

Administrator's Report  
St. Mary Advisory Board Meeting  
Tuesday, September 9, 2008  
Faculty Room

1. The opening of school went very well this year. Our current enrollment is 430 students, which is down 38 from the 2007/2008 school year. Reasons for people leaving our school have ranged from moving out of the area; not being able to remain current as regards tuition payments and not communicating with our office about the situation; the increase in fuel and food prices and how these have effected families; concerns about curriculum and teachers. These were also reasons mentioned on the End-of-the-Year survey given to parents last May.
2. Orientation for our kindergarten and first grade students and their parents was held on August 20<sup>th</sup> as well as parent/teacher meetings for parents of students in grades 2 - 8 on August 26<sup>th</sup>. These opportunities enabled parents to listen to teachers as goals and expectations in addition to classroom and school rules and regulations were shared by the teachers.
3. \$1,191.81 was raised for Andrew's Army(Andrew Kilbarger) by way of our first grub day of the year. Andrew is a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student at St. Bernadette School and a member of St. Mary parish.
4. Mark Spangler and other representatives of our Cub Scout/Boy Scout organization met with boys in grades 1 - 6 on August 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss the many benefits of joining either the Cub or Boy Scouts sponsored by our parish.
5. A new sign and security system are among some of the changes at St. Mary's this new school year. A detailed report will be shared with the Advisory Board at its September meeting.
6. St. Mary's has a new website that will be up and running soon. The address is the same as in the past - [www.greenapple.com/~stmarylab](http://www.greenapple.com/~stmarylab).
7. Our Opening School Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell on Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in church. Our Home and School Association will be providing cake and punch after the Mass in the parish courtyard.
8. Mr. Cly, Mrs. Woods, Miss Wood(now Mrs. Smith), Miss Henderson, and Mrs. Kemmerer(retired) left during the summer. Replacing them

are Mrs. Myers in the sixth grade, Mrs. Kemmerer in the second grade, Mrs. Hickman in the fifth grade, and Miss Vajen in the seventh grade. Mrs. Carpenter has moved from the sixth to the first grade and Mrs. Novena from the second to the third grade.

9. Starting this year we will be involved in our re-accreditation process. This will involve surveys completed by our parents, students, faculty, and administration, the review and documentation of standards, and the development of goals for the next five years. Our Advisory Board will be kept informed of what is taking place during the process.