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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,

This Sunday is our first Family Mass of the year. Traditionally we gather, monthly, at one of our many contributing parishes and celebrate the Eucharist as a school family. This Sunday at 11:00 we will be together at St. Mary's. Our students will be responsible for all parts of the Mass. As well, students are asked to wear their school uniform. Our students are a beautiful sight and we want our parish to see this. Please do join us. You will be glad you did. It really is wonderful to be part of the St. Mary's Catholic School community.

As the weather cools, YE HA, the students will be cooler in the classrooms. With the "historic" building in which we reside, there are some rooms cooler than others, beyond our control. That being said, it is a good idea for students to have their St. Mary's fleece with them each day. This is the only cool weather apparel that they may wear in the classrooms or in the school. Outside they may wear what you choose to send them for warmth.

Thank you to all who are remembering to check in with the office and sign in when visiting the school, for whatever reason. Please also remember that if you would like to bring something to your child you may drop it off in the office and we will certainly deliver it. This includes schoolwork, lunches or sports bags. We ask that you do not go to your child's classroom or locker as this may be disruptive to the students. If you have an appointment with your child's teacher you are asked to let the office know so we can let the teacher know.

Safety of our children is of the utmost importance to us. Keeping this in mind, no child may attend a St. Mary's Sporting event without adult supervision.

Vision and hearing screenings will be the week of on October 24th for our Pre-K, K, 1, 3, 5, 7. We are in need of parent volunteers. Please let Mrs. Stewart know if you can help.
dstewart@stmarys-temple.org

If you would be able to help in the cul de sac or morning care on Oct. 7th (Blessing of the Animals Day) please let me know. We would need help from 7:00 to 7:45 a.m.

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.

Have a great week.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Wyles

NEWS AND INFORMATION

Taco Night Tickets

Please remember to purchase your Taco Night tickets in the school office by Tuesday, Oct. 4th. Tickets will not be sold at the door. We appreciate your support of this delicious event 😊

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 7th 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 7th at 7:00 a.m., 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. 7th.

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 . 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

Stones for our Benches

We are in need of stones for the legs of our newly finished benches in the back yard. If you have any to donate we would be grateful. We would like the benches to last a long time. The size should be large enough to fit the leg of the bench. If you would like to come and look to check if your donation will work, please do.

Chaperones for Field Trips

Please remember that if you drive for a field trip you may only take your charges to and from the trip as designated on the permission slip. No side trips may be taken. This is for the liability of you and the school.

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.

Casino Night

Our Casino Night is coming up in November. We will be selling tickets after all Masses beginning the weekend of October 1st. 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.

PTC News

*If you are new to St. Mary's or have not received an email from sign-up genius please email me @ meganhswoda@gmail.com so that I can add you to my contact list. This is how we set up volunteer opportunities.

Coming Up

*October 20th is the next popcorn sale!! Popcorn is 50¢ as well as a drink for 50¢

*October 21st - Trunk or Treat!! We will begin @ 6 p.m.,

*If you would like to participate in the 2nd car decoration contest the cost is \$5, we will give trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. We will be sending a slip home soon that you can fill out and return to the school or email meganhswoda@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support,
St. Mary's PTC

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

This Week:

Fri. Sept. 30th

Sat-Sun 1st/2nd

Sun. Oct. 2nd

Tues. Oct. 4th

Thurs. Oct. 6th

Fri. Oct. 7th

Mon. Oct. 10th

*Make ups for ITBS Testing

*All School Mass 8:15 a.m.

*Pre-K attending Mass for the first time

*Progress Report Viewing closes

*Casino Night Ticket Sales after Masses

*Family Mass 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary's

*Grade 6 leaves for retreat at Peaceable Kingdom

*Grade 6 returns from retreat at Peaceable Kingdom

*Taco Night 3:00-7:00 in Parish Hall

*Blessing of the Animals 7:15 a.m.

*All School Mass 8:15 a.m.

*God Squad to visit Animal Shelter.

*Diocesan Inservice: No School

Wed. Oct. 12 th	*School Board Meeting 5:45
Thurs. Oct. 13 th	*Grade 3 to CAC 10:00-2:00
Fri. Oct. 14 th	*School Mass 8:15 a.m.
	*First Quarter Ends
Mon. Oct. 17 th	*Second Quarter Begins
Wed. Oct. 19 th	*Parent-Teacher Conferences (details to follow)
	(No School on this day)
Thurs. Oct. 20 th	*Spirit Day
	*4 th and 5 th to CAC 8:30-11:15
	*Awards Assembly in the Church 2:00 p.m.
Fri. Oct. 21 st	*All School Mass
	*Trunk or Treat 6:00 p.m.
Mon. Oct. 24 th	*Hearing and Visions Screening begins
Tues. Oct. 25 th	*3 rd and 4 th to UMHB 8:15-12:00
Wed. Oct. 26 th	*Fire Safety 9:00-10:00 Pre-K -2 nd
Fri. Oct 28 th	*All School Mass with Bishop Vasquez to kick off our anniversary of 120 years ☺