

Let Us Do Everything with Great Love

Friday, February 17

Hi, all –

Let's talk about safety.

There are a hundred different ways we try to keep our children safe, and two hundred different ways they can find to undo those! We never stop being their sentries, though: we make sure they eat healthy foods, we teach them to be wary of strangers, we buy them bike helmets, and we buckle them into our cars.

But once they're not in our sight, it's all in their hands, or – sometimes – all in their feet. Our kids who visit the Village after school (without parents of course – eegads, how embarrassing!!) often walk north from St. Ann on the east side of Mission and cross close to TCBY – a favorite destination. The safety issue here is twofold: the kids are not at a crosswalk, and they *are* at a point where Mission Road curves. Drivers are not likely to spot children and stop in time, and the disaster that could ensue from that is unspeakable. We will remind our kids to cross Mission at our crosswalk, but it will help us keep them safe if you partner with us in this effort.



Sometimes, too, when they're not in our sight, their safety is in *someone else's* hands – namely, their friends'. Every picture of your child that is on her friend's phone or on his friend's camera could very well end up on the Internet – sometimes with captions that identify the child, the event, the school he attends... the list can be long. I don't have to tell you the safety hazards here. As parents, you can take a couple of measures that will keep all the children in your life (your own and all their friends) cyber-safe. One – monitor your child's Face book page regularly. *Very regularly.* Make sure that nowhere on that page is a picture of someone other than your own son or daughter, unless that person has given permission for a certain picture to be posted. Two – drill it into your children, especially your older children - that any photo of them taken outside your home is open game for someone else to use, appropriately or inappropriately. You don't have to make up any scary scenarios; we hear about real-life horror stories all the time.



It's part of the joy of youth that "That can't happen to me" is their mantra. We know better. Thank you for guarding and guiding!
See you next week! - Becky

Thoughtful Thursday

Each Thursday, we give a thank-you during morning announcements to those students whom someone has noticed being thoughtful. This week we gave a *Thoughtful Thursday* shout-out to kindergartener **Francee Schwarz**, second grader **Monica Knight**, fourth grader **Matthew Roth**, sixth grader **Sean McCann**, seventh grader **Paul Shamet**, and eighth grade students **Hayley Burgess**, **Caitlin O'Toole**, **Darcy Sullivan**, and **Kristina Coppinger**. Way to live our theme!

Jump Rope for Heart



Thanks to all of the students and families who helped to make the Jump Rope for Heart a great success. There were 197 students who participated and collected donations totaling \$7,037.31. Our top collectors were **Lauren Wittek, Jacqueline Campbell, and Kate Winklhofer**. Well done!

Congratulations to **Emma Lamping** who won the Dragon Invitational gymnastics meet on Saturday February 11th. She achieved personal bests on floor and all-around events.

In the Know with PTO

Know what's coming up:

- No meat, no problem! The Well and Lew's Fish Fundraiser starts on Ash Wednesday (February 22... that's next Wednesday) and ends on Easter Sunday (April 8). For every fish entrée you order at either of these restaurants, \$1 will come back to St. Ann. The Well is also offering the \$1 rebate during the Sunday Buffet Brunches. The rebate special is good for lunch dinner and carry out every day during lent. And, for a little added incentive, we are competing against St. Peter's, St. Elizabeth, St. Thomas More and Christ the King Schools. The parish with the most money raised will get an additional \$250 bonus!



- The box top contest started this week! You don't have to think outside the box for this fundraiser-- simply cut out the box top and have your child bring them to school. Soda goes to the homeroom that collects the most box tops by next Friday, February 24, so make sure your child turns them in!



- Say goodbye to PTO Final Fridays next Friday, February 24. This is the final PTO Final Friday! No spirit wear will be sold, so contact Kelly Rowland (kgr1966@aol.com) or Mary Sue Lebourveau (lebourveau@hotmail.com) with any spirit wear needs.
- The snow is already gone so start planning your spring garden! Look for order forms for the annual St. Ann Plant Sale in backpack mail soon!

Know what PTO has been up to:

- Thanks to all who supported the PTO Trivia Night fundraiser! The night was full of true 80's fun and we made over **\$4,200** for the cafeteria project. Special thanks to Heather and Chad Calvert, Jill Kanatzar, Kathy Schirger, Kristen Christian, Maria Ianni, Kari Leatherwood and our rocker emcee, Greg Wohler. And, congratulations to Steve Zanone who won the iPad 2 raffle.

Know how you can get involved:

- It is time to begin recruiting members for the 2012-2013 PTO Board! Please take a look at the **attached information sheet**, which describes each position, and consider volunteering your time and talents. If you need further information, or have questions, please contact Angela Wohler (angelawohler@att.net) or any of the Nominating Committee members listed.

February SCRiP Challenge

We only have **7** school days left in our February SCRiP Challenge!!
58 families have participated so we are on our way to meeting our goal of **125** families.
If you are already entered, help out your student by making sure the other St. Ann families you know are participating!

