

# St. Mary's Catholic School

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St Mary's,  
Continuing Our Commitment to  
Quality Catholic Education

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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,

I hope you enjoyed your three day weekend. The weather was beautiful even with the rain.

Last Thursday Anna and Ben Fiala were Principals for the day. They enjoyed their time in the administrative role and worked very hard. At the end of our day together I asked my fellow principals what they enjoyed the most and what they learned about what a principal does. Here are their responses:

**Ben:** The best part of my day was giving out awards at the assembly. I learned that being a principal is awesome.

**Anna:** The best part of my day was announcing the names at the awards assembly. I learned that Mrs. Wyles is very busy but still very fun.

Catholic Schools Week is just around the corner and we have wonderful plans for a beautiful week filled with faith, knowledge, service and the celebration of 120 years of bringing quality Catholic education to our community. We invite you to join us when you can, especially Sunday's Open House, and enjoy your child's and our school's accomplishments. Each day is detailed on the last page of this newsletter.

On Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017, Bishop Joe Vasquez will celebrate Mass with representatives of the Catholic Middle Schools in the Diocese of Austin. This Mass will honor 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who will be recognized for their leadership and service at school and in the community.

It is my distinct pleasure to inform you that the following students from our Mighty Eighth Grade class have been selected by the faculty to receive this honor: Aidan Atkins, Paloma Navarro, Cate Barkis, Mason McHugh and Benjamin Boor. The event will be held at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Austin.

I will be finalizing the registration for PSIA contestants. The cost of the competition, per event, is \$10.00. I will be sending home commitment letters this week. Please return the

**letter with payment to the office. Please indicate on the envelope PSIA. If you have questions let me know.**

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

**Sincerely,  
Mrs. Wyles**

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## **NEWS AND INFORMATION**

### **Please Welcome Our Future Falcon**

Welcome Benjamin Smith ☺

Born Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:50 am, 7 lbs 14 oz, 19.75 inches.

Congratulations to brother Thomas in Pre-K 4, sister Genevie, future Pre-K 3, and parents Justin and Victoria.

### **Sports News**

This past week the boys and girls basketball teams were in a tournament in Gause. The boys won their first game on Thursday and lost the second one by a few points. They did score enough points to make it to Saturday to play for 3rd place. They came up short Saturday, but way to go boys on a job well done.

The girls played on Friday where they lost both games but did play some good basketball.

We play in Killeen today at Killeen Memorial, then again in Waco at St. Louis.

Let's go Falcons!!!

Nita Bigon  
St. Mary's Catholic School  
[nbigon@stmarys-temple.org](mailto:nbigon@stmarys-temple.org)

### **Jump Rope for Heart**

**Date February 1st, 2017**

Money due in by **January 30th**

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>

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**Time is Running out to buy tickets for 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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!



**80’s Dress Day**

As part of their administrative privileges they have designated Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> as 80’s dress day. Students may come dressed in 80’s attire, Spirit clothing (as it is a scheduled Spirit day) or school uniform. Anna and Ben have placed flyers around the school with pictures. As well, the flyer is attached to this newsletter.

**Congratulations to Second Quarter Honor Roll and AR Award Recipients**

**Principal's Honor Roll - 2nd Quarter**

Principal's Honor Roll recognizes students in grades 3 - 8 who have maintained 4 "A"s and 1 "B" in the five core subjects and who have maintained no lower than a "B" in all other classes and conduct.

**Grade 3**

Nicholas Basile  
Jacob Boone  
Madison Donohue  
Kenneth McCauley

**Grade 4**

Pedro Karshis  
Liliana Maldonado

**Grade 5**

Kate Boone  
Logan Flores  
Preston Nguyen  
Bryan Raines  
Patrick Stonebrook  
Henri-Xavier Summers

**Grade 6**

Katherine Jolly  
Klaire Moss  
Neri Navarro  
David Quintana

**Grade 7**

Carolina Compean  
Da'Mitria Sewell

**Grade 8**

Moozommel Malik  
Dalynne Quintana  
Jencie Tomasek

### Pastor's Honor Roll 2nd Quarter

Pastor's Honor Roll recognizes students in grades 3 - 8 who have maintained 5 "A"s in the five core subjects and who have maintained no lower than a "B" in all other classes and conduct.

