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

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you to all who joined us for our Family Mass at St. Mary's this past Sunday. I greatly appreciate your participation in our gathering as a school community. Thank you to our students who showed their school pride in their uniforms. Thank you to Mrs. Walters, Mrs. Bullock and the 5th grade students for preparing the Mass. Thank you to Mr. Mason and our school choir for helping us celebrate the Eucharist with song.

Tonight is our Christmas Program at Temple College. Students should arrive at 5:45. Please make sure that your child finds his or her teacher and checks in. The program will begin at 6:30. Following the performance students will be dismissed by grade from the stage, beginning with Kindergarten. Pre-K students will be dismissed to their parents after they perform their songs.

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) or dark slacks, Christmas colored shirt and tie. 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), or dark slacks, Christmas colored shirt and 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.

Have you picked up your Giving Tree ornament yet? There are quite a few still on the tree outside the office. Each ornament has written upon it the details of the Christmas wishes of a person in our community who is less fortunate.

If you would like to help one of these people, simply take an ornament, record with Ms. Morales or Mrs. Brown which ornament you have selected, and bring a wrapped gift back to school by Dec. 16th, using the ideas on the ornament. Attach the ornament to the wrapped gift so it can be given to the correct person. If you bring more than one gift please

put them together in a bag or write the name on the second gift. If you have questions please ask.

On Friday, December 16th we will carry on the tradition of *Sunday Best* dress on the last day of school before Christmas vacation. This is a special dress-up day for the students and we are looking forward to it. Please make sure your students follow the guidelines set up for this day.

Girls:

*Nice dress or skirt of appropriate length (knee or below). Dress must have regular sleeves and not have a low-cut neckline.

*Dress pants with a nice blouse or sweater (no jeans or t-shirts)

* Nice shoes may be worn. Please no heels or open toes. Boots are fine as long as the heels are not high. School shoes are acceptable but no non-uniform tennis shoes please.

Boys:

*Nice pants with a nice shirt or sweater. No jeans or t-shirts.

*Nice shoes, (School shoes are acceptable.)

As always, students may choose to wear their uniform on this day.

Congratulations to Ms. Saaty and our Student Council for holding Kid's Night In last Friday night. The evening was very successful and the kids had a ball playing games and hanging out with friends. I have no doubt this will become a Christmas tradition for the Student Council and school community.

Have a wonderful week.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Wyles

NEWS AND INFORMATION

Help Needed

Mrs. Shadburn needs a couple of volunteers to help put away the items for the Parade. Friday after Mass would be great, or call Mrs. Shadburn if you can come another time.

Carolers Needed Please

Mr. Tim Hodge, from our parish and School Board, has asked our students for help. He writes:

“On December 17th at 11:00 a.m., we have a group of guys that are majority of Veterans and friends that go over to the VA nursing/recovery facility every year and serve BBQ lunch and give gifts to the patients there at Christmas time. The gifts are sundry items for them while they are there. They really enjoy it. We also feed the staff working too. I wanted to add a wrinkle to it this year, by having some kids singing Christmas carols. That being said, what a great idea to see if we can get a St Mary's School choir or some kids from St Mary's in a school shirt or jacket with the school logo singing for some Veterans!”

How wonderful to show our Christmas spirit to our veterans. If you and your child(ren) would like to help us build a group of carolers on this day please let me know. All grades are invited and parents are asked to join to. We will have a set list of carols that will be practiced with the students who have volunteered. Students may consider this a Christian service project.

Canned Food

In conjunction with the Giving Tree gifts, families will be receiving food items to help them through the holidays. If you can donate nonperishable food items please drop them off at the office. Your donation will be greatly appreciated by a family who has less.

A Message from Mr. Mosmeyer at Holy Trinity

Due to finals at Holy Trinity, there will be no PSIA practice next week for students who are in Impromptu Speaking, Prose and Modern Oratory.

School Messenger

Tomorrow we will send out fourth test message through School Messenger. We have corrected the errors reported from last time and are praying this will be a successful test. I apologize for having to repeat this so many times.

Band Concert and Christmas Skit

Thursday, December 15th, at 6:30 p.m. students in Drama, who do not have a speaking part in tonight's play, will be performing a short Christmas skit prior to the Band Concert. The skit is entitled "A Kindle of Kindness". Please join us for a wonderful evening of Christmas performances with our children. Band students and students in the skit should be at the gym by 6:00 p.m.

Mass on December 12th

On December 12th our students will attend Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe. Students are asked to bring a rose to present to our Lady during the procession. Students will also attend Mass on December 8th for the Immaculate Conception and December 9th and 16th as our weekly Friday Masses.

