



# THE CARDINAL NEWS

## ENCOURAGE, EDUCATE, EMPOWER

September 2009

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The 5th Annual Out of the Darkness Walk for the prevention of suicide will take place at 1pm, Sunday, September 13th at Benton Central. Since 2005, the Benton community has joined forces with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, [www.afsp.org](http://www.afsp.org), to increase awareness and education regarding the preventable tragedy of suicide. Our community invites everyone to join in the experience of support, acknowledgement, and remembrance.

A person dies by suicide every 16 minutes in the U.S. In Indiana, suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death in the 25-34 year age group and the 3rd leading cause in the 15-24 year age group. From the efforts of local walks over the last four years, it has been possible to train educators, clergy and community members regarding signs, steps to take, and immediate resources,

To find our more or to register for the walk, visit [www.outofthedarkness.org](http://www.outofthedarkness.org), contact Terri Goodman at [shs@sacredheartsite.com](mailto:shs@sacredheartsite.com) or (765) 884-0710.

### IMPORTANT DATES AHEAD

- ✓ CPTO Meeting ~ Tuesday, September 1st, 7pm in Room 10 of the school
- ✓ Earl Park Fall Festival ~ Friday, Sept. 4th ~ Monday, Sept. 7th
- ✓ Labor Day, No School ~ Monday, Sept. 7th
- ✓ School Advisory Board Meeting ~Tuesday, September 8th, 7pm in Room 10 of the school
- ✓ Grandparent's Day ~ Friday, Sept. 11th  
**\*\*DRESS UNIFORMS\*\***
- ✓ Friday, October 2nd ~ St. Francis Feast Day Pet Blessing and Walk-A-Thon
- ✓ Thursday October 9th and Friday 10th ~ Camp Tecumseh 6th grade trip
- ✓ Tuesday, October 13th ~ Picture Day
- ✓ Monday, October 19th ~ 22nd ~ Parent and Teacher Conferences (to be scheduled before and after school)
- ✓ Friday, October 23rd ~ Fall Break
- ✓ Friday, October 30th ~ All Saints Day  
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**THE PRESCHOOL FALL FLOWER SALE IS GOING ON NOW!** ~ We are selling mums and fall fillers for your summer baskets that are frost tolerant. The mums are \$6.50 each or 3 for \$18 and fillers are \$3.50 for a 4.5" pot.

You may purchase flowers from any Preschool/Pre-K student, by calling Kate Daily at 385-2452 or there is an order form in the school office. Orders will be taken until Wednesday, September 9th. Flowers can be picked up at Sacred Heart School (back lot by teacher parking area) on Wednesday, September 16th. Money is due when you make your order. Make checks to Sacred Heart Preschool.



**Sacred Heart School is open to Catholic and non-Catholic students.**

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### MEN AT WORK

Thanks to all the dads who helped with our delivery of mulch and pea gravel. Special thanks to **Dale Budreau, John Gick** and **Mark Flook** who were at school most of the day waiting and working on the delivery.

Thanks also go to **Dan Sayre** and **Kevin Cobb** for their help unloading and spreading and **Jeff Albertson** for the use of his truck and time to haul the materials.

**SCHOOL DELAYS AND CLOSINGS** ~ Sacred Heart School delays and closes school due to weather with Benton Community Schools. Visit [cancellations.com](http://cancellations.com) and sign up for your free account. When you choose Benton Community School Corp., you will receive an email when school has been delayed or closed due to inclement weather.

These notices usually arrive in a very timely manner in your inbox often before you are able to see a post online at [jconline.com](http://jconline.com) or [wlfi.com](http://wlfi.com).

**Remember: delays can include dense fog, not just winter weather, so sign up now!**



Market Day delivery dates for the first semester are the following Wednesdays:

- September 23rd
- October 21st
- November 18th
- December 16th

Your Market Day orders can be picked up between 5pm and 6pm on these nights. Order forms will come home in student folders or you can go to [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com) and create an online account. You can choose to pay by credit card at the time of your order or choose cash/check and pay at pick up.

### PET BLESSING AND WALK-A-THON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2ND

The Pet Blessing will begin at 12:45 on the "big kids playground".

The Walk-a-thon will begin immediately afterwards approx. 1:00.

The pets may join us in the Walk-a-thon. Those with them are responsible for cleaning up any messes left along the way.

We like to have as many people as possible stationed at checkpoints along the way in case assistance or school contact is needed. If you are willing to serve in this way please contact the school office.

