesday, Panoramic Photos
April 27th, Monday, minimum day
May 3rd-5th, Sunday-Tuesday, Eighth Grade Field Trip
May 11th, Monday, minimum day
May 25th, Monday, Memorial Day Holiday, School Closed
May 28th, Thursday, minimum day, liturgy at 11:00 a.m. Graduation Luncheon at 1:00 p.m.
May 29th, Friday, 2:00 p.m. dismissal, Eighth Grade Graduation at 7:00 p.m.
June 2nd, Tuesday, 2:00 p.m. dismissal, Kindergarten Celebration at 8:30 a.m. Pre-K Graduation at 11:00 a.m.
June 3rd, Wednesday, 2:00 p.m. dismissal, Spring Concert, 10:30 a.m.
June 4th, Thursday, Last Day of School for Grades 1-7, 10:00 a.m. dismissal