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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 Tuesday to you ☺. I hope you had a nice weekend. Don't forget that tomorrow night is our PTC meeting, beginning at 5:30, with dinner and entertainment provided by our Middle School.

Students signed up for PSIA have received their parent permission slip letters for our District meet on March 25th. Please remember to turn in the permission slip with the fee of \$10.00 per event. We will need parent volunteers on this day. As soon as the volunteer areas assigned to our school open up I will let you know.

Last Friday I send an email with a request to take a very short survey in conjunction with our Strategic Plan. Thank you to all who have taken it. We appreciate your time and will take your input and comments very seriously as we plan. If you have not taken the survey, and would like to help, please follow this link: Thank you
<http://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/15215/34702>

The following is an exciting note from Dr. Alan Barkis, the president of the St. Mary's Catholic School Trust Fund.

St. Mary's Catholic School is excited to announce that the Trust Fund has received a generous donation of \$450,000 from Alan and Ginger Jones and the Foresight Foundation. All of the funds raised by and donated to the Trust Fund are invested with the returns on those investments going to support the future of Catholic education at St. Mary's School. This donation is specifically being invested to help with tuition assistance. The need is great. Every year we seem to set new records in how much tuition assistance is requested.

The Trust Fund and St. Mary's Catholic School needs the help of everyone in order to provide this assistance. It is the goal of the Trust Fund Board to provide tuition assistance to St. Mary's so that every child who desires a Catholic Education has that opportunity regardless of that family's financial abilities. We believe that every child deserves a Catholic education. Thanks to the generosity of the Alan and Ginger Jones through the Foresight Foundation we

are a big step closer to realizing that dream. The Trust Fund Board along the Fr. Steve, Mrs. Wyles and all of St. Mary's School would like to express our deepest appreciation to the Jones family.

St. Mary's School Trust Fund Board

This is wonderful news for the future of our school. However, this generous gift will not deter us from continuing to raise money for tuition assistance on the school side. The gift to the Trust fund will be invested for the longevity of our needs. Walking for Education, our new 5-K, and yearly grants will bring money directly to the school for our use.

Mrs. Brown, our attendance secretary, will be out for an extended time to take care of her husband who has had major surgery. Mrs. Deanna Cayce will help in the office during this time (please see her bio below). Please keep Mrs. Brown's family in your prayers.

Note from Mrs. Brown:

As many of you know my husband had major back surgery at the end of November. While he is on the road to recovery he still has a long way to go. Because of that, I am going to have to take an extended period of time off from work. This was such a hard decision for me to make as I love St. Mary's so much, it is my home away from home. I have told Mrs. Wyles to think of me as the schools "substitute secretary" during my time away. That being said this is not goodbye just see you later as I plan to pop in from time to time for a visit or if they need an extra pair of hands in the office.

Sincerely,

Charla Brown

Have a wonderful week and thank you for all you do to support St. Mary's Catholic School.

**Sincerely,
Mrs. Wyles**

NEWS AND INFORMATION

Babysitters Needed for Parish Bingo Event (Christain Service Hour Opportunity)

Middle Schools students are needed to help with babysitting.

What: Parish Bingo Event

When: Sunday afternoon, January 29th, from 1:45-5:00

Where: Knights of Columbus Hall

They are only asking for 6 students so please let Mrs. Wyles know ASAP if you can help

Welcome to our newest Office Staff Member

Hello St. Mary's Catholic School! My name is Deanna Cayce and I wanted to share a little information so you all can get to know me a little better! I am a native resident of Atlanta, Georgia but Texas has been in my heart for the last four years.

My husband Jonathan is how I became a Texas local with our move to Fort Hood in the summer of 2014. Upon his retirement from the Army, we couldn't imagine leaving the "Great State" so we have put down some roots and are planting them firmly in Temple.

We have two amazing kids Kalli who is 11 and Nathan who just turned 7. When not running them to the various Taekwondo practices and competitions, I enjoy photography, cooking and movies with my family.

I look forward to working with you all!

PTC NEWS (attachment)

There is a PTC meeting this Wednesday, the 25th starting at 5:30. Jr. High will be providing dinner and performing!

The PTC is hosting a Valentine's Day Raffle. Tickets are 25 cents each or 5 for \$1. We will be raffling off Valentine's Day baskets full of goodies, 2 mystery boxes, 2 Barbie candy bouquets and more! Tickets can be purchased from the office or your child's home room, and they can be turned in to the office or home room as well.

There will be at least 6 winners!

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

Jump Rope for Heart

Date February 1st, 2017

Money due in by **January 30th**

Volunteers needed to help: Please contact Coach Bigon nbigon@stmarys-temple.org

For on line donations you can send out the following link and it will take your family and friends to the online page for our school.

<http://jumphoops2017swa.kintera.org/templestmarys>

Help Needed: Red Cross Hippy Triathlon (attachment)

As you may remember, we had to move the date of the Red Cross Hippy Chick Triathlon event, because of flooding damage to the park in Waco. The new date for this event will be Saturday, April 29, 2017. I've attached the new flyer with all of the details.

We would be happy to have any St. Mary's students (minimum 13 years of age), parents, teacher and faculty that might like to join the volunteer effort. Please let Mrs. Wyles know what if want to volunteer and if you are interested in a particular assignment. A flyer is attached.

