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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,

You are now able to access your child's lunch account on RenWeb. Access is linked to the financially responsible person in each family. Only those persons may check the account. Although you can't pay through RenWeb, you can see a detailed account of what your child is purchasing. Please call us if you are unable to access.

The individual tickets are now available for the 2017 Celebrating Catholic Schools Dinner and Awards Ceremony 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.

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.



Thanks to all who attended Trunk or Treat on Friday evening. It certainly was a success. A special thanks to Megan Hubbard-Swoda, our PTC President for all her hard work in making this event great!

Next Friday is Prayer Blanket day at Holy Trinity (see message below). I hope you are able to join us. I am in the works with Mr. Evans to allow students to ride the bus over after school and have their parents meet them at Holy Trinity. I will be going over right after school on that day.

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

Mrs. Wyles

NEWS AND INFORMATION

Casino Night Donations

Attached to this newsletter (and sent home yesterday, via email) is a list of needed items for Casino Night. Please take a look and see if you can donate anything. If you have questions please email Mr. Navarro mnavarro@texell.org.

PSIA Information

Attached to this newsletter is the PSIA practice schedule. This schedule pertains to those students who have signed up to compete in PSIA. If you have questions please call Mrs. Wyles.

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.

Railroad Museum

On Saturday, November 5th, from 11:00-1:00 p.m. the Railroad Museum will be holding a special day for families, entitled, Inventors and Communication. Mr. Jim Walker, a friend of St. Mary's Catholic School will be helping with the event, specifically the Edison telephone. He has asked for one student to assist him at the event. If your child would like to help and earn community service hours please contact Mrs. Wyles. He needs to know by Thursday, October 27th.

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

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.

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.

Paperless

We do our best to go paperless at St. Mary's. However, if there is a time you need a hard copy of anything just let us know. If you know of anyone who does not have computer access and would need a hard copy of the newsletter each week please have them ask us. Our goal is to keep our families informed, with as little complications as possible ☺.

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.

We already have quite a few turned in and now need 1 or 2 volunteers to help us prepare them to be recycled. Please contact the office if you can help.

Socks for our Homeless Veterans

Please help Mason McHugh, grade 7, collect socks for our homeless veterans. What a simple gift to give to those who gave so much for us. As the weather becomes cooler help Mason help those who are in need. Please drop your socks off in the plastic container outside the office by October 28th. Thank you Mason, for your service to our community.

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.

Important Dates to Remember

Tues. Oct. 25th

Wed. Oct. 26th

Fri. Oct 28th

Mon. Oct. 31st

Tues. Nov. 1st

Wed. Nov. 2nd

Thurs. Nov. 3rd

Fri. Nov. 4th

Sat. Nov. 5th

Tues. Nov. 8th

Wed. Nov. 9th

Fri. Nov. 11th

Sun. Nov. 13th

*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 ☺

*Happy Halloween

*All Saints Day: Mass 8:15 a.m.

*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.
(Parish Hall)

*Family Mass at Christ the King 10:30

*Wheels Skate Night 5:30-7:30