#### Grade 3

Joy Aller-Knox  
Lauren Atkins  
Sarah Barkis  
Paige Brink  
Wesley Kuriger  
Victoria Mosmeyer  
Hannah Neiser  
David Stewart

#### Grade 4

Barrett Burdine  
Brynne Eichelkraut  
Arianna Gonzales  
Victoria Lucksinger  
Leah Lukose  
Natalie Maldonado  
John Mottram  
Denise Quintana  
David Stewart  
Juliann Tomasek  
Sofia Yezak

#### Grade 5

Lakshmi Aravindan  
Joshua Barkis  
Audrey Basile  
Thomas Bennett  
Nicholas Boor  
Zachary Boor  
Sophia Buczacki  
Anna Fiala  
Joseph Higgins  
Anna James  
Callista Kurek  
Cooper Kurek  
Isabelle Kuriger  
Alyssa Maggit  
Therese Mosmeyer  
Nathaniel Neiser  
Josie Ogunmuyiwa  
Seth Orf  
Kathleen Rockwood  
Valerie Schwartz  
Waverly Stewart

#### Grade 6

Alondra Arredondo  
Emily Atkins  
Bennett Burdine  
John Gonzales  
Isabella Pardo  
Camila Reano  
Savannah Shadburn  
Oliva Stewart

#### Grade 7

Veronica Basile  
Nicholas Bennett  
James Eichelkraut  
Sophia Howell-Dancer  
Jaewon Jang  
Nathaniel Orf  
Alycia Roman

#### Grade 8

Aidan Atkins  
Benjamin Boor  
Faithann Go  
Mason McHugh  
Kevin Mottram  
Paloma Navarro  
Abigail Rockwood

### Accelerated Reader Awards

#### Gr. 1

Henry Birkholz  
Charles Brust  
Lino Castillo  
Caden Green  
Jacob Jolly  
Sean Lukose  
Olivia Maldonado

#### Gr. 2

Levi Barton  
Emily Bennett  
Ben Fiala  
Gabriel Garza  
Graciela Garza  
Cielo Gonzalez-Fernandez  
Zoey Herzog

#### Gr. 3

Joy Aller-Knox  
Lauren Atkins  
Sarah Barkis  
Nicholas Basile  
Paige Brink  
Adam Compean  
Madison Donohue

Syra Malik  
Sophia McKenna  
Dylan Morgan  
Jackson Nash  
Anuki Pelawatta  
Athena Pena  
Julien Ramos  
Alexander Roman  
Carmi Salgado  
Sultz, Caleb  
Warren, Luke  
Westbrook, Gunnar  
Yowell, Addison

Laci Laxson  
Mariana Leinhart-Cahuayme  
Caleb Luke  
Cody McCracken  
Joshua Naumann  
Paxton Nguyen  
Danica Sauter  
Clara Sivak

Charlie Glass  
Michael Hubbard  
James Humphreys  
Varghese James  
Wesley Kuriger  
Kenneth McCauley  
Grace McKenna  
Victoria Mosmeyer  
Brendan Nash  
Hannah Neiser  
David Stewart

**Gr. 4**

Roci Avila  
Owen Boethel  
Barrett Burdine  
Brynne Eichelkraut  
Arianna Gonzales  
Pedro Karshis  
Victoria Lucksinger  
Leah Lukose  
Liliana Maldonado  
Natalie Maldonado  
Juliu McGowan  
Austin Morgan  
John Mottram  
Sofia Yezak  
Denise Quintana  
David Stewart  
Juliann Tomasek

**Gr. 5 Walters**

Audrey Basile  
Thomas Bennett  
Nicholas Boor  
Zachary Boor  
Sophia Buczacki  
Anna Fiala  
Isabella Garza  
Brisa Gonzalez-Fernandez  
Joseph Higgins  
Anna James  
Cooper Kurek  
Nathaniel Neiser  
Josie Ogunmuyiwa  
Henry Summers  
Adrian Torres  
William Olivos  
Sylar Pena

**Gr. 5 Bullock**

Lakshmi Arivindan  
Joshua Barkis  
Kate Boone  
Elias Deen  
Logan Flores  
Caytlynn Hassell  
Joseph Jolly  
Callista Kurek  
Isabelle Kuriger  
Alyssa Maggit  
Therese Mosmeyer  
Preston Nguyen  
Seth Orf  
James Stephens  
Patrick Stonebrook  
Natali Torres  
Bryan Raines  
Kathleen Rockwood  
Valerie Schwartz

**Gr. 6**

Alondra Arredondo  
Emily Atkins  
Austin Belbeck  
Elizabeth Brink  
Bennett Burdine  
Abby Cantu  
William Eversley  
John Gonzales

