

Thursday Thoughts
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This past Thursday, September 2nd, we had our first grub day of the year with over \$2,600 being collected. Over the past several years we have given the proceeds from this first grub day to the Mike Kilbarger family to be given to the muscular dystrophy association in the name of Andrew Kilbarger. This year's money was used to help defray the costs of materials needed to make modifications to our main building in order for Andrew, now a 6th grade student, to be able to attend our school. Thanks to the generosity of our school community, enough funds were collected to pay for most of those materials. I was also told by Andrew's mother, Julie, that a chair lift was found and given to the family at no cost. This will enable Andrew to go to the cafeteria as well as to the library and computer lab much easier than being lifted by other people. This is certainly an example of our school community coming together to make it possible for Andrew to attend our school for the next three years.

This past Saturday evening the football team of 1959 from St. Mary High School was honored during the half-time of the Fisher Catholic-Huntington football game. 19 of the 27 members of that team were present and recognized along with Jim Veeley, head coach and Tony Ross, one of the assistant coaches. Three members of the team and two former assistant coaches are deceased. Coach Veeley spent 4 years at the then St. Mary High School and compiled a 21 – 1 record along with being voted the class A state champions in 1961. Those teams of the early 60s went on to win 23 consecutive games, a diocesan record at the time. It is my understanding that football was discontinued in 1934 and was not revived until 1959. Nobody seems to know why it was discontinued or when football actually started at St. Mary High School. If you know or have heard anything about football prior to 1934, let me know. As you may recall, St. Mary High School was changed to Bishop Fenwick High School during the 1961-62 school year and to William V. Fisher Catholic High School during the 1971-72 school year. I don't recall an alumni association that has three separate names representing one high school!

Don't forget to stop by the River Valley Mall Office to show your receipts so that we can gain points toward their contest that will pay \$5,000 to the school with the highest receipt total that is turned in on or before September 30th.

Information concerning the H1N1 flu virus will be posted on our website under Nurse. We will try to keep you as informed as possible. Right now it appears that the three big things to remember are: if you are sick, stay at home; when you cough, do so in your sleeve; wash your hands frequently and as long as it takes you to sing the song *Happy Birthday*.

To keep up-dated on our Home and School Association activities and Advisory Board meetings, check out our website for the latest information as found in the minutes from the most current monthly meetings of both of these groups.

One final reminder . . . our Diocesan Family Rosary Day will be celebrated this year at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, October 11th at Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave, Columbus, Ohio. The homily will be given by Father Antonio Carvalho, Administrator of Holy Name Church, Columbus. Bishop Frederick F. Campbell will preside at this one-hour ceremony and will celebrate Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Those are my thoughts for this week!