To participate **buy \$20 worth of Grocery coupon books OR purchase \$200 worth of SCRiP (any merchant) by the end of February.**

Use the new envelopes and forms that were sent home last week via backpack mail. Follow the directions on the envelope or call a member of the scrip team to help you complete your order form.

Need a new look to brighten up your wardrobe?

Check out these darling boutiques in the Prairie Village shops and Corinth Square: Tulip (15%), In Clover (10%). Looking to shop at an old favorite? We have: JCrew (13%), Old Navy (14%), Athleta (14%) and Banana Republic (14%).

Hungry?

We have: C. Jacks Sidewalk Café (P.V. shops 10%), Blanc Burgers (10%), Blue Moose (10%), Salty Iguana (15%), Cactus Grill (10%), Jack Stack BBQ (10%) and many more options check out the new SCRiP form!

Meg Winne (8) 769-6146 will have the boxes this weekend.



Be a Part of this Grrrrrrrrreat Opportunity!

Please, check your child's backpack today to learn ALL about St. Ann School's largest PTO fundraiser of the year, the **Tiger Trot Walk-A-Thon**. Inside your child's folder, you should find an envelope. Inside it, you will find a cover letter explaining the exciting event and a brochure consisting of all the important details, dates, and prizes your child can win for participating in the walk. The **Tiger Trot takes place 2-3 p.m., Friday, March 30.**

Remember, proceeds from the fundraiser go toward our cafeteria renovation project, set to begin this summer! We need your help!

Thank You to Our Generous Sponsors So Far:

The Bash Group
Freeman Family
Vince Hodes Family

Blue Moose Bar & Grill
Reliable Medical Supply
Athletic & Rehabilitation Center

Lockton Companies Paul
Roberts Chevrolet

It's not too late to become a sponsor!

Glad Tidings from Our Graduates:

Congratulations to former St. Ann students who were on the first semester honor roll at Bishop Miege High School!



FIRST HONORS

12th Grade:

Mary Amey
Nathan Drinkhouse
Kalyn Heyen
Danielle Intfen
Curtis Marchand
Madison Merrill
Thomas Shamet

11th Grade

Taylor Billings
Jessica Brossard
Connor de Leon
Gregory Orrick
Katherine Smeltzer

Jordan Tucker
Joseph Wheeler

10th Grade

Caitlin Furlong
Megen Heyen
Nathaniel Intfen
Kelsey Marchand
Natalie Orrick
Emily Schultz
Madeline Winklhofer
Michael Wood

9th Grade

Amanda Beck

Ethan de Leon
Charles Grunhard
Grace Ryan
Madeleine Swall

SECOND HONORS

10th Grade

Bradley Ivey
McKinley Merrill

9th Grade

Monica Reyes
Mark Shamet
Zachariah Whalen

The following St. Ann graduates, currently attending Bishop Miege, also participated in various social justice activities:



March for Life in Washington DC:

Kalyn Heyen, Dani Intfen, Nate Intfen, Curtis Marchand, Kelsey Marchand, Emily Schultz, Liz Ulrich, Maddie Winklhofer, Michael Wood

Tornado Clean-up in Tuscaloosa Florida:

Catie Furlong, Megan Heyen, Michael O'Laughlin, Natalie Orrick, Alex Taylor, Liz Ulrich, Luke Wheeler

Bundle Up for Winter Weather

The first blasts of winter air finally are reaching us. We even got our first 2 inches of snow. When there's snow on the ground, it's practically impossible to keep the kids inside.

However, severe cold can be dangerous. If the temperature has plunged to minus 20 degrees F, it's simply too cold for children to go outside. If it's warmer than that, though, a well-bundled child is a safe child.

"We tend to forget that children get cold more easily than adults," says Laura Fitzmaurice, MD, pediatric emergency medicine specialist at Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics and Professor of Pediatrics and Pediatric Emergency Medicine at the UMKC School of Medicine. "Put in the same situation as adults, children will lose more heat, mostly through their skin."

Keep the following tips in mind to keep your child safe and warm this winter:



- Make sure she has plenty to eat and drink before heading outside. This keeps blood circulating and ensures she will have enough energy to produce body heat.
- If it is sunny outside, be sure to apply sunscreen to exposed areas. Don't forget sneaky places where snow might reflect sunlight, like under the chin.
- If it is especially windy outside, apply petroleum jelly to your child's exposed skin to protect against chapping.
- Dress your child in layers.
- Bundle up your child right before going outside. If she stands around indoors while dressed for outside, she will begin to sweat, which will make her even colder once she gets outside.
- Once outside, your child will need to keep moving. Activity keeps blood circulating and keeps you warm. If your child wants to come in from the cold, let her. Even if it took 30 minutes to dress her and she stayed outside only five, trust her comfort level.
- Watch for signs of [frostbite](#), such as whitish or grayish skin, especially on the feet and hands. If you suspect your child has frostbite, get her inside and call your pediatrician immediately.
- Be mindful of signs of hypothermia, such as drowsiness, confusion, skin that is cold to the touch and lethargic behavior. If you believe your child has hypothermia, take her inside and call her physician immediately.

