

Dear TCMS Families:

**Attention Parents**

For those needing **CORI training** for upcoming events, there will be one training session on Thursday, February 2 @ 6:00pm. Please note this is the same evening as Open House/Registration Night which begins at 7:00pm.

**Registration/Open House—Thursday, February 2**

As part of our celebration during Catholic Schools Week, Taunton Catholic Middle School will sponsor a special Registration/Open House on Thursday, February 2 from 7:00-8:30pm.

**This Registration/Open House is especially important for two reasons. (See Below)**

**TUITION and FEES:** Those who are members of parishes in the Diocese of Fall River may request assistance from their Pastors, Parish Subsidy financial aid. If your pastor does not have his own form, you can find one on the school website under "Admissions" [www.catholicmiddle.com](http://www.catholicmiddle.com)

A St. Mary's Education Fund Financial Aid application is available online at [www.factstuitionaid.com](http://www.factstuitionaid.com) and must be submitted by **Thursday, March 1, 2012**, with documentation. Supporting documents from your tax return will be needed for the application. **Note:** There is a non-refundable application fee of \$10.00 for all financial aid applications. This scholarship is totally separate, from your FACTS agreement where monthly tuition deductions will be withdrawn. You may contact the office if you do not have access to a computer or the Internet.

**Assistance will be available at this open house for new and returning parents to TCMS.**

**NOTE: Any TCMS family that introduces a student to our school (excluding students from St. Mary's and/or Our Lady of Lourdes Schools) and that student attends TCMS for 2012-2013 school year will receive \$300 discount from their tuition for 2012-2013 school year (This discount is applied to the final tuition payment.)**

**Financial Aid Inquiries**

Once again the Diocese of Fall River is making "need based" scholarship funds available to families of our schools. These funds are raised each year through the efforts of concerned and generous members of our Diocesan community. St. Mary's Education Fund is the vehicle through which the scholarships are administered. There is an application process for those who are interested in applying for these funds. Applicants must apply each year to be considered for aid. Only one application need be submitted and one **\$15.00 fee** paid even if families have more than one child in one or more of the elementary and/or secondary schools of the Diocese.

If you wish to apply for scholarship aid through this fund, you may pick up the application from the Main Office or apply online at [www.factstuitionaid.com](http://www.factstuitionaid.com). If you qualify for this aid, it will be applied to next year's tuition balance. **The deadline for the application to be completed and returned to FACTS is Wednesday, March 21, 2012.**

**CONGRATULATIONS—January Calendar Winners**

Here are the winners for the third week of January Calendar Drive. If you are still interested in purchasing a calendar, please contact Mrs. Bumila in the Main Office. It's never too late to take a chance.

Calendar #	Date	Winner	Seller	Amount
1324	1/14/2012	George Terzakis	Sophia Terzakis	\$ 25.00
1157	1/15/2012	Mike Wenger	Tim & Meghan Wenger	\$100.00
189	1/16/2012	Maureen Holt	Sean Holt	\$ 25.00
1146	1/17/2012	Sue Toolin	Kevin Toolin	\$ 25.00
1926	1/18/2012	Steven Alves	Joseph Celia	\$ 25.00
209	1/19/2012	Sid Reda	Matthew Little	\$ 25.00
571	1/20/2012	Denise Throm	Kelvin Kariuki	\$ 25.00

**Congratulations to TCMS Choir!**

Once again, Taunton Catholic Middle School sang at a Providence Bruins game against Springfield on **Sunday, January 22**. They sang "God Bless America." Congratulations and thank you for your fine representation of Taunton Catholic Middle School. And thank you to Mrs. Cabral.

**Annual TCMS Science Fair—Wednesday, January 25**

On Wednesday, January 25 we will hold our annual Science Fair when students in Grades 6 and 8 will exhibit scientific experiments conducted over a several weeks. From the impact of music on heart rate to the probability of hitting to same target, students will present their findings to the school community. Judging will take place from 9:45-12:00 on January 25. Winners of the Science Fair will become eligible for entry into the Regional Science Fair held each spring at Bristol Community College.

In this week's Friday Folder you will find an invitation to attend our Annual Science Fair on Wednesday, January 25 from 6:00-7:00. Awards will be announced at 6:30pm in the auditorium. All are welcome!

**Catholic Schools Week—January 29-February 4**

2012 Catholic Schools Week Theme: Catholic Schools: Faith, Academics, Service

Several events will be held during that week focusing on these three themes. Consult your child's Friday Folder on January 27 for details.

**Local Author Comes to TCMS**

On Friday, February 3 at 1:00 we will welcome local author Joseph Fleck to visit with Grades 5 and 6. Mr. Fleck grew up in Dighton near Taunton River, the inspiration for his children's books. He wrote two short books about his adventures on the river as a young boy aboard his raft "The Barnacle." Originally, he wrote these books as memoirs for his ten grandchildren, but later decided to publish them for other children to enjoy. While growing up on Water Street in Dighton, Mr. Fleck delivered the Taunton Daily Gazette and worked at Shaw's Boatyard. Consult your child's Friday Folder for more details.

