



COUGAR CORRESPONDENCE



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It's Me . . . It's Me . . . It's Mr. Humphrey

-PLAN AHEAD: It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.

I am excited to announce that St. Mary School's marketing efforts have evolved into television commercials. I have always wanted to showcase our students and our school across a large and diverse audience. In fact, I feel confident that 630 commercials highlighting our school will do great things for a tremendous cause. It really is easy to stand behind a product like a Catholic education from St. Mary's. I truly believe in St. Mary's mission statement, our high educational standards, teachers, and our focus on social justice teaching. I have received many compliments over the past weeks from several Elyria Catholic students and parents who have expressed their appreciation for the education SMS gave them and for the preparation for Elyria Catholic they received while here at St. Mary's. It is gratifying to know that we have made a difference in their lives.

Keeping your child(ren) safe is a top priority. We conduct several safety drills throughout the year and there are occasions when firemen and police officers provide extra educational tips to stay safe before, during, and after school. I recently scheduled an inservice for all parents to attend called "Keeping Kids Safe on the Internet." This inservice will be held in the "Fr. Weigand Room" which is located in our new Parish Center on Monday, November 21st at 7:00 P.M. I hope to see you there as we all strive to keep our kids safe before, during, and after school.

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The Gift Certificate Program Is Back!!!

Fill out the order form on the back of this newsletter and return it with a check for the appropriate amount to the school office no later than December 2nd. Your order will be returned as soon as they arrive. Thank you for supporting the PTU.

Next PTU Meeting
*January 12th,
at 6:30 p.m
St. Joseph Bldg
Art Room*

*Email articles for the
Cougar Correspondence
to:
cougar2006@gmail.com*

Visit St. Mary's on the Internet: <http://www.leeca.org/smselyria>

Mr. Humphrey (continued)

I want to congratulate our fall sports teams for a successful and safe season. The trophies sure stacked up in the office from the different tournaments and sporting events across the diocese. Congratulations to our 7th and 8th grade CYO Football Champions. They finished their season 10-0 and we are already anticipating a repeat performance. "No pressure Mr. Hoagland!"

I want to end my article this month by thanking all the parents who attended our parent-teacher conferences. Ninety-nine percent of St. Mary School families attended their conference. I hope your needs were met and we always look forward to seeing your involvement in your child's education. I also want to thank the student council for planning a successful pep rally and making several announcements to boost enthusiasm around our school.

Lastly, I would like to personally wish each and everyone of you a safe, relaxing, and family-focused Thanksgiving. We have so much for which to thank God.

Building a Kingdom of God,

Daniel E. Humphrey Jr.

A Note from the Prez . . .

Hello Everyone,

I would first like to wish each of you a very Happy Thanksgiving (in advance)! It seems that the holidays are coming upon us very quickly, and we skip right from the fall to Christmas!

Thank you all for your support over the past few months. Recently, the PTU contributed to the wonderful landscaping around the church and new Parish Center. Your children recently participated in a "Green Dress-Down Day" to contribute to this cause as well! The grounds look wonderful with the beautiful plants.

I would like to once again encourage you to come to the scheduled General PTU Meetings. Remember, your name will be entered into a drawing to win a \$500 tuition credit for next year. Meetings are kept to approximately 1 hour and are planned to ensure the parents have time to provide insight and ideas to implement for this school year. THANK YOU to those parents who came to the October meeting! Your presence, comments, and suggestions make our meeting a success. Also, I would like to personally thank Mrs. Rosa Fleming for providing beverages during the October PTU meeting.

For those of you who submitted a proposal to present to the PTU Executive Board, please know that your proposal will still be considered. The Executive Board meeting had to be rescheduled for December due to a calendar conflict, so if you have not heard about the status of your request, please know that you should hear something after our December meeting. Thank you for your continued support!

Have a safe and Blessed Thanksgiving Holiday,

Haydiee Perkins Burkes

SMS PTU President, 2005-2006

Do you have a photo or article to send?

If you have a PTU news item, announcement, or CYO sports story email it to cougar2006@gmail.com before the 15th of the month. I can cut and paste from your email, import Microsoft Word for Windows files, Microsoft Excel files, or plain text files. If you have a different word processor, let me know and I'll see if I can import your files. Formatting may be changed to better match or fit the newsletter layout, so you need not spend much time on line spacing or fonts. For pictures, jpeg format is the easiest for me to pull in, but I can convert most other formats if needed.



If you like to do desktop publishing, let the PTU know. This is my last year at this, so we will need someone to create the Cougar Correspondence next year.

