

# St. Mary's Catholic School

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## Falcon's Pride

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

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thanks to all who volunteered to sell Taco Night tickets after the Masses this weekend. Thanks to those who took tickets to their home parish or their workplace to sell. We will be selling tickets after the Masses again this coming weekend. All ticket sale slots are full, but, if you would like to sell tickets at a different location please let us know.

I would also like to thank you for purchasing your own tickets for yourself and your family. If you have not taken advantage of a night of no cooking ☺ please do. Remember you can take the dinners to go right after school.

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.

Thank you to all for turning in the paperwork required this year. I apologize for any confusion on this. I do appreciate your understanding.

Students have begun ITBS testing and all is going smoothly. Please note that there is no homework this week but there is still practice for the sports program. Please ensure your child has a good night sleep and a good breakfast.

Our Casino Night is coming up in November. We will be selling tickets after all Masses beginning the weekend of October 1<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to earn service hours and support this worthy cause please call the school office. The list of churches and Mass times has been attached with this newsletter.

Cul de sac pick-up can get crowded on some days, crossing over Ave. I. The family who lives on the corner, across from the Pre-K house, has asked that we not block the driveway when in line for cul de sac. Please help honor their request.

Have a wonderful week and God bless you for all you do.  
Sincerely, Mrs. Wyles

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## NEWS AND INFORMATION

### **PSIA (Private School Interscholastic Association)**

Statistical research has shown that students who participate in academic extracurricular activities score higher on achievement and assessment tests than those who do not participate in such academic programs. We also have found that participants whose parents are actively involved in working with their children in extracurricular academic programs have the greatest success in competition, as well as in their future academic studies.

St. Mary's Catholic School has elected to participate in the Private Schools Interscholastic Association (PSIA) extracurricular academic program for elementary and middle schools again this year.

Over the next few weeks, your child will have the opportunity to consider trying out for one or more of these PSIA academic events: **Coaches are needed as well, so parents and teachers please let me know if a you would like to do your part and become a much-needed coach.**

Art Memory 4-5	Maps, Graphs & Charts 4-8	
Calculator 6-8	Mathematics 4-8	Prose 4-8
Creative Writing 1-2	Modern Oratory 7/8	Ready Writing 3-8
Dictionary Skills 4-8	Music Memory 3-8	Science 6-8
Impromptu Speaking 7/8	Numbers Sense 4-8	Spelling 2-8
Listening Skills 4-8	On-Site Drawing 6-8	Storytelling 1-3
		Vocabulary 5-8

Since our academic coaches may select only a limited number of students from each grade to be entered at the district level in each event, we encourage you to visit with your child about his/her interests and the possibilities of entering these events. From our district meet held on **Saturday, March 25, at Holy Family Catholic School, Austin**, students who place first and second will advance in each contest (some events are combined) to the PSIA State Meet, to be held at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth on **Saturday, April 29, 2017**.

Further information about each contest may be found on the PSIA web site: [www.psiaacademics.org](http://www.psiaacademics.org). We anticipate an exciting academic year. Students may sign up in the office. If you are interested in coaching please let me know. All faculty and staff will be involved in the event.

Thank you for your participation.  
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.

### **Benches out Back**

The benches that used to be by the front playground have been refinished and moved to the back for the students to sit under the shade of the trees. Thank you to Jim Oakes, grandfather of the Garza children, and Merion Canady, our custodian, for refinishing the benches. They are beautiful! Mr. Oakes said that it would be better if we had stones under each bench leg to keep it from rotting in the dirt. If you have any such stones that you would like to donate, we would be grateful. We are in need of 12.

### **Have you seen your child's Progress Report?**

Progress Reports were sent home last Friday for grades Pre-K 3 and 4, and for Kindergarten. Grades 1-8 now have their progress reports available on RenWeb for a two week period. Please let us know if you are unable to access your child's report.

### **Sports News**

This past Monday the volleyball teams traveled to Waco to play Vanguard. The scores for the JV team were 18-25, 13-25, the Varsity scores were 8-25, 25-27,

Last Thursday we hosted Cen-Tex Chargers. The scores for the JV team were 16-25, 15-25, and the Varsity scores were 25-27, 8-25.

The girls are improving each week, it is very cool to see them improve and put into the games something that we have went over in practice. Keep up the hard work.

There will be no games this week due to testing but we will still have practice.

Our next home game will be Monday, September 26th against Westphalia with starting time at 5:00 and 6:00 p.m.

Nita Bigon  
Athletic Director

### **Service Hours Opportunity (Donated Chairs)**

Mr. Quintana has graciously donated teacher desk chairs to the school. These are brand new and still in the boxes. If you have time and would like to help put some of the chairs together this would be a great way to earn service hours. Please let the office know if you are available.

### **Visitors on Campus**

New visitor badges are ready to use. Please ensure that you are wearing a visitors badge after you have signed in.

### **Adult St. Mary's Dri Fit Polo Shirts**

We are collecting orders for the St. Mary's blue and white dri fit polos. If you would like to order a shirt please contact Mrs. Brown ([cbrown@stmarys-temple.org](mailto:cbrown@stmarys-temple.org)). The cost of each shirt is \$37.00. The first order will be place on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Blessing of the Animals**

Please mark your calendars for our annual Blessing of the Animals in honor of St. Francis. We will gather in the parking lot, by the rectory, on October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 a.m. with our four legged friends and Father Steve will bestow blessings on all. The purpose of having our event before school time is so parents can take the pet home again. Please make sure dogs are on leashes and let me know if you have any questions.

### **God Squad News**

The God Squad will collect donations of food and money for the Temple Animal Shelter. The event will take place on Friday October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 am. in conjunction with the Blessing of the Animals. You can send in money early in an envelope marked animal shelter, or bring the money or the food to the Blessings of the Animals on Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Save the Date: January 28, 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.

### **Important Dates to Remember**

Fri. Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>

Sat-Sun 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>

Sat-Sun 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>

Sun. Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>

\*ITBS Testing ends

\*Taco Ticket Sales after Masses

\*Casino Night Ticket Sales after Masses

\*Family Mass 11:00 a.m.