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Quality Catholic Education

Falcon's Pride

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

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy Valentine's Day to you. Wishing you a very sweet day ☺

As we move into February our plans for the 2017-2018 school year have already begun to take shape. With the new year, will come change. The first news I will share with you is a note from Mrs. Quintana: *My family is excited to share that we are moving to Corpus Christi this summer. My husband has recently retired from the military, and we have always wanted to be near the water. It is a sad year as we leave St. Mary's and the many friends we have made here, but we look forward to what God has planned for us there.*

Please join me in wishing Mrs. Quintana and her family the best as they begin their new life in Corpus Christi and please keep them in your prayers. We thank Mrs. Quintana for her love and dedication to St. Mary's Catholic School, her students, fellow faculty and staff and the community. We will miss all the Quintana's ☺.

I am excited to share with you that Mrs. Bullock will move into the fourth grade teacher position next year. She will be perfect to assume the role of fourth grade. Her love for her students and her commitment to St. Mary's Catholic School has shown brightly this year.

Next year our two fifth grade classes will be ascending the steps to Middle School. Because of the double class size I will be hiring a Middle School 6th grade home room teacher. I have posted the job on the school and Diocesan websites. This new teacher will either teach Religion or History. These are options that will depend on the applicants' qualifications.

Our Spanish program will also see change. Elementary Spanish will begin in Kindergarten and culminate in Grade 5 with Mrs. Baxter. The Spanish classroom will be on the first floor. Middle School Spanish will become its own program with a new teacher. This job position has also been posted. As well, a new Spanish program will be purchased, to ensure students are challenged at each grade level. At this time I am working with the Diocese to research possible publishers.

I will continue to update you on news for next year as it becomes concrete. If you have questions please do not hesitate to ask. Thank you for all you support.

**Sincerely,
Mrs. Wyles**

NEWS AND INFORMATION

5K Fundrun

Invite your friends and family to join you on April 8 for our 5K Fundrun. For every person you get to sign up, you will be credited one service hour. (<https://runsignup.com/stmarys5kfundrun>).

Volunteer Opportunities

Check out our newest page on the St. Mary's Catholic School website. We will post any and upcoming volunteer opportunities in one place. Go check it out now <http://stmarys-temple.org/volunteer-opportunities>

Spinal Screening for Grade 6

Reminder that the 6th grade students will have spinal screening on March 2nd. A letter was sent to all 6th grade parents on Monday. Two volunteers are needed for the day to help Mrs. Stewart, from 8:00-10:00. Volunteers do not need to be 6th grade parents. Please let Mrs. Stewart know if you would like to help. dstewart@stmarys-temple.org.

Walking for Education

We are in need of volunteers during our Walking For Education event. We will need people to help at the water stations, tally's keepers, etc. Click here to sign up <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4cada72aa0fa7-walking>

PSIA Volunteers

It takes many hands to make PSIA tournaments a success. Each school is required to provide volunteers based on the number of students attending. Once we have been given our list of events we must fill, I will ask that each parent/guardian to volunteer for multiple events. Faculty and staff attending will also be volunteering. Please be generous with your time as volunteer slots unfilled will result in the loss of points for TOTAL school competition points.

Parker Uniform Sale

Parker School Uniforms wanted to let you know of their upcoming Presidents Day Sale Event on their website, www.parkersu.com, on Monday, February 20th, 2017.

~~~~ 20% OFF ONLINE ORDERS ~~~~  
**ONE DAY ONLY ~ MONDAY, FEB. 20th**

### **EIM Classes**

St. Luke's is having two EIM classes this month

2/23 6:30-9:00

2/26 2:00-4:30

### **Great Schools**

Thanks to those who have taken the time to post on Great Schools. If you missed my request in last week's newsletter I will ask again please.

Great Schools is a non-profit organization with profiles of more than 200,000 Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade schools, public, private and charter with over one million reviews from parents and guardians, and teachers and students sharing information about their school.

At St. Mary's Catholic School we are very proud of the posted comments and promote this site as part of our development and marketing program. It is time to update our site and we are asking that if you have the time, will you post your comments. Of course we are asking for the positive comments. If you post please let us know and you will be credited one service hour.

<http://www.greatschools.org/texas/temple/7296-St-Marys-Catholic-School/>

Thank you for helping us help new families see what a great school we have ☺.

### **Christian Service Hours**

During Lent, the Knights of Columbus 3444 and the KJT Society 114 will be sponsoring Fish Fry Fridays at the KC Hall in Temple. The funds raised will be donated to St. Mary's Catholic School. We certainly want to do our part to support this event and have been invited to help each week.

The dates for the Fish Frys are March 3<sup>rd</sup>, March 10<sup>th</sup>, March 17<sup>th</sup>, March 24<sup>th</sup>, March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 7<sup>th</sup>. These are perfect opportunities to earn Christian service hours, for grades 5-8, and give back to our community. The sign-up sheet is in the office. There are only 7 spots each week and we ask that Students wear their uniforms to represent the school.

Not many spots are left. Please stop by the office soon if your child would like to volunteer.

### **God Squad Event**

When: Ash Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup> 2017

Where: Temple Police Station

What: Stuffed Animal Drive and Tour of Temple Police Station

Time: 4:00 pm. to 5:00 pm.

Who: All God Squad Members, new and old

Drivers: We need drivers to get us there, contact Mrs. Shadburn

lshadburn-stmarys-temple.org

How do you become a God Squad member?

Any JH or Elementary student may become a member by simply participating in a God Squad event.

## **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](http://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>

## **Tuition Assistance**

Tuition assistance will be available to those who qualify. Applications will be open on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Applications must be processed by March 10<sup>th</sup>. This includes supporting documents (W-4 and tax return from 2016). You must be current on all school financial commitments to receive tuition assistance for 2017-2018 school year.

## **Registration for the 2017-2018 School Year:**

1. Returning families will receive an email giving the option to change plans or banking information. You only need to fill out this form if there is a change, otherwise information automatically will roll into the 2017-2018 school year. Once your agreement is set you will receive an email.
2. Families adding additional children will need to go on to their FACTS account and click Add Child.
3. All forms, such as emergency form, photo release, technology agreement, etc. will be uploaded onto RenWeb and available for your updates by the end of March. If they are ready sooner we will let you know.
4. Registration, building, volunteer hours, or new student application fees can be added to your FACTS account or paid in the office.
5. Bus registration will need to be completed again
6. To hold your child's spot, in his or her class, the registration fee needs to be paid. This can be paid in the office.
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8. Please contact Mrs. Morales with any questions.

### **Walking for Education**

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.

### **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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|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tues. Feb. 14 <sup>th</sup>  | *Happy Valentine's Day                                                                                                                                   |
| Wed. Feb. 15 <sup>th</sup>   | *Real Estate Open House at St. Mary's 9:00-11:00                                                                                                         |
| Thurs. Feb. 16 <sup>th</sup> | * Spirit Day and Popcorn                                                                                                                                 |
| Fri. Feb. 17 <sup>th</sup>   | *St. Joseph's Catholic School 6 <sup>th</sup> grade shadow day at St. Mary's<br>*All School Mass 8:15 a.m.<br>*Progress Reports close for second quarter |
| Mon. Feb. 20 <sup>th</sup>   | *Inclement Weather Day: No School                                                                                                                        |
| Sun. Feb 26 <sup>th</sup>    | *Holy Trinity Open House                                                                                                                                 |
| Sat. March 4 <sup>th</sup>   | *Alumni Luncheon 12:00-2:00                                                                                                                              |