**GRANDPARENT'S DAY** ~ Mass begins at 8:15 and students may sit with their grandparent/s. Grandparents are asked to meet their grandchild/children at the classroom/s at 8:05.



Coffee, juice and doughnuts will be provided after mass in the gym for grandparents while students are back in their classroom preparing to entertain you.



If a grandparent is not able to attend, a special family friend or parent may attend as well.

## TESTING UPDATES

The latest from the Department of Education tells us that Spring ISTEP+ scores will be available on Sept. 15th. Parents will be able to access their student/s information online using an individual student code. You should have already received this information. If you haven't, please contact the school office. Paper copies of student scores will also be sent home.

We will not have ISTEP+ testing this Fall; however, grades 2-6 will have Iowa (ITBS) testing. This testing will begin Sept. 28th and will most likely be completed by Oct. 2nd. As always, avoid scheduling appointments during testing time and be sure that your child/children get plenty of rest and a good breakfast.

**The ISTEP+ testing window is  
March 1-10 and April 26-May 10.**

### ACCELERATED READER

We have finalized plans for our end of the year trip! We will be going to Happy Hollow Park and Monster Golf! Monster Golf is an indoor glow-in-the-dark putt-putt course in Lafayette. If you haven't been to Monster Golf yet, it would be a good idea for the kids to experience it with the family first.

### WE WILL BE STARTING F.I.R.E. (FAN THE FLAME, INSPIRATION, THROUGH RELIGIOUS ENRICHMENT)

**WORKSHOPS AMONGST OUR LOCAL PARISHES.** Below is a listing of workshops available. These workshops will benefit all members of our parishes. Our mission as confirmed members of Catholic religion is to live and share our faith every moment of our lives.

This is an opportunity to come together, share our knowledge, and deepen our faith. Please mark your calendars and join us!

Workshop: Information for Growth Assessment

Date: September 17, 2009

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Place: Sacred Heart, Fowler

Workshop: Spiritual Plan for Life

Date: November 19, 2009

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Place: St Mary's, Dunnington

Workshop: Liturgy of the Hours

Date: January 21, 2010

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Place: St Charles, Otterbein

Workshop: Prayer

Date: March 18, 2010

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 pm

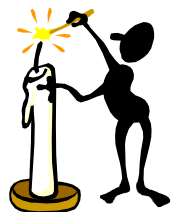
Place: St Patrick's, Oxford

Workshop: Call to Discipleship

Date: May 20, 2010

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Place: Sacred Heart, Fowler



### BOX TOPS AND CAMPBELL'S LABELS FOR EDUCATION

Our school participates in both these programs. With the Box Tops program the school gets a check based on how many Box Tops we submit. For Labels for Education we earn credit toward purchases from their selected merchandise. For some time now, the Box Tops money has been earmarked for our art program. You can learn more about Box Tops at [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) and for Labels for Education at [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com).



**WELCOME BACK TO MRS. BALENSIEFER AND MRS. SHOULTS** for their "above and beyond" donation of talent and their sacrifice of time for our students.

**Mrs. Myrt Balensiefer** will once again (30+ years) be passing on her musical talent, knowledge, motivation, and inspiration to grades K-6. Beyond that, she oversees the 6th grade choir, leads song during weekday masses, conducts choir practice once/week, organizes special musical presentations (e.g. Veteran's Day, Christmas Eve Mass, etc.) and practices with our daily mass readers. Myrt is a faithful and dedicated guide and resource to our school and staff.



**Mrs. Mindy Shoults** is volunteering two mornings out of every week to art instruction for our students. She also has three active children of her own and serves as the librarian at the Oxford Town Library. This is Mindy's second year of providing wonderful art experiences for our K-6 children. Mrs. Shoults donates her time. Materials are covered through the Box Tops for Education program. With the kid's artwork displayed in the hallways, there are daily comments regarding the amazement at what such young children can do! This year art classes will be held in the new Art Room. Mindy spent many hours before the start of school renovating the old preschool/literacy group room into an art room. Rather than carting materials from room to room, the kids will come to her. It's a great space to be creative!



These ladies are true blessings. Beyond sharing their talents and volunteering their time they are giving individual attention, and uncovering hidden talents among our children.

Can you imagine what we would have to pay for such service? How would that affect tuition? Be grateful to them and thankful to Him.

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL THE AREA BUSINESSES WHO ARE SUPPORTING OUR 2ND ANNUAL WALK~A~ THON. EACH SPONSOR WILL BE LISTED ON THE BACK OF OUR T-SHIRTS. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!**

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