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Continuing Our Commitment to
Quality Catholic Education

Falcon's Pride

A weekly newsletter of the current events at St. Mary's Catholic School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please help me welcome our newest Falcon to the St. Mary's Catholic School community. Clara Hazel Boethel was born on Friday, October 14th at 8:29 a.m. Congratulations to the family, Christi, Carl, Owen, Colter and Autumn. We look forward to meeting your bundle of joy!

Now that the weather is changing, the students are wearing their school sweaters and school jackets more often. With this comes the lost and found cart, found by the front office, and mixed up clothing. Please check to make sure your child is wearing his or her correct sweater or jacket. If your child does not have his/her name on the item please write it on the inside back of the St. Mary's patch. This is an easily identifiable spot.

It has been brought to my attention that students may be crossing the street on Avenue K in the morning. Please remember the following for the safety of our children.

1. If you are walking your child in please park in the church/school parking lot, not on the street. No parking on Avenue K.
2. If dropping off only on Avenue K, stop on the right hand side of the road and take direction from the teacher on duty. This street is one way in the morning.
3. Once the bus has come through the teacher on duty will direct drop off to the left of the bus lane.
4. No parking in the driveway
5. No passing in the driveway.
6. When the bus arrives, no one passes the bus. No movement when bus is parked with Stop Sign Extended.

Have you signed up for the Trunk or Treat Event this Friday? This is such a fun evening for the kids to come dressed in costume and trick or treat at each of the decorated trunks. Even if you do not decorate your car, please do come for the fun.

On October 28th Bishop Vasquez will celebrate Mass for the students in celebration of our 120th year anniversary. If you can join us please do. The Mass will be at 8:15 a.m.

Report Cards for grades 1-8 are open on RenWeb. If you notice any discrepancies in attendance, please contact Mrs. Brown cbrown@stmarys-temple.org.

Conferences tomorrow are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please make sure you have signed up. All lower grade teachers will be in their rooms while all middle school and specialty teachers will be in the gym. Mr. Bridges will be in the band hall. No teachers will be upstairs tomorrow. Doors will be open to the school and the gym for easy access.

**Have a great week and thank you for all you do to support St. Mary's Catholic School!
Sincerely,
Mrs. Wyles**

NEWS AND INFORMATION

School Messenger Text Opt In

We have set up the texting component on School Messenger (please see attachment). This Friday, October 21st, at 10:00 a.m. you will receive a text opt in message. You will text Y for yes or STOP for no. You may also follow the directions on the attachment as of Thursday if you would rather opt in on your own.

Please call the school if you have questions.

PTC News

Trunk or Treat, Friday, October 21st 6:00-7:30 p.m.

A **Trunk or Treat** is a Halloween event where people gather and park their cars in a large parking lot. They open their trunks, or the backs of their vehicles, and decorate them. Then they pass out candy from their trunks. The event provides a safe family environment for trick or treaters.

The best way to plan your trunk is to pick a theme. Think of it like dressing yourself in a costume. Cars will be parked in the church parking lot. The lot will be blocked off as soon as all students have been picked up for the day.

General – Anyone who would like to participate in Trunk or Treat please sign up on sign up genius. The parking lot will be blocked off at 5:45 so please make sure you are parked by then. We will NOT be providing candy this year, please make sure you have enough for your trunk.

Contest – We will be having a decorating contest again this year for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. There is a \$5 fee to enter the contest, money can be sent to the office in an envelope marked PTC Trunk or Treat. We will have trophies for the winners.

Popcorn sale for October – due to this falling on the same date as the 1st quarter awards we will not have a popcorn sale in October.

November 13 is the Family Mass at Christ the King, 10:30 a.m., and with the holidays fast approaching we are excited to have a **Thankful For Our St. Mary's Family** get together at **Wheels Skating Rink** from 5:30-7:30. In addition to skating, there will be St. Mary's merchandise for sale as well as some fun raffles. More details will be coming soon!

Thank you for your continued support,
St. Mary's PTC

Bake Sale

Second Graders from the school and parish are hosting a bake sale on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday October 22-24 to raise funds to purchase sacramental preparation books. We will have a bake sale on Friday at the end of the day as well as after all masses Saturday and Sunday. Thank you for your support for our students preparing to receive sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

Amazon Smile

As you are getting ready for Halloween don't forget to shop for their treats, costumes, and decorations at smile.amazon.com and Amazon will donate to St. Mary's Catholic School.

#StartWithaSmile at smile.amazon.com/ch/74-1297273 to stock up for Halloween and Amazon donates to St. Mary's Catholic School.

Picture Re-takes

If your child missed picture day or you would simply like a retake, note your calendar for **Friday, Nov. 4th**. If you need a form, please contact Ms. Morales (rmorales@stmarys-temple.org) and she will send one with your child. Two volunteers are needed to help with re-takes. Please let Ms. Morales know if you can help.

Raffle Tickets for OLG

Our Lady Of Guadalupe Catholic Church is selling raffle tickets that will take place December 11, 2016 (need not to be present to win) the following items included are:

Grand Prize- 2007 Ford Convertible Mustang

2nd- Toshiba LED HD TV 55' TV

3rd- Stainless Steel and Porcelain Burner Gas Grill

4th- 7.9' 16GB iPad Air

5th- \$500 Visa Gift Card

6th- \$459 Gift Card Basket

7th- Dinner for 2 with Father Cesar Guzman valued at \$150

If you could please support our church it will be greatly appreciated thank you, Mrs. Hilda González

PSIA Sign up Deadline

The deadline to sign up for PSIA is Friday, October 21st. Coaching will begin the week of the 24th. Coaches will post their schedules on the school website.

Casino Night

Our Casino Night is coming up in November. We will be selling tickets after all Masses until October 30th. If you would like to earn service hours and support this worthy cause please call the school office.

