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St Mary's,
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,

Happy All Saints Day ☺. Many of our students dressed as their favorite Saint today and processed in at Mass. It was so beautiful to see. Pictures will be posted on the school website and Facebook. Please check it out.

Thank you to all who joined us for our Anniversary Mass with Bishop Vasquez on Friday. I am sure you will agree with me when I say it was very special. Also in attendance were the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Ned Vanders, representatives from the Diocese, Holy Trinity students, alumni and parishioners. The church was filled to the rim to help us celebrate 120 years of bringing quality Catholic education to our children.

Following the Mass Bishop Vasquez, Dr. Vanders and guests came to the school and took a tour. They were very impressed with our students. Our strong Catholic Identity and positive school climate were evident in all they encountered. The visit could not have been better. Stay tuned for other events throughout this school year to celebrate our anniversary.

Great news.....the student art Auction items for this Saturday's Casino Night are displayed in the hallway outside the office and..... the bidding has begun. Please come by, take a look, and get your bids in early. The bidding will continue on Saturday night. If you have not purchased your tickets yet you may still do so in the office.

This year, we have been blessed again to secure the Temple College Performing Arts Center for the theater space needed for our Christmas musical, "Angels Aware" on December 6, 2016. However, Temple College policies have changed this year, which means we are required to pay for the Auditorium, equipment, and the services of the staff at Temple College.

The estimated cost of everything is \$800. Because of these unanticipated expenses, all St. Mary's families will be asked to pay a ticket price of \$5.00 per individual at the door. If you would like to make a donation before December 6 to defray the overall expenses and help

St. Mary's make this the best drama season ever, please contact the St. Mary's Catholic School office. Details of costume descriptions are below.

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

Sincerely,

Mrs. Wyles

NEWS AND INFORMATION

Prayer Blankets

This Friday is Prayer Blanket day at Holy Trinity. I hope you are able to join us. If your child would like to ride the bus over after please fill out the permission slip attached and return by Thursday, November 3rd. If your child rides the bus please meet us there. I will be going over right after school on that day.

PSIA Practice

Practice for PSIA has begun. Please note that if your child is in the Middle School speech events their practice is at Holy Trinity. Students who are in speech events have received a permission slip to ride the bus. This must be turned in by Monday, Nov. 7th. Parents will pick their child up at Holy Trinity at 5:00 p.m.

PTC News

PTC Meeting on November 3rd at 5:30 p.m. 4th and 5th grade will be performing and providing dinner.

November 13th is the Family Mass at Christ the King at 10:30 a.m. With the holidays fast approaching we are excited to have a **Thankful For Our St. Mary's Family** get together at **Wheels** from 5:30-7:30 that evening. As well as 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

Christmas Program Details for December 6th

We are preparing for our fantastic Christmas musical, *Angels Aware*, to be performed December 6, 2016! Here is the list of costumes:

Elementary Students (pre-K - 5th): **Girls** will wear white shirts with either skirts or pants in their Christmas color of choice (green, red, gold, or silver), and dress shoes. **Boys** will wear white shirts and slacks in their Christmas color of choice (green, red, gold, or silver). Both boys and girls will wear a tinsel garland that will be provided for them.

Middle School Students: Boys will wear their Sunday best in the Christmas colors of their choice (green, red, gold, or silver) and a tie and dress shoes. **Girls** will wear Sunday best (either skirts to the knee, or slacks) in the Christmas colors of their choice (green, red, gold, or silver), and dress shoes.

Our all-school dress rehearsals will be Tuesday, November 29 and Thursday, December 1.

Car Decals

Car decals for the outside of your car have arrived and are now on sale in the office for \$5.00 each.

EIM Workshop Coming Up

St. Joseph Parish, Killeen

11/6/2016

12:30 -2:30 PM

Celebrating Catholic Schools

This year's nominee for St. Mary's Catholic School is 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 January 28th at 6:00 p.m. at the Hyatt at Town Lake in Austin. The featured speaker this year will be Cardinal Dolan.

Please visit the Diocesan website for Catholic Schools <http://csdatx.org/>, and look for this picture. Help us fill the house in support of Mrs. Stolp! Ticket prices will go up to \$150 on December 1st so please purchase your ticket before then.



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.

Amazon Smile

As you are getting ready for the holidays, 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 the holidays and Amazon donates to St. Mary's Catholic School.

Christmas Parade

We are in need of a Volunteer to head up the SMCS Float for the Temple Christmas Parade. We will also need volunteers to help make this float happen. This project is a team of volunteers that come together to create a theme and then carry out the artwork on a trailer that will be in the parade in early December. If you are interested please contact the school so we can get started on this.

