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Continuing Our Commitment to
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,

I hope you enjoyed your long weekend even with the rain. The deadline for tuition assistance applications is right around the corner. Please remember that applications must be processed by March 10th. You should make sure your application has been turned in at least 10 days prior for processing (as of today that would be February 27th). The window will close on the 10th. Applications are not complete without supporting documents.

Don't forget that if you received tuition assistance this year you must reapply. Although no tuition assistance will be awarded to those who are behind on financial obligations, it is important that all who are seeking assistance for the 2017-2018 school year apply on time. Applications will be assessed when accounts are current. Late applications will be reevaluated after the first tuition payment has been made for the 2017-2018 school year. However, there is no guarantee that funds will still be available. Please call us if you have questions.

Our District PSIA event is on Saturday, March 25th. It takes many hands to make PSIA tournaments a success. Each school is required to provide volunteers based on the number of students attending. Even with our participants parents volunteering we are still short. If you would like to be part of a wonderful day and help our school please contact me and we can talk about options for your talents. We must fill all slots. If we do not we run the risk of losing points or being placed on probation for next year.

Our next Family Mass will be March 5th at St. Mary's. All students who come in uniform (from top to bottom) will be treated to a special "treat" on Monday March 6th. I will be giving out coupons to those who show school spirit on that day.

Please remember that Spirit Day clothing consists of the grey spirit shirt and appropriate jeans etc. The only students who have the privilege of wearing a different shirt are the 8th graders who may wear their Holy Trinity shirt. When we have completed Walking for Education, students may then begin wearing that shirt. Please also remember that students

must wear belts with their jeans and those jeans must be appropriate (i.e. not skin tight and no holes). If you have questions please consult the Parent-Student handbook.

I will be out this week Wed. through Fri. after 9:00 each day for a Principal's retreat. I will check emails when I can. Please keep the principals in your prayers.

Thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Wyles

NEWS AND INFORMATION

Smart Watches

Smart watches which have texting, emailing and gaming options may not be worn at school.

A Message from Student Council

We would like to announce our upcoming fundraiser for Monday, February 27th. Students are able to dress up as any book or fairy tale character, at the cost of \$3.00. In order to dress up, students must purchase a ticket by Friday, February 24th. Tickets are located in the office.

Please make sure your outfit adheres to the following:

1. Closed toed shoes and no heels
2. Knee length shorts (or pants)
3. Shoulders must be covered

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 last week. 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>

Parish Festival Baskets

Last year the students and families of St. Mary's School donated incredible baskets in support of the church festival. Those baskets alone contributed almost \$3,000 to the live auction!!! With that in mind, the festival committee has asked the school if they would kindly donate baskets again this year. Each basket is themed as seen below. Please begin gathering items and contact your child's teacher with questions.

PreK Basket: **Lego Fun**

Kindergarten: **Family Fun and Games**

First Grade: **Gift Cards**

Second Grade: **Coffee Basket**

Third Grade: **Jack Pot**

Fourth Grade: **Wine Basket**

Fifth Grade:

Walters: **Kitchen**

Bullock: **Local Businesses**

Sixth Grade: **Cinco de Mayo**

Seventh Grade: **Picnic in Paradise**

Eighth Grade: **Spa Day**

As time comes closer to the picnic (April 30th), they will be asking for students to volunteer.

Science Fair Information

St. Mary's Catholic School Families,

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to INVITE you all for our "Annual Science Fair-2017" (March 1st; Venue- Parish Hall; Timings- 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM). Please come and view the amazing collection of innovative scientific projects where you will also get an excellent opportunity to interact with our young scientific minds.

The fair is divided into 2 rounds. The 1st round is the Judges round (9:30 AM to 12:30 PM) and the 2nd round is the Parents/Guardians round (1:30 PM to 2:30 PM); followed by the award presentation ceremony.

We are looking forward to meet you all!!!

Thanks!

Mrs. Guleria

God Squad Request

Parents or students that make a baked good for the God squad event on March 1 can get one hour of service.

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 12th 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 😊.

Tuition Assistance

Tuition assistance will be available to those who qualify. Applications will be open on February 1st. Applications must be processed by March 10th. 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.
7. Please contact Mrs. Morales with any questions

Important Dates to Remember

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| Wed. Feb. 24 th | *All School Mass 8:15 a.m. |
| Sun. Feb. 26 th | *Holy Trinity Open House 12:30-2:30 |
| Wed. March 1 st | *Ash Wednesday: Mass 8:15 a.m. |
| Thurs. March 2 nd | *Spinal Screening grade 6 |
| | *Spirit Day |
| Fri. March 3 rd | *All School Mass 8:15 a.m. |
| | *Spring Pictures |
| | *Fish Fry 4:30-7:00 for volunteers signed up |
| Sat. March 4 th | *Alumni Luncheon 12:00-2:00 |
| Sun. March 10 th | *Family Mass: St. Mary's 11:