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

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year! I pray you enjoyed your vacation time with friends and family and that your holidays have been blessed. There are many exciting and important events coming up so please make sure to read your newsletter each week, and ask questions if something is unclear.

Report cards were to be open today on RenWeb. However, they are having technical difficulties and have assured us that it is being taken care of. I will send an email to you as soon as the grades are available. Hopefully this will be tomorrow. Because Pre-K and Kindergarten are not on RenWeb, their report cards will be sent home today.

The Middle School students' electives have not been populated yet because of the technical issues. However, the students are attending second semester electives and will have the printed schedules soon.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks for all the wonderful presents I received from you at Christmas. I was overwhelmed by your generosity and am so grateful to you for the appreciation and support I have received. I am very blessed to call St. Mary's Catholic School home ☺.

Have a wonderful short week.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Wyles

NEWS AND INFORMATION

Congratulations to Mason McHugh

Temple Daily Telegram and Newspapers in Education held an essay contest entitled "Tribute to My Hero." I am proud to announce the winner of the Middle School division is our own Mason McHugh from 8th grade. Congratulations Mason.

As well, in the High School division, Holy Trinity students were among the winners.

Congratulation to Jackson Lieber, Maggie Richesin and Ireland Boothby.

The essays are posted outside the office on the bulletin board so you may read with wonderful writings of our students.

Jump Rope for Heart Feb. 1st

Look for information on this wonderful event coming home this week from Mrs. Bigon.

Late Students

Just a reminder that you must come in and sign your child in if he or she is being dropped off after 8:00 a.m. This is for the safety of your child. If you are unsure of the time please give us a call.

Portable Sound System

Before Christmas I had a phone call and then a visit from a couple who had joined us for our Veterans Day program in November. This wonderful couple are not parents, nor grandparents, but friends of one of our families. They were so impressed with our students, not only by their performances, but by the very demeanor of the children, their Catholic Identity.

The visitors then went on to say that they were only sorry that the sound system was poor and how they would like to help us with the seed money to purchase a new high quality system. I was then presented with the gift amount of \$1,500. Our anonymous donor asked that we find a good system and challenge our families to help with any additional cost.

We have begun the process of researching the choices and costs of a new sound system and have scheduled meeting with knowledgeable persons. In the meantime if you have resources that you would like to share to help us with our search or if you would like to help us meet the cost challenge let me know. I am very pleased to tell you that we have received donations from two other individuals. I will keep you informed ☺.

Next Year's School Calendar

In the next few weeks I will be meeting with Mr. Evans, the principal of Holy Trinity, to create our calendars for the 2017-2018 school year. As soon as we have finished it will be sent out in the weekly newsletter and uploaded to the website.

Lost and Found Cart

The lost and found cart is getting overloaded with items. Please stop by and check for things that may belong to your child. The cart is located in the short alcove by the front stairs.

Looking Ahead

Catholic Schools Week, January 29th through February 5th will be here before you know it. We are asking for volunteers: parents, students and alumni, to speak at all Masses, in all our parishes, on Sunday, January 29th, inviting parishioners and future alumni, to join us for our annual Open House on Sunday, February 5th.

We ask that you give a brief testimonial and invite families to visit our school for Open House. Holy Trinity will be joining us for the Masses and will have information at our Open House as well.

Please call or email Mrs. Wyles if you can speak at your home parish.

To all St. Mary's 8th grade students and families applying to Holy Trinity Catholic High School for the 2017-2018 school year:

We wanted to remind families that the Early Decision application deadline is this Friday, January 6th. The Early Decision registration fee is \$175. This fee is not dependent on our receipt of ancillary documents, such as teacher recommendations and school or church records. In addition, it is not dependent on any decision a family might subsequently make regarding their application for Financial Aid. If an application has been submitted online by January 6th, we will honor the discounted fee when the family is ready to register their student.

The next application timeline is the Early Bird Registration period from January 7th through April 17th and fee is \$225.

The last timeline is for applications submitted after April 17th, 2017. The registration fee is then \$350.

If you have any questions about the application process, please feel free to call the Holy Trinity office at [\(254\) 771-0787](tel:2547710787) or email Ms. Brogan-Summers at isummers@holytrinitychs.org. We would be happy to assist you as needed in making Holy Trinity the right choice for your family.

Celebrating Catholic Schools

This year's nominee for St. Mary's Catholic School is 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 January 28th at 6:00 p.m. at the Hyatt at Town Lake in Austin. The featured speaker this year will be Cardinal Dolan.

Please visit the Diocesan website for Catholic Schools <http://csdatx.org/>, and look for this picture. Help us fill the house in support of Mrs. Stolp! Ticket prices will go up to \$150 on December 1st so please purchase your ticket before then.



Box Tops for Education Competition

Please collect the Box Tops for Education off your groceries and send them into school to your child's homeroom teacher. For every Box Top that is donated, the school receives 10 cents. There will be a competition between the classrooms from now until February 10th. The classroom with the highest average box top per student will receive a Pizza Party.

The Box Tops need to have the Expiration Date on them. When cutting, ripping or tearing them off the packages please be sure to keep the dotted line surrounding the Box Top visible. You may place your Box Tops in an envelope, plastic baggie, or on a collection sheet. Be sure to visit CashForYourEducation.com to print a collection sheet. This is a great way for your kids to track their collection progress.

You can also go to <http://www.boxtops4education.com> to find out how you can use the New Box Tops Bonus App to earn even more cash for St. Mary's.

Important Dates to Remember

January 12th: 2:00 p.m. in the Church: Second Quarter Awards Ceremony

January 13th: 8:15 a.m. All School Mass

January 16th: No School: Inclement Weather Day

January 21st: First Reconciliation and Retreat for Grade 2 8:30 a.m.

January 28th: Celebrating Catholic Schools Dinner for honoree Mrs. Angie Stolp

January 29th: Catholic School's Week begins (Details of this week TBA)

February 1st: Registration for 2017-2018 school year opens

February 5th: Open House for St. Mary's Catholic School 11:00-2:00 p.m.