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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 pray your first week back was great. I know that the faculty and staff certainly enjoyed being back. Thank you to all who attended Back to School Night last Thursday. If you missed it please make sure you speak with your child's teacher. There was a handout from each teacher with important information for the year.

Your child's teachers are highly qualified and certificated to teach in the state of Texas. I trust their teaching abilities and hold them accountable for their students' learning. If ever you have a question or concern, in relationship to your child, please do begin with the teacher. My door is always open but the teacher is your direct link. If your avenue with the teacher does not help please come to me.

I ask that you refrain from gossiping with others and keep in mind that your responsibility is to your child not to other children in the class. If a parent has a concern or question it is their duty to seek the answer, not expect others to do it for them. I expect the same thing from my teachers. All voices are important.

If you receive the Temple Telegram make sure you check out the Second Front page today. We have been featured for our Bell-Ringing ceremony. What a great picture. Thanks to Lana Shadburn, our Development Director, for helping create the article and taking the great picture. Throughout the year you will see our students in the newspaper. It is always so exciting for us and is a reminder to our community of the quality Catholic education students receive at St. Mary's.

If you have not read the Parent-Student handbook, located on the school website, please do so. This is an important resource for the policies of the school. Although all information is important please pay special attention to page 12. *Students are counted as present for a full day only if in attendance for the full day; 8:00- 3:30. Students arriving after 8:00 a.m. or leaving after 2:30 will be marked as tardy. Students arriving after 10:00 a.m. or leaving any time before 2:30 will be marked with a half -day absence. All learning time is important to your child. Tardies result in missed instruction time and may have a negative effect on your child's learning. It is essential that your child be on time for school. An absence will be*

recorded for each 5 unexcused tardies. Tardies will only be excused with a doctor's note or due to unavoidable circumstances. Forgetting homework or oversleeping are not unavoidable circumstances. Students arriving after school begins are considered tardy and must be signed in by the parent or guardian in the health room. No child should be "dropped off" after 8:00 a.m. This is for the safety of your child. Parents who do not come in to the school to sign in their child will be called back. The child will remain in the office until he/she has been properly signed in and receives a tardy slip. Doctor/Dentist Appointment Parents are asked to avoid making doctor/dental appointments during the school day in order to minimize.

If you need clarification please do not hesitate to call us.

Reminder that dismissal is at 3:30. Please be prompt picking up your child. If there are unforeseen circumstances which may cause you to be delayed please let the school know. A late fee will be charged for students being picked up after 3:45 (\$20.00 per 15 minutes).

Have a wonderful week and God bless you for entrusting your child to us.

**God bless,
Mrs. Wyles**

NEWS AND INFORMATION

Band Fees

Band fees will be billed through your FACTS account. Billing will take place on Monday, August 29th. If you have questions please call the school office. **Fees for recorders and Spirit shirts will be paid in the office.**

American Heritage Girls Troop TX3444

American Heritage Girls is the premier national character development organization for young women that embraces Christian values and encourages family involvement. AHG's mission is "Building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country."

If you like to be a part of the troop or learn more, please contact Jennifer Stoebner at [214-738-7482](tel:214-738-7482), or stop by our **2016-2017 Registration Night this week:**

Date: Wednesday, August 24, 2016, Time: 6 pm - 8 pm

Location: Knights of Columbus Hall, 2218 W. Ave. D, Temple, TX 76504

Reading is Cool

On Friday, students will be treated to snow cones to celebrate the joy of reading. Several generous parents are providing the snow cones as a way to kick off our year with Accelerated Reader. There is no cost for the snow cones; however, donations are accepted. They will be used to replenish the AR prize closet. Thank you.

PTC NEWS

If you are interested in participating in the St. Mary's PTC or volunteering please email Megan at meganhswoda@gmail.com or text [254-913-4433](tel:254-913-4433) or text Jeanette [254-493-7434](tel:254-493-7434). This is a great way to start getting volunteer hours as well as helping our school.

Holy Trinity News

Holy Trinity Basketball Skills Academy - FREE

Grades 5-8 10am - 11:30am

Grades 9-12 11:45 - 1:45 pm

To be held on the following Saturdays: 8/27, 9/3 and 6/10

Red Fridays

R.E.D. Fridays means Remember Everyone Deployed and with Father Steve and Mrs. Wyles approval the PTC ordered buttons for all teachers and students to wear every Friday last year. Ft. Hood is approximately 30 miles from Temple, being that close the odds of all of us knowing someone in the military, being related to someone in the military, or knowing someone who works for the military are extremely high, as are the odds of knowing someone that has been deployed for our country.

R.E.D. Fridays is something that is very close to my heart, it gives me the opportunity to show respect and gratitude for everyone who is now or has been deployed for country.

If any student took their button home at the end of last year please bring it back to school to be worn on Fridays, new students will be given buttons.

"Home of the free, because of the brave."

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.

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 Ave Maria 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.

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

Important Dates to Remember

Wed. Aug. 24th

Fri. Aug. 26th

Wed. Aug. 31st

Thurs. Sept. 1st

Fri. Sept. 2nd

Mon. Sept. 5th

Wed. Sept 7th

Fri. Sept 9th

*Cheer Practice: School Auditorium 3:45-5:00

*All School Mass 8:15 a.m.

*EIM Training 6:30 Ave Maria 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)