Lana Shadburn
Director of Development
lshadburn@stmarys-temple.org

Sports News

Girls and boys basketball has started. The girls will start with a tournament this weekend November 5th in McGregor.

- JV girls first game will be at 10:00 then either 12:00 or 2:00 depending on outcome of first game.
- Varsity girls first game will be at 11:00 then either 1:00 or 3:00 depending on outcome of first game.
- Day Pass will be \$5.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students and children or you may pay per game: \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students and children

*Girls will be practicing on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday at 4:00 to 5:30 then on Fridays 5:45 to 7:00.

*Boys will be practicing on Monday, Tuesday, at 5:45 to 7:00 and Fridays 4:00 to 5:30

*Our first basketball game for both teams is Nov 10th against Live Oak here at home.

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 Fernández de González (Brisa & Cielo's Mom)

*Please feel free to call or text me at [915-637-2050](tel:915-637-2050).

*Also you all can send money in an envelope in your child's backpack to be sent to the schools office with my name. Inside the envelope please send the following information:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Tickets are numbered from 0681 to 0949

COST: \$20.00 cash or check

These fund are to help reduce the Church's Debt on construction and repairs made to building

Thank you again!

Hilda Fernandez [915-637-2050](tel:915-637-2050)

Recycle Ink with us

The box is ready to be filled. Bring in your empty ink or toner cartridges from home or the office. The money raised will help with office expenses.

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.

I Give Catholic

To celebrate our unique Catholic Heritage, we are participating in a wonderful program entitled #iGive Catholic. This is a giving day created to rally the Catholic community on #GivingTuesday, November 29th –a global day of giving. It is a call to share our many blessings with St. Mary's Catholic School.

Please visit <http://iGiveCatholic.org> and select the Diocese of Austin and search for St. Mary's Catholic School.

#Giving Tuesday, November 29th (Advanced giving begins November 18th)

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WHAT IS #IGIVECATHOLIC?

#iGiveCatholic is the first-ever online giving day for the Catholic community. This year, #iGiveCatholic is being celebrated by 6 Catholic dioceses in the southeast region: The Archdiocese of New Orleans, Diocese of Austin, Diocese of Baton Rouge, Diocese of Biloxi, Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, and Diocese of Jackson.

The goal of the #iGiveCatholic Giving Day is to inspire our Catholic community to come together with giving in support of organizations that shape our souls: our parishes, schools, ministries and not-for-profit organizations. #iGiveCatholic's goal is to deliver \$1,500,000 to our Catholic organizations in a 24-hour period.

Let's come together to share our gifts lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord. WHY HOST A DAY OF CATHOLIC GIVING ON #GIVINGTUESDAY? We have a day for giving thanks. We have two for purchasing gifts for loved ones - Black Friday and Cyber Monday. And now, entering its fifth year, we have #GivingTuesday, a global day dedicated to giving back that kicks off the charitable season.

This year on Tuesday, November 29, 2016, individuals and organizations around the world will come together for one common purpose: to celebrate generosity and to give. We know that, for Catholics, generosity and giving have a profound meaning. As children of God, giving is the ultimate expression of mercy as we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, give shelter to the homeless and preserve our Catholic heritage for future generations. Compelled to action by our shared faith, Catholics are energized to give back knowing that little is much when God is in it.

HOW DO I GIVE?

It's a simple process. A 24 hour period, between midnight and 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 29th is the time to donate. Just go to www.igivecatholic.org, select our school, donate \$25 or more, finish the transaction and an email confirming your donation will be sent. Links will soon be up on the school website. You can only pay by credit card (Mastercard, VISA, Discover and American Express). As it gets closer to the #iGiveCatholic date, we will be providing links to keep up with our progress, additional information about this event and answer questions you may have.

Important Dates to Remember

Wed. Nov. 2nd

Thurs. Nov. 3rd

Fri. Nov. 4th

Sat. Nov. 5th

Tues. Nov. 8th

Wed. Nov. 9th

Fri. Nov. 11th

Sun. Nov. 13th

*6th -8th grades to visit Holy Doors

*PTC Meeting 5:30 (4th and 5th grades to perform)

*8th grade visit to Holy Trinity High School

*Prayer Blankets at Holy Trinity 4:00-6:30

*Casino Night ☺

*K, 1st and 2nd to CAC 12:00-2:00

*First Penance Meeting 6:30-7:45

*All School Mass 8:15 a.m.

*Annual School Visit from the Diocese

*Veteran's Day Presentation 9:00 a.m.

*Family Mass at Christ the King 10:30

*Wheels Skate Night 5:30-7:30