By taking some preventive measures, your child can stay safe and comfortable this winter, and you won't have to spend three months inside.

Glenda Magnus, R.N.

Knights Shrimp Dinner



The Lenten Shrimp Boats are coming on March 2nd to St. Ann Church. **Help the Knight's support Pro-Life, Youth, Vocations, and Charities.** Shrimp dinner with seasoned potatoes, a salad, and a soda cost \$15. Kids' shrimp plate is \$5, or buy a dollar slice pizza at the door. Purchase tickets early from a Knight after mass or at the door.

Stations of the Cross

The parish will offer Stations of the Cross at 5:30 p.m. on the Wednesdays of Lent starting February 29th.

No Wednesday night Stations during Holy Week. They will be held on Good Friday at 3:00 p.m.



A great big thank you goes out to all of those who helped make the MOTHER DAUGHTER BREAKFAST a big success this past Sunday. We so appreciate the extra helping hands from Kristen Christian, Stacy Phelan, Bernadette Kaplan, **Bailey Riecker, Lake Giron, Emily Schmitz, Emma Jensen, Sarah Allegri and Kayton Froeschl.** We so appreciate all of you!

Thank you,
Kathy Schirger and Courtney Sprague

Please read the attached Nutrition Nuggets Newsletter for helpful food and fitness tips for your family.

Cell Phone / Fueling Warning

The Shell Oil Company recently issued a warning after three incidents in which mobile phones (cell phones) ignited fumes during fueling operations

In the first case, the phone was placed on the car's trunk lid during fueling; it rang and the ensuing fire destroyed the car and the gasoline pump.

In the second, an individual suffered severe burns to their face when fumes ignited as they answered a call while refueling their car!

And in the third, an individual suffered burns to the thigh and groin as fumes ignited when the phone, which was in their pocket, rang while they were fueling their car.



You should know that: Mobile Phones can ignite fuel or fumes

Mobile phones that light up when switched on or when they ring release enough energy to provide a spark for ignition

Mobile phones should not be used in filling stations, or when fueling lawn mowers, boat, etc.

Mobile phones should not be used, or should be turned off, around other materials that generate flammable or explosive fumes or dust, (i.e., solvents, chemicals, gases, grain dust, etc...)

To sum it up, here are the Four Rules for Safe Refueling:

- 1) Turn off engine
- 2) Don't smoke
- 3) Don't use your cell phone - leave it inside the vehicle or turn it off
- 4) Don't re-enter your vehicle during fueling.

NEVER get back into your vehicle while filling it with gas.

If you absolutely HAVE to get in your vehicle while the gas is pumping, make sure you get out, close the door **TOUCHING THE METAL**, before you ever pull the nozzle out. This way the static from your body will be discharged before you ever remove the nozzle.



**BISHOP MIEGE HIGH SCHOOL
2012
LADY STAGS DANCE TEAM CLINIC
AND RUNNIN REVS GAME!
K – 6th Grade**

WHAT: Two hours of dance instruction, a snack and a cool t-shirt hosted by the BMHS Lady Stags Dance Team!

DATE/TIME: The clinic is on Saturday, March 3, 2012 from 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM. The participants will perform the dance routine, learned at the clinic, on Monday, March 5 at the half time of the Runnin’ Revs game (7:00 PM at BMHS). The Runnin Revs game is a fun, family-friendly event with free admission! The priests play eighth grade CYO basketball players!

WHERE: The Clinic will be held at the Bishop Miege North Campus (two blocks north of the main campus). The half-time performance will be at the main campus (5041 Reinhardt).

WHAT TO WEAR: Clothes you can move in and tennis shoes (no street shoes)

COST: \$20.00 (T-shirt included in fee!)

Come to have fun, improve dance skills and perform at a basketball game! All proceeds support the Lady Stags Dance team!

_____ **Registration Deadline Monday, February 27, 2011** _____

Two options for registration:

- E-mail nweber@bishopmiege.com to confirm attending and pay at the door on Saturday March 3 – the day of the clinic.
- Mail payment & registration to: Bishop Miege High School
Checks payable for \$20.00 to: Attention: Nancy Weber
Bishop Miege High School 5041 Reinhardt
Shawnee Mission, KS 66205
913-262-2700 x. 549

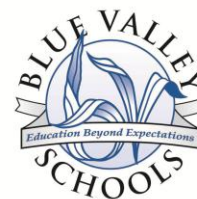
NAME(S): _____

Age(s): _____ Phone #: _____

T-SHIRT SIZE _____ (Child Small (6-8); Child Medium (10-12); Child Large (14-16); AS, AM, AL)



*Hosted by Blue Valley School District & the
Special Education Advisory Council*



Community Connections: *Resources Helping Kids with Unique Challenges*

- WHAT:** *Parent Open House*
- WHEN:** *Tuesday, March 6th*
- WHERE:** *BV District Office
15020 Metcalf Gym*
- TIME:** *5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.*
- COST:** **FREE**

Parents/Care Givers will have the opportunity to visit with various community organizations that provide services and/or summer programs/activities for children with special needs.