RECYCLE INK WITH US!

St. Mary's will be partaking in a fundraiser that collects printer ink and toner. What a great way to help the school and the environment! Beginning Thursday, October 20th look for a designated box in the schools main hallway. Simply put your empty ink or toner cartridges in the box. St. Mary's will receive anywhere from .50 to \$14.00 per cartridge!

Prayer Blankets

Dear St. Mary's and Holy Trinity Families,

This year will be our seventh year for providing Prayer Blankets to nursing home residents! The project this year is being headed up by St. Mary's Pro-Life Club and God Squad and Holy Trinity's Pro-Life Club and Columba Family. For those of you that are new to the schools, this project involves donating material and making wheelchair size fleece blankets for nursing home residents. There is no sewing involved. Instructions on how to make blankets will be left at both school offices.

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- 2 one yard pieces of coordinating fleece
- a good pair of cutting scissors
- a 4 inch square piece of cardboard
- a heavy duty metal tape measure

The workshop is scheduled for Friday, November 4th from 4:00pm-6:30pm at Holy Trinity in the cafetorium. The bus will be available for St. Mary's students to ride to Holy Trinity if they are interested in participating. A sign up sheet will be placed in the school office a week before the workshop. A permission slip will need to be filled out by those riding the bus. We are always in need of as many parents as possible to help out with the younger children at the workshop.

The blankets are made by cutting the borders into strips and then knotting them. As each pair of strips are tied into a knot, a prayer is said for the resident who receives the blanket. The blessing of the blankets will be held at the St. Mary's Mass on Friday, December 2nd. The nursing home will be chosen after the workshop in order to see how many blankets we have available. The date of delivery is still pending due to school conflicts. We are looking at around the beginning of December and before the final exams.

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS: Hours are awarded according to time spent buying material, making blankets at home, or participating at the workshop.

DONATIONS NEEDED: We are in need of donations of fleece. If you are unable to participate in the workshop or make blankets at home, you will receive 1 hour of parent community service for donating 2 of one yard pieces of fleece (this makes one blanket). Please leave donated material at the school offices.

If you are able to make blankets or donate material, please contact me at kiyeonglandon@gmail.com to let me know how many. This helps me to figure out which nursing home to choose according to the number of blankets that are made. We don't want to leave anyone out. Contacts for any questions may be directed to myself or to the following St. Mary's Pro-life Coordinator, Joe Smith, Pro-Life Club coordinator jsmith@stmarys-temple.org

Thank you so much in advance for helping with this wonderful project! Last year we were able to give about 100 blankets to Park Place Manor Nursing Home in belton. They were so touched by the fact that someone took so much time to say prayers for them while making the blankets. Many are often moved to tears and we received thank you letters from residents. This whole project is a great way to teach our children about respecting all life especially the elderly.

May God bless you all!!!
Sincerely,
Kiyeon Glandon
Prayer Blanket Workshop Coordinator

Vision and Hearing Testing

Vision and hearing screenings will be the week of on October 24th for our Pre-K, K, 1, 3, 5, 7. We are in need of parent volunteers. Please let Mrs. Stewart know if you can help. dstewart@stmarys-temple.org

Our Lady of the Angels Maternity Shelter

Our Lady of the Angels Maternity Shelter is inviting you to their Open House this coming Sunday the 23rd from Noon to 3pm. Come and take a tour, meet Board members and employees, as well as fellow volunteers who have all made the shelter the cornerstone it is today. We are located in Temple on 613 South 9th Street, right off Ave G. Food and refreshments will be provided. We look forward to meeting you there!

Strategic Planning

It is time to revisit the Strategic Plan for St. Mary's Catholic School. Our Consultative School Board will head up this process with the full support and participation of the faculty and staff. If you would like to become part of the creation of our new plan please contact Mrs. Wyles. Your input is valuable.

Yearbook Flyers Attached

Please use the attached flyers to order your yearbook, purchase an ad, and share photos with the yearbook team. If you order your yearbook early they are only \$23.00.

School Spirit Items

Have you had the chance to purchase our very cool looking Spirit items yet? We are proud of our school and want all to know. We have hats, koozies, cooler cups and stickers in the office. All have the school logo. Stop by the office and take a look.

Save the Date: January 28, 2017: Celebrating Catholic Schools Award Dinner

The Office of Catholic Schools will hold its 2017 Celebrating Catholic Schools Dinner and Awards Ceremony on January 28, 2017 to recognize our Catholic schools and honor those who serve and support our schools. The purpose of this event is to recognize those individuals whose dedication enables schools to accomplish their missions and good works.

I am pleased to announce that this year's nominee for St. Mary's Catholic School will be Mrs. Angie Stolp. Mrs. Stolp has been a dedicated member of the St. Mary's family for over 30 years and is very deserving of this award. The event will take place at 6:00 p.m. at the Hyatt at Town Lake in Austin. The featured speaker this year will be Cardinal Dolan. As soon as tickets become available I will let the community know. Please do mark your calendars and show your support for a wonderful teacher.

Important Dates to Remember

Wed. Oct. 19th

*Parent-Teacher Conferences
(No School on this day)

Thurs. Oct. 20th

*Spirit Day
*4th and 5th to CAC 8:30-11:15

Fri. Oct. 21st

*Awards Assembly in the Church 2:00 p.m.
*All School Mass
*Trunk or Treat 6:00 p.m.

Mon. Oct. 24th

*Hearing and Visions Screening begins

Tues. Oct. 25th

*3rd and 4th to UMHB 8:15-12:00

Wed. Oct. 26th

*Fire Safety 9:00-10:00 Pre-K -2nd

Fri. Oct 28th

*All School Mass with Bishop Vasquez to kick off our anniversary of 120 years ☺