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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,

This Thursday will be our first Spirit Day of this school year. Spirit days are the first and 3rd Thursday of the month. Students are not required to participate on this day. They are welcome to come to school in their uniform. However..... If your child does choose to dress in Spirit wear please make sure the following guidelines are adhered to:

Spirit Day dress is as follows: St. Mary's Catholic School grey spirit shirt only, (purchased in the office) with properly fitted blue jeans (knee length skirts or shorts or below the knee capri pants may also be worn) with a leather solid black, brown or navy belt, and school shoes

All pants must be hemmed, without holes or ragged edges. Clothing that is too tight, too short, too skimpy, or too baggy is never allowed. Indoors, only school sweaters or fleece jackets may be worn. As a privilege, Middle School students may wear solid black or white tennis shoes on Spirit Days. Solid means there are no other colors including the laces.

I am sure you have seen, based on your child's homework, that we have adopted a new Math program this year entitled Go Math. This program is focused, coherent and rigorous, fully supporting the Texas State Standards (TEKS).

GO Math! at both the [elementary](#) and [middle school](#) levels combines 21st-century educational technology with modern content, dynamic interactivities, and a variety of instructional videos to engage today's digital natives. Every student is supported through the universal access features of the program as they learn to think critically and apply their math knowledge. With this new program students have all the resources they need to succeed.

GO Math! supports teachers through every stage of their instruction, from planning and implementation to assessment and remediation. The Digital Teacher Experience gives teachers access to a full suite of instructional resources—online or offline—on a variety of mobile devices. Teachers can customize content and present interactive lessons to the entire class.

Go Math features a strong digital system for blended learning. . In other words, GO Math! is the perfect program with regards to curriculum and infrastructure. It meets students where they are and takes them where they need to go to be successful.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher.

God bless and have a great week. Please remember that Monday, September 5th is Labor Day. There is no school.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Wyles

NEWS AND INFORMATION

Late Students

Please remember that if your child arrives at school after 8:00 a.m. you must sign him or her in. Do not just drop off at the curb. Also on Mass days you must sign your child in and then make sure he or she gets seated with the class at Mass. All this is for your child's safety.

School Forms

All necessary Student Forms are available on the school web page on the right hand side next to the scrolling pictures (<http://stmarys-temple.org/>). Please print and fill out. You may return them as hard copies or scan and email back to the school at cbrown@stmarys-temple.org or rmorales@stmarys-temple.org All forms should be returned by Wednesday, August 31st. If you have questions do not hesitate to call us.

Parents Web

Thank you for your patience as we work out the bugs on Parents Web. We are almost there and will inform you as soon as we are. Please understand that we do not want to roll this out until the teachers are comfortable and have all set up.

Hats for Our Little Ones

One in five Americans will develop some form of skin cancer during their lifetime. Sun exposure is the most preventable risk factor for skin cancer. In as little as 15 minutes of sun, our skin can start to burn; and it only takes a few bad sunburns during childhood to increase one's risk of skin cancer. For these reasons, a local dermatologist has donated wide brimmed hats for our Pre-K through 3rd graders to wear during recess. The teachers will distribute them in each classroom.

Names will be placed on the hats to ensure that students only wear their own. If you do not want your child receiving a hat please let the teacher know.

Sincerely,
Kate Fiala (mom of Julia, Ben and Anna)

Golf for Grades 6th, 7th and 8th

Golf is returning to St. Mary's. In April of this year, an interest form was sent out exploring the possibility of bringing golf back. Although golf is a spring sport the coach would like to begin working with the students soon, depending on the number of students who sign up. It is known that volleyball is M-Th but practice may be held for those who can attend. Please see the attached form to sign up. If you signed up in the spring please let Mrs. Wyles know if you are still interested. If you have questions please call Mrs. Wyles.

Hippie Chick Triathlon Postponed

Because of the flooding in Waco, the venue for the Hippie Chick TRI-athlon will not be ready for the event, so it is being moved to the Spring of 2017. Thank you to those who had volunteered to work the event. As soon as a new date is set all will be informed and invited to help.

Blessings,
Steve Santacroce

EIM Training this Wednesday

If you need to sign up for EIM training you will find the link on the web page on the right hand side toward the bottom under LINKS. 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 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. 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.**

Mark your Calendars

Mark your calendars for Taco Night on Thursday, October 6th from 3:00-7:00 p.m. Our wonderful Men of St. Joseph Parish organization, with the help of our PTC, will be selling Tacos to benefit the school Tuition Assistance fund. Presale tickets will be on sale beginning September 18th after Masses and in the school office beginning on September 19th.

Parents may earn service hours helping sell tickets after their Mass. Let Mrs. Wyles know please.

Friday Rosary

Please join school parents, parishioners and friends, after the All School Friday Mass, to pray the rosary. This will begin this Friday.

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.

Sports News

The volleyball teams traveled to Waco Monday night to play St. Louis Catholic School. The girls played very well for their first game of the season. The JV Girls scores were 15-25 and 15-25, the Varsity Girls scores were 11-25, 25-17, & 19-17. Way to go Lady Falcons.

Our next game will be a home game on Thursday, September 8th, first game starting at 5:00, second game will follow immediately afterwards. Thanks for supporting your team.

Nita Bigon
Athletic Director
nbigon@stmarys-temple.org

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: 9/3 (at Holy Trinity Gym) and 9/10 (at St. Mary's Gym)

Red Fridays

R.E.D. Fridays means Remember Everyone Deployed. 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. "Home of the free, because of the brave."

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. We have also ordered buttons for those who have lost theirs. New buttons are 50 cents

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.

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. 31st

Thurs. Sept. 1st

Fri. Sept. 2nd

Mon. Sept. 5th

Wed. Sept 7th

Fri. Sept 9th

*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)