

St. Mary's Catholic School

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*St Mary's,
Moving Forward and Renewing 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,

Welcome back to what promises to be a fantastic school year. This newsletter, the Falcon's Pride, will be emailed each week on Tuesday (except for Wednesday of this week). I will always begin with a personal note and then move on to news, events and important dates. It will be your resource, along with the school website, for a great deal of knowledge.

If you have information you would like included, having to do with a school event or school activities, please send it to me by Monday morning at twyles@stmarys-temple.org.

As you walked on to the grounds today, I have no doubt you saw our new landscaping and walkways out front. And.... as you walked your child into the building, you saw the new paint and fresh look we have brought to our school. I hope you will agree with me that our contractors did a wonderful job. The faculty and staff are very excited about our new look. All is fresh and clean. You will also notice very few pictures in the hallways. We left it this way for a reason.....we will be updating pictures and artwork and continue to beautify the walls as the year progresses. Just think, each time you walk into the school you will see something new. Very exciting ☺.

Please welcome our newest faculty and staff to our St. Mary's Catholic School Community.

Kira Cuipek: Grade 7 and Language Arts

Anne Bullock: Grade 5

Sister Frisca: Pre-K Aid

Jennifer Hassell: Technology

Renee Morales: Registrar

Charla Brown: Attendance Secretary

Delilah Stewart: Volunteer Nurse

As we begin the 2016-2017 year at St. Mary's Catholic School I thank you for your faith and trust in our faculty and staff. Every day we have with your children is a gift to us.

Thank you for believing in our commitment to quality Catholic education.

I invite you to become involved and stay involved in the life of our school family. You will have a rewarding experience, I promise.

I am a visible principal and my door is always open. Please let me know, in person or via email, if you have thoughts you would like to share, questions or concerns.

Our first Spirit Day will be Thursday, September 3rd. Please remember to have your child wear Mass uniforms every Friday and when other days are specified for Mass.

Please remember that is you are visiting the school for any reason, you must check in with the office and sign in.

**God bless,
Mrs. Wyles**

NEWS AND INFORMATION

Welcome New Falcons ☺

Pre-K 3	Kindergarten	Grade 3	Grade 6
Bracewell, Hannah	Bell, Lauren	Brink, Paige	Brink, Elizabeth
Clayton, Bryce	Fach, William	Nash, Brendon	Flecha, Kailey
Fach, Mila	Henderson, Levonte		Jolly, Katherine
Hawkins, Colin	Jacques, Abby	Grade 4	Marlowe, Kyleigh
Jolly, Julianna	Landeros, Evie	Rodriguez, Martin	Morris, Faryn
Pynadath, Grace	Naumann, Alyssa	Yezak, Sofia	Moss, Klaire
Sanchez, Sophia	Neiser, Eve		Rodriguez, Carolina
Turner, Mariah	Simcik, Scarlett	Grade 5	Smith-Pardo, Isabella
Vitolas, Myha	Ware, Isabella	Boor, Nicholas	
Vitolas, Rebekha	Wess, Charlotte	Boor, Zachary	Grade 7
Ware, Alanna		Deen, Elisa	Andrews, Mikaela
Ware, Oliva	Grade 1	Hassell, Caytlynn	Howell-Dancer, Sophia
	Brust, Charles	Jolly, Joseph	Roman, Alycia
Pre-K 4	Jolly, Jacob	Kurek, Callista	Sanchez, Nadia
Bailon, Adaline	Nash, Jackson	Kurek, Cooper	Sewell, Da'Mitria
Elumn, James	Ramos, Julien	Maggit, Alyssa	
Garcia, Ismael	Roman, Alexander	Pena, Skylar	Grade 8
Glanzman, Benjamin	Westbrook, Gunnar	Stonebrook, Patrick	Cruz Torres, Andres
Laxson, Jhett		Torres, Adrian	
Lienhart-Cahuayme, Ethan	Grade 2		
Lilly, Bradley	Herzog, Zoey		
Penkert, Cole	Jolly, Sarah		
Shibuya, Sean	Pynadath, Angel		
	Sauter, Danica		

RenWeb

This year we will be introducing RenWeb, an all exclusive informational system. This system will allow access to all aspects of St. Mary's Catholic School, including, but not limited to, grades, report cards and progress reports, school contacts, lunch accounts and teacher communication. Although the teachers do have the ability to place homework on this site, your child's teacher may opt to continue using the school website as the homework location.

This system is brand new to our school and so will be rolled out gradually so we all can learn. I will be updating you as we go along. Please call if you have questions.

Save the Date: January 17, 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.

Sports News

Volleyball - Practice will begin Thursday, August 18th @ 3:45 to 5:15. Practice will be on Monday - Thursdays each week. We will have a parent meeting on Monday, August 22nd at 5:15 after practice, that day I will hand out the volleyball game schedule and other paper work. Please have your daughter bring a change of clothes, t-shirt and shorts, tennis shoes and knee pads. Please make sure you are here right after practice to pick your daughter up.

Six-Man Football - Parents if your son is in Jr. High and would like to play football this year please let Mrs. Bigon know at nbigon@stmarys-temple.org. We are working with Holy Trinity again this year will let you know about practice by Wednesday, August 17th.. If there is a parent that would like to help coach the boys please let Mrs. Bigon know.

