

# ST. MARGARET MARY SCHOOL

February 16, 2015

Hello St. Margaret Mary School Families!

Wonderful news! The newest Lippen has arrived! **Jordan Jay Lippen** was born on February 14th and weighed in at 7 pounds 1 ounce. She is 19.5 inches long. Congratulations to Mrs. Lippen and her family!!! In addition, **Mrs. Hegedus**, our 2nd grade aide, became a grandmother! Her daughter and son-in-law, are proud new parents of a healthy and happy baby. Mrs. Hegedus will fly up to Seattle to meet her precious grandchild. Mrs. Eubanks will take her SMMS aide duties while she is away. Congratulations to **'Grandma Donna!'**

Last week, at St. Margaret Mary School proved to be quite busy. On Monday, **Groundhog's Day**, our SMMS resident groundhog saw its shadow and retreated into its burrow. We now have 6 more weeks of winter!! No big deal for Southern Californians! Also, our basketball teams competed against our rival schools and our soccer teams began their practices at the Korean Center. On Friday, the entire school participated in a Mass hosted by the Third Grade. Mrs. Hines and her crew of 3rd grade tots did a spectacular job of planning, organizing and participating in this very special 'Mass of Love.' A huge "job well done" pat on the back for the entire Third Grade. On Friday afternoon, the students celebrated Valentines Day with candy treats and baked goods. The 8th grade passed out pre-purchased 'Valentine Grams ' for all who sent a special message. Thank you teachers, staff and students for another great week at our fantastic school!! On Tuesday, I was given the opportunity to take a 'sneak peak' into the results of our latest standardized test scores. I am completely thrilled to announce that our students did incredibly well. I am so proud of our students and extremely happy at the quality teaching taking place at our school. I truly believe that your children are receiving the best education in the South Bay! However we will not stop here! The faculty and staff will now take this data to analyze, evaluate, examine and scrutinize it so that we may identify areas of achievement and areas that need improvement! We've only just begun!! A big thank you to my tireless staff who puts in long hours to provide a quality education for our children!

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This week, the students will experience more exciting events:

**Monday**, of course is 'PRESIDENTS DAY' and there is no school.

**Tuesday** is 'FAT TUESDAY' and the children will get a chance to celebrate this at our school's Mardi Gras event on Tuesday night in Hegarty Hall.

On **Wednesday**, the Lenten season begins - ASH WEDNESDAY. All students will receive their ashes during various times of the day. Due to a high volume of traffic on our campus, there will be 1:00 pm "RAINY DAY DISMISSAL.

On **Thursday**, our 8th graders will arrive to school in their 'Sunday best' for their 'cap and gown' pictures. 8th graders, please remember - *For the boys, dress shirts, dress slacks, dress socks and a tie must be worn. Hair must be neatly combed and no facial hair. For the girls - all dresses must be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee and have sleeves. Absolutely no spaghetti straps allowed. Shoes may not have a 'stiletto' type heel and must be closed toe.* \*ALL GRADUATES MUST ARRIVE IN THEIR NEATLY PRESSED GRADUATION GOWNS. Pictures will be taken at 8:30 and end around 10:30. Make-up and nail polish are permitted for this day only.

Have a wonderful week!

Blessings,

Mrs. Zimmerman  
Principal