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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,

I hope you enjoyed your three day weekend. The faculty spent their day at the Mayborn Center engaged in learning with a wonderful speaker. We left with new knowledge and a sense of accomplishment knowing we are striving to meet the academic and spiritual needs of all our students.

Thanks to all who brought their animals to our annual blessing last Friday. It was a wonderful morning. Thank you to Mr. McHugh and Mason McHugh for taking charge of the cul de sac drop off and to Mrs. Warren and Mrs. Smart for taking morning care. Your help was greatly appreciated. Thank you to Father Steve for allowing us to hold, and officiating at, this special event.

Thank you to all parishioners who supported Taco Night. Thank you to our Men of St. Joseph's Parish Organization for hosting this yummy event and helping us raise much needed Tuition Assistance money. We believe that no child should be denied a quality Catholic education due to financial difficulties and we are doing everything in our power to raise funds for those in need. If you would like to help us please do not hesitate to donate. You will make a difference in the life of a child. Who could ask for more?

Last week we sent our third test of School Messenger and still had a few glitches. We will repair these this week and try again soon. I will send you an email when this is to happen. I appreciate your patience with this process. It is all for the safety of our children ☺.

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.

Please let Ms. Morales know if you have any problems with your school pictures. You can email her at rmorales@stmarys-temple.org.

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

Sincerely,
Mrs. Wyles

NEWS AND INFORMATION

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be Wednesday, October 19th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (There is no school on this day). A preview of the first quarter report cards will be available on RenWeb the 18th. Teachers will provide a paper copy at the conference. Please ensure you set up an appointment as this conference is mandatory for all parents. Students in grades 6-8 are required to attend the conference with parent(s).

All Middle School and Specialty teachers will be located in the gym while grades Pre-K through 5th grade teachers will be in their respective classrooms. To set up a conference with your child's homeroom teacher, or specialty teacher, visit that teacher's home page on the school website and use the Sign-up Genius. **This is now active. Call us if you have questions.**

PSIA Sign up Deadline

The deadline to sign up for PSIA is Friday, October 21st.

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.

AR Celebration

AR Reward celebration will be next Monday, October 17 in the afternoon. Donations and help is needed from parents. Please see signup genius to sign up. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e44aaae2fa6f58-arreward1>
We're proud of our readers and all the books they've read this quarter.

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.

St. Luke Fest

Join the festivities at the annual St. Luke Fest, this Sunday, October 16th from 11:00-4:00 on St. Luke's parish grounds. The day will include Mass, Raffle, Fish Fry, Live Music, Games and Bingo. For more information please visit the website <http://slparish.org/>

Reminder for Junior High students who have signed up to work.....please make sure you check in with the Volunteer Coordinator when you arrive and depart to verify your service hours. Verification will be sent to the school.

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

Sports News

Last week our students competed in the Cameron Cross Country Meet. Congratulations to Abby Rockwood 2nd place overall, Mikaela Andrews 34th, and Ben Raines 12th.

Prayer Blanket Information

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

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. 12 th	*School Board Meeting 5:45
Thurs. Oct. 13 th	*Grade 3 to CAC 10:00-2:00
Fri. Oct. 14 th	*School Mass 8:15 a.m.
	*First Quarter Ends
Mon. Oct. 17 th	*Second Quarter Begins
Wed. Oct. 19 th	*Parent-Teacher Conferences (No School on this day)
Thurs. Oct. 20 th	*Spirit Day *4 th and 5 th to CAC 8:30-11:15 *Awards Assembly in the Church 2:00 p.m.

Fri. Oct. 21st

Mon. Oct. 24th

Tues. Oct. 25th

Wed. Oct. 26th

Fri. Oct 28th

*All School Mass

*Trunk or Treat 6:00 p.m.

*Hearing and Visions Screening begins

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

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

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