Labels and Box Tops

Thanks to everyone for sending in so many labels and box tops! We have had a great response this year. Please let me know if you have questions about trimming or what to save.

Several people have encountered problems while registering their Giant Eagle Advantage cards. I spoke to the customer service department and hopefully the problem is solved. If you had trouble with registering, please give it another try. The phone number is 1-800-474-4777. Our school ID is 2874.

I could really use some help trimming labels and box tops. If you can help out, please call me after 5:30 pm or send a note home via Zachary Sudnick in Mrs. Babb's class (3rd grade). Keep those labels coming! Thanks!

Libby Sudnick- 322-5307



**Please help with trimming Box Tops.
Call Libby at 322-5307 after 5:30 P.M.**

The Parrot

A young man named John received a parrot as a gift. The parrot had a bad attitude and an even worse vocabulary. Every word out of the bird's mouth was rude and foul. John tried and tried to change the bird's attitude by consistently saying only polite words, playing soft music and anything else he could think of to "clean up" the bird's attitude.

Finally, John was fed up and he yelled at the parrot. The parrot yelled back. John shook the parrot and the parrot got angrier and even ruder. In desperation, John threw up his hands, grabbed the bird and put him in the freezer.

For a few minutes the parrot squawked and kicked and screamed. Then suddenly there was total quiet. Not a peep was heard for over a minute. Fearing that he'd hurt the parrot, John quickly opened the door to the freezer.

The parrot calmly stepped out onto John's outstretched arms and said, "I believe I may have offended you with my rude language and actions. I'm sincerely remorseful for my transgressions and unforgivable behavior." John was stunned at the change in the bird's attitude. As he was about to ask the parrot what had made such a dramatic change in his behavior, the bird continued, "May I ask what the turkey did?"

Pancakes

The Junior High would like to thank all who attended our Pancake Breakfast. We enjoyed serving you.



Thank you especially to Mr. Mariotti of Mariotti Printing for very generously donating the printing of the tickets.

1st Quarter Honor Roll

First Honors

Grade 4

Kristen Baker
Brandon Welsandt
Rachel Duffield
Rebecca Pronesti
Erik Smith

Grade 5

Zachary Brosky
Kaitlin Kilbane
Ian Kovacs

Grade 6

Benjamin Sleva
Daniel Smith

Grade 7

Ashley Anderson
Sarah Garrett
Benjamin Hoyt
Emily Kurtz
Kelly O'Dell
Jeffrey Pitts
Mackenzie Tweardy
Grace Dill
Abigail O'Dell
June Stephens

Grade 8

Evan Foreman
Jessica Reichlin
Nicholas Smeraldi
Theresa Krosse
Matthew Smith
Bradley Wukie

Second Honors

Grade 4

Jacob Bolton
Riley St. Marie
Mia Mariotti
Carolyn Riedel
Elizabeth DeMarco
Madison Massey
Annie Milchen
Emilia Osborne
Michael Saddler
Austin Shrimplin
Rachel Stevenson
Elizabeth Ternes

Grade 5

Tara Lacinak
Alex Leighton
Nina Liserio
Nicole Miller
Olivia Mittler
Alexsandra Nilges
Jenna O'Dell
Elizabeth Wiehe
Katarina Zemanek

Grade 6

Kaitlyn Welsandt
Kaitlin Wilms

Grade 7

Charly Culberson
Allison Dumski
Mary Kazee
Hannah Copa
Abigail Ehlke
Patrick Foreman
Hillary Henderson
Jeremy Kazee
Tylor Mahone

Grade 8

Eric Oakes
Susan Resar
Lane Forthofer
Meghan Leitner

Third Honors

Grade 4

Brianna Bianchi
Kelly Elbert
Haley Paonessa
Catherine Cunningham
Madilyn Knowlton
Amanda Nedwick
Jerot Schill
Christian Stanziano

Grade 5

Jacob Frish
Alannah Sellman
Devin Tanner
Maria Tony

Grade 6

Lindsey Drozdowski
Cole Gorske
Anna Hernandez
Tana Murray
Katie Pickett
Tyler Shoemaker
Stephen Saddler

Grade 7

Matthew Koviak
Jacob Linden
Ryan Lynch
Ryan Wukie
Scott LaMoreaux
Ryne St. Marie

Grade 8

Chelsea Gentry
A. J. Novak
Sarah Saddler
Matthew Spencer
Mary Dowdell
Adam Kirsch
Sara Leighton
Jeremy Rader