Sincerely,

Steve Santacroce
Red Cross Board Member - Heart of Central Texas Chapter

Coat Drive

Third graders will be involved in our annual coat drive for the homeless. We will be collecting gently used coats, sweaters, hats and gloves. Items may be placed in the box located outside the office. Coat drive will run until February 3rd. Coats will be picked up by a Temple resident at the school and delivery around the community. Thanks for your generosity!

[Evelia F. Avila](#)

3rd Grade Teacher

Educational Family Show at the CAC

Junie B. Jones: Essential Survival Guide to School by Theatreworks USA

7:00PM Friday, March 24

Tickets at www.cacARTS.org

Now that JUNIE B. JONES has been going to school for over one-and-a-half years, who better to write the book on EVERYTHING you need to know? From bus rules to band-aids, carpools to cookies, Junie B. and friends deliver the definitive word on surviving and thriving in style. With a jillion tips, tricks and trip-ups, Junie B. shares her hard-won expertise and shows us all how school is sometimes scary, sometimes super-fun, and ALWAYS something to sing about! An all-new musical adventure based on Barbara Park's popular book.

(One hour in length, recommended for grades K - 5) Curriculum Connections: Communication and Language Arts, Literature-Based, Music, Relationships & Family.

Video Clip

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rJI33GTe-R8>

Next Year's Current Family Registration Information Coming Soon

We are in the process of setting up next year's registration for current families. This will be much simpler with much less paperwork. Will let you know as soon as it is up and running.

Cake and Bake Sale

Mark your calendars and don't forget your cash! Fourth grade will be having a bake sale on February 1st, after Jump Rope for Heart. Individual baked goods will be available in addition to whole cakes. All money raised will go towards our business goal of providing meals for Feed My Sheep. Thank you for your support.

Walking for Education (attachment)

We would like to extend an invitation to **all** St. Mary's Catholic students to design a T-Shirt for our Walking for Education walkathon.

Contest Rules:

The T-Shirt must be an original artwork created by the student, no adult or computer generated help.

Parents must sign and date the entry form below in order for the design to be considered. Designs may only use black.

Designs must be submitted to the office **no later than Tuesday, February 28, 2017.**

Entry form must be completed and signed. Correctly submitted designs will be voted on Friday, March 3, 2017.

EIM Classes coming up

1/28/2017 at St. Louis - Waco @ 10am

Sign up by logging into your account at <https://www.eappsdb.com>

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

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| Jan. 28 th | *Basketball Tournament at St. Mary's |
| | *Celebrating Catholic Schools Dinner for honoree Mrs. Angie Stolp |
| Jan. 29 th | *Catholic School's Week begins (Details below) |
| Jan 31 st | *Leadership Mass 10:00-12:00 Holy Family Church |
| Feb. 1 st : | *Registration for 2017-2018 school year opens |
| Feb. 5 th | * Open House for St. Mary's Catholic School 11:00-2:00 p.m. |

Catholic Schools Week 2017
January 29th through February 5th
Celebrating 120 Years of
Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service

Monday, January 30th

† **Celebrating 120 years of St. Mary's Catholic Schools dedicated Faculty and Staff**

Faculty and staff will be treated to a special day courtesy of our PTC and Student Council.

† **Celebrating 120 years of Culture:** students may dress up in their favorite decade. Prizes will be given for the best dressed in each classroom.

Tuesday, January 31st

† **Celebrating 120 Years of St. Mary's Catholic Schools Dedicated Parents and Guardians**

Parents and guardians will be treated to coffee and donuts in the cul de sac. Whether you drop your child off, or walk them into school, come by the cul de sac for a steaming cup of coffee and a donut between 7:00-7:45. This morning will be sponsored by our NJHS and Student Council students.

† **Celebrating 120 years of Our History**

Students will be treated to a glimpse of the history of our wonderful school. Guest speakers will join us to share stories of their days at St. Mary's Catholic School.

Wednesday, February 1st

† **Celebrating 120 Years of Service to Others**

Students will have the opportunity to help raise money for the American Heart Association by participating in Jump Rope for Heart. **This is a day-long event 8:30-2:00 and we will need lots of parent volunteers.** Details and directions are in the newsletter.

† Fourth Grade Bake Sale after school to benefit Feed My Sheep Christian Service Project.

Thursday, February 2nd

† **Celebrating 120 Years of Our Most Important Gift, Our Students**

Students will have a special dress day. All may wear sports jerseys, sports team sweatshirts or sports team t-shirts with blue jeans. Please follow the guidelines for Spirit Day jeans and shoes. Belts do not need to be worn.

Friday, February 3rd

† Celebrating 120 Years of Our Catholic Identity

Students and faculty and staff will begin our day with all School Catholic Schools Week Mass at 8:15 a.m., in which all grades will participate.

† At 2:30 students will join in the church for a Divine Chaplet. Parents are invited to join us.

Sunday, February 5th

† Open House: Celebrate St Mary's Super Bowl Sunday (10:00-1:00 p.m.)

Students are invited to bring family and friends to take a journey through St. Mary's Catholic School. Students will be presented with an autograph book upon entry to the school. This special document is their guide to visit all the classrooms, the office, cafeteria and Pre-K House and obtain autographs from well-known sports figures in history.

Each faculty and staff will choose a special sport's person for their room. Guests will visit each room and acquire an autograph. Once all autographs have been gathered the student may come to the office, their final destination, for a special prize.

Half time snacks and tailgating fun will be held in the cafeteria as well. Come enjoy great snacks courtesy of Mr. Broadwater.