**Butler Tournament**

We regret to announce that this year's Butler Tournament has been cancelled. The schools within the Massasoit League were unable to make the financial and time commitment necessary to participate. Plans are already in place for participation in next year's tournament. We are exploring other options for supporting this worthwhile cause. Details to follow.

**From the Nurse's Office**

The School Nurse will be holding annual vision and hearing screening in early February. Vision screening will be held for Grades 5 and 7 and Hearing screening for Grade 7.

**After School Help**

Teachers are available Monday through Thursday 2:00-2:45 for After School Help.

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TCMS families are always welcome to attend upcoming school events whenever possible.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Monday, January 23**

**Bristol-Plymouth Interviews Grade 8**

Art Club 2:00-3:00

Student Council 2:00-3:00

Boys Basketball Practice 2:00-3:30

Girls Basketball Practice 3:30-5:00

Tuesday, January 24	Drama Rehearsal 2:00-4:00 Cheerleading Practice 2:00-4:00 Yearbook 2:00-2:45 Boys Basketball Practice 2:00-3:30 Girls Basketball Practice 3:30-5:00
<b>Wednesday, January 25</b>	<b>Science Fair Exhibition</b> Campus Ministry 2:00-3:00 Cheerleading Practice 2:00-5:00 Basketball <b>AWAY</b> game @ Middleboro M.S. (Girls/3:00; Boys/4:00)
Thursday, January 26	Drama Rehearsal 2:00-4:00 Lego Club 2:00-3:00 Basketball <b>HOME</b> game against Westport M.S. (Girls/3:00; Boys/4:00)
<b>Friday, January 27</b>	<b>Progress Reports Second Trimester</b> <b>Dress Down Day</b> Choir Rehearsal 2:00-3:15 Boys Basketball Practice 2:00-3:30 Girls Basketball Practice 3:30-5:00 Music Club 3:30-5:00
<b>Saturday, January 28</b>	<b>Coyle Food Pantry 10:00am</b> <b>Our Lady of Lourdes School Open House 11:00-2:00</b>
<b>Sunday, January 29</b>	<b>St. Mary's Primary School Open House 11:00-1:00</b>
Monday, January 30	Art Club 2:00-3:00 Student Council 2:00-3:00 Cheerleading Practice 2:00-4:00 Basketball <b>HOME</b> game against Freetown/Lakeville (Girls/3:00; Boys/4:00)
<b>Tuesday, January 31</b>	<b>School Advisory Council Meeting 7:00-8:15</b> <b>Faculty Meeting—No After School Help</b> Girls Basketball Practice 3:30-5:00
Wednesday, February 1	Campus Ministry 2:00-3:00 Cheerleading Practice 2:00-5:00
<b>Thursday, February 2</b>	<b>Catholic Schools Week Liturgy 9:00</b> Drama Rehearsal 2:00-4:00 Lego Club 2:00-3:00 Basketball <b>AWAY</b> game @ Dighton M.S. (Girls/3:00; Boys/4:00) CORI Workshop 6:00 <b>Registration/Open House 7:00-9:00</b>
Friday, February 3	Choir Rehearsal 2:00-3:15 Boys Basketball Practice 2:00-3:30 Girls Basketball Practice 3:30-5:00 Music Club 3:30-5:00 Student Social Grades 5 & 6 2:00-3:30 School Dance Grades 7 & 8 7:00-9:00

**Ongoing Events sponsored by Campus Ministry**  
Food Drive continues for C & C Food Pantry

**HELPFUL HINTS FOR PARENTS****Homework Time Made Easier!**

Homework helps students learn important lesson. It can help them do better in school and help them develop responsibility. But homework can be a hassle for parents. You may feel you are constantly nagging your child to do homework and sometimes not find out there is homework until it is almost bed time. Here are some answers to parents' questions about homework and some parent-tested tips that will help you make the most of your child's study time.

**1. Check your child's Moodle page**

Each of your child's teachers posts daily classwork and homework on their Moodle page. Ask your child for his username and password so you can check for assignments and due dates. If he does not know this information, you can contact his homeroom teacher.

**2. Check on supplies**

Does your child have paper, pens, and pencils at home? How about a dictionary and an atlas? The Internet is also a great source for information.

**3. Respect your child's study time**

That means no interruptions from you, no phone calls, and no visits from friends.

**4. Break it up**

For many students, "divide and conquer" is a good way to plan homework time. It often helps to work 15 or 20 minutes and then take five minutes to relax. Break up longer projects into manageable chunks.