Thanks from St. Mary's Catholic School Trust Fund

St. Mary's Catholic School Trust Fund board wants to thank all who participated in any way to make our Casino Night a HUGE success. We made just over \$45,000 including the Fund-A-Need which will be used to secure the awning and walkway from the school to the gym. Again, a special THANK YOU to everyone who participated – may God bless each of you!
The Trust Fund Board

Please note Dec. 16th

On December 16th school will be dismissed at 12:00 for Christmas vacation. There will be no after school Zone care on this day. As well, faculty and staff will be leaving campus shortly after 12:00. Please make sure you have made arrangements to pick your child up on time on this day

Christmas Cards for our Veterans

Christmas Cards for Hospitalized Veterans

Please sign and donate holiday cards for local hospitalized veterans. Just a simple message like “Merry Christmas! We are praying for you. Love, The Students of St. Mary’s (or your name if you prefer)” is fine. The cards will be delivered to the VA Hospital the week of Christmas.

Thanks for your support of our Veterans!

Mason McHugh: Grade 8

Christmas Wreathes from NJHS

Dear St. Mary's Catholic School Families,

Christmas is around the corner and it is with immense exuberance I would like to inform you that our kids have been working hard and diligently to make the beautiful "Wreaths" for Christmas. The kids will be putting these wreaths for auction and the funds generated will go towards nurturing their various school activities. Therefore please join us and help in fulfilling our goal.

The wreathes will be displayed outside the office. Final bids will be taken the night of the Christmas concert, December 15th.

Thanks!

Merry Christmas!!!!!! To all of you.

Pictures are up on the website. Take a look and call the school if you would like to place a bid and can't get here.

Mrs. Guleria and NJHS members

2nd Grade Bake Sale December 7th

On Wednesday, December 7th, the 2nd grade class will host a bake sale. All items will be 50 cents a piece and donations are accepted above the cost of the items. The money raised will be used by the class to purchase toys that will be donated to CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Bell County. They provide services to children in foster care. After we know the amount raised, students will select toys to purchase. The toys will be ordered through Amazon and delivered to the school. It creates great excitement in the classroom and is an opportunity for the children to be directly involved in this service project. Thank you for your support of our service project!

News from Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Basketball Skills Academy

Saturday December 10, 2016

12:00 - 2:00pm

Grades 5-8, boys and girls, Free

Thank you!

Rebecca K. Brink

Athletic Director

Holy Trinity Catholic High School

From Mrs. Shadburn

Parents and Students are invited to:

A Christmas Gathering:

WHAT: Art Show with art by: Crystal Orlando

WHEN: Thursday Dec. 8th 5:30-8:30pm.

WHERE: Advantage Picture Framing and Gallery

The artist will be there doing a demonstration of her unique drawings.

Reports Cards for 2nd Quarter

Report cards for the second quarter will be open on RenWeb January 4, 2017. Grades Pre-K and Kindergarten teachers will send a paper copy home on January 4th.

Box Tops for Education Competition

Please collect the Box Tops for Education off your groceries and send them into school to your child's homeroom teacher. For every Box Top that is donated, the school receives 10 cents.

There will be a competition between the classrooms from now until February 10th. The classroom with the highest average box top per student will receive a Pizza Party.

The Box Tops need to have the Expiration Date on them. When cutting, ripping or tearing them off the packages please be sure to keep the dotted line surrounding the Box Top visible. You may place your Box Tops in an envelope, plastic baggie, or on a collection sheet. Be sure to visit CashForYourEducation.com to print a collection sheet. This is a great way for your kids to track their collection progress.

You can also go to <http://www.boxtops4education.com> to find out how you can use the New Box Tops Bonus App to earn even more cash for St. Mary's.

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.



Amazon Smile

As you are getting ready for the holidays, don't forget to shop for their treats, 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.

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 funds 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

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. These make great Christmas gifts for family and friends ☺

Important Dates to Remember

Tues. Dec. 6th

Thurs. Dec. 8th

Fri. Dec. 9th

Sun. Dec. 11th

Mon. Dec. 12th

Mon. Dec. 12th-Thurs. Dec. 15th

Thurs. Dec. 15th

Fri. Dec. 16th

Wed. Jan. 4th

*Christmas Program

*All School Mass: Immaculate Conception

* All School Mass 8:15 a.m.

*First Penance Meeting 1:00-3:00

* All School Mass: Our Lady of Guadalupe

*Semester Exams grades 4-8

*Christmas Concert (details to come)

*All School Mass 8:15 a.m.

*Noon dismissal for Christmas vacation

*Second Quarter ends

*School reopens: 3rd Quarter Begins

*2nd Quarter Reports card open on RenWeb
(grades 1-8)

*2nd Quarter Report Cards sent home Pre-K & K