**Gr. 7**

Mikaela Andrews  
Veronica Basile  
Nicholas Bennett  
Gavin Brook  
Harrison Burns  
Carolin Compean  
Bryce Eichelkraut  
Sophia Howell-Dancer

**Gr. 8**

Jose Arredondo  
Aidan Atkins  
Cathryn Barkis  
Benjamin Boor  
Faithann Go  
Madeline Hawkins  
Ekan Malik  
Mason McHugh

Katherine Jolly  
Kyleigh Marlowe  
Faryn Morris  
Klaire Moss  
Neri Navarro  
Isabella Pardo  
David Quintana  
Mason Ramm  
Camila Reano  
Savannah Shadburn  
Olivia Stewart  
Alina Tavernier

Jaewon Jang  
Trent Lockhart  
Nathaniel Orf  
Benjamin Raines  
Alycia Roman  
Nadia Sanchez  
Da'Mitria Sewell

Patrick McKenna  
Kevin Mottram  
Paloma Navarro  
Volodymyr Ploskanych  
Dalynne Quintana  
Abigail Rockwood  
Brandon Ryman  
Nelle Summers  
Jenci Tomasek

### **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**

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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

**Temple Telegram 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Spelling Bee**

Students in grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> are invited to try out for the 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Spelling Bee. We will send four students to compete in the contest to be held March 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-12:00 at Temple College Pavilion. Unfortunately, this is the same day as the PSIA District contest in Austin. Therefore students who are attending this will not be able to sign up for the Spelling contest.

Students who are interested need to obtain spelling lists from Dr. Menjivar. If more than four students sign up, the school will have a Spelling Bee on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Yearbook News:**

There is still Ad space available if you are interested in doing an Ad in the yearbook. All Ads are due by January 31, 2017.

See the attachment for details.

8th graders don't forget to turn in your baby picture, selfie, and quote by January 31, 2017.

**Christian Service Opportunity for Junior High**

What: Our Lady of the Angels Maternity Shelter 15th Annual Benefit Banquet

When: Friday, January 27th.

Where: St Paul Chong Hasang Parish Hall in Harker Heights.

We need student volunteers to help serve meals to our guests.

Volunteers need to arrive at 6:00 p.m. and will stay until 8:30 p.m. or so.

Students are asked to wear their uniforms to represent SMCS.

Parents will need to coordinate transportation to and from event.

Many thanks!

Please let Mrs. Wyles know if you can help.

### **EIM Classes coming up**

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

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

### **Portable Sound System.**

We have begun the process of researching the choices and costs of a new sound system and have met 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 ☺.

### **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](http://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. 11 <sup>th</sup> | *3 <sup>rd</sup> through 5 <sup>th</sup> to CAC 10:00-11:30   |
| Jan. 12 <sup>th</sup> | *Anna and Ben Fiala Principals for the day<br>*Awards Ceremony 2:00 p.m. in the Church<br>*BB Tournament Gause: Boys leaving at 12:30 |
| Jan. 13 <sup>th</sup> | *All School Mass 8:15 a.m.<br>*BB Tournament Gause: Girls leaving at 12:30  |
| Jan. 16 <sup>th</sup> | *No School: Inclement Weather Day   |
| Jan 18 <sup>th</sup>  | *School Board Meeting 5:45 p.m.   |
| Jan 19 <sup>th</sup>  | *Spirit Day: 80's dress (see flyer attached)<br>*Popcorn Day  |
| Jan. 21 <sup>st</sup> | * First Reconciliation and Retreat for Grade 2 8:30 a.m.  |
| Jan. 28 <sup>th</sup> | *Celebrating Catholic Schools Dinner for honoree Mrs. Angie Stolp   |
| Jan. 29 <sup>th</sup> | *Catholic School's Week begins (Details of this week TBA)   |
| Feb. 1st:             | *Registration for 2017-2018 school year opens   |
| Feb. 5 <sup>th</sup>  | * Open House for St. Mary's Catholic School 11:00-2:00 p.m.   |

**LOOK ON THE NEXT TWO PAGES FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK INFO**



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

**Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**

✝ **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.

✝ **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 31<sup>st</sup>**

✝ **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 1<sup>st</sup>**

✝ **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 2<sup>nd</sup>**

✝ **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 3<sup>rd</sup>**

#### **† 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 5<sup>th</sup>**

#### **† 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.