Nita Bigon
St. Mary's Catholic School
nbigon@stmarys-temple.org

Ladies Red Carpet Gala

Please see flyer attached

Ethics and Integrity Ministry (EIM)

In an effort to protect our children, the Diocese of Austin mandates that all individuals who have contact with our children must be in compliance with the Ethics and Integrity in Ministry Policy, which equips each of us with the tools and knowledge to protect our children from possible abuse and perpetrators. **All parents MUST complete this process to be able to chaperone field trips, volunteer in your child's class and volunteer at the school.**

St. Mary's Parish will hold an EIM workshop on Wednesday, August 31st at 6:30 in the Regina Ciale Room. Registration is required through the Diocesan. In order to register for an EIM Workshop you must first complete the volunteer application, "eAppsDB", located at <http://www.austindiocese.org/offices-ministries/offices/ethics-and-integrity-ministry-office>

Once you have attended the workshop please submit a copy of the certificate to the school office. This workshop is for new parents and those who are in need of the refresher course. As of this year, both courses are the same.

Parent Student Handbook

All families were emailed the updated Parent-Student Handbook. This is your resource for all information about the school. Please make sure you have read this important document and do not hesitate to ask if something is unclear to you. The handbook is also available on the school website.

School Website

All teachers have a link on the school website for homework and important information. Please check this site often to ensure you are up to date on your child's class. The school website is also your one-stop resource for campus events, newsletters, photo galleries and sports.

Back to School Night, this Thursday, August 18th 6:30 p.m.

Back to School Night for all families is this Thursday evening at 6:30 in the gymnasium. Our evening will begin with prayer followed by the introduction of our teachers and general business topics. The evening will continue with three 15 minute sessions in your child's homeroom where class expectations, rules and homework policies will be explained. This will allow for multiple child families to visit all classrooms. If you have more than three children you will need to divide and conquer ☺. All Middle School parents should remain in the gym for the first session.

The 5th Grade Christian Service

The 5th grade is collecting children's books in partnership with Altrusa International to support the Christmas book drive for Aware Central Texas. If you have any children's books that you would like to donate please stop by Mrs. Walters' room and place them in the Christmas box by the classroom door. We will be collecting now through December.

Thanks from the 5th grade team,
Mrs. Bullock and Mrs. Walters

News From the CAC

Hope you all have had a great summer, and we look forward to another great year. The Cultural Activities Center is pleased to share with you it's **after school activities and more** for kids ages pre-k through age 18.

More adult classes such as clay, creative writing, and ballroom dance will be posted online at cacARTS.org.

Bricks 4 Kidz: Robotics - Mon. 3:45-5pm
Ages 8+, begins Sept. 12, \$50/5 wks

Art After School - Tues./Thurs. 3:45-5pm
Ages 6-11, begins Sept. 13, \$50/month, \$5 supply fee

Children's Creative Writing - Wed. 10-11am or 3:45-4:45pm
Ages 8-12, begins Sept. 7, \$35/month

Taking the Stage -Thurs. 4:30-6pm
Ages 8-18, begins Sept. 8, \$65/month (semester course)

Bricks 4 Kidz: Wheels in Motion (STEM) concepts Fri. 10:30am-12pm
Ages 4-10, begins Sept. 9, \$40/5 wk

Tot Spot - Mon. 10-11:15am
Ages 2-6, Every Third Monday Monthly,
\$3/child for CAC members, \$5 non-members
Dates: Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 12 (Dec. moved due to the holidays)

Jane Boone
Marketing Director

Christ the King Job Openings

*Christ the King has an opening for a part-time Director of Music Ministries. Responsibilities include planning and preparing music for all liturgical services, as well as directing the choirs and congregational singing. This includes recruiting and developing choir members, cantors and instrumentalists, conducting choirs, creating schedules and ensuring coverage for all Masses. This position also serves to support a pastor to plan for liturgical music at important liturgical seasons such as Christmas and the Holy Triduum. The successful candidate must have excellent administrative, organizational, pastoral and communication skills, be a Catholic in good standing, and an accomplished musician. Experience with liturgy, liturgical documents, as well as traditional and contemporary Catholic and Christian music required. Three years parish music ministry experience preferred. Send inquiries or resumes to Krista Kaulfus at businessadmin@ctkbelton.org.

Adult Confirmation Preparation Class

Are you an adult over the age of 18 who has received the Sacraments of Baptism and First Holy Communion, but still needs the Sacrament of Confirmation? Christ the King Catholic Church in Belton is hosting an Adult Confirmation Preparatory Class beginning Thursday, September 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Christus Center. This class is a 10-week session. For more information and to register, contact Krissie Lastovica at [254-939-0806](tel:254-939-0806). Christ the King is located at 210 E. 24th Ave., Belton.

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Important Dates to Remember

Thurs. Aug. 18th

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Fri. Aug. 19th

Wed. Aug. 31st

Thurs. Sept. 1st

Fri. Sept. 2nd

Mon. Sept. 5th

Wed. Sept 7th

Fri. Sept 9th

*Football and volleyball practice begin

*Back to School Night 6:30 in the gym

*All School Mass 8:15 a.m. (Mass uniforms)

*Traditional Bell Ringing following Mass

*EIM Training 6:30 Regina Cheali Room

*First Spirit Day

*All School Mass 8:15 a.m. (Mass uniforms)

*Labor Day: No School

*PTC Meeting 5:30

*All School Mass 8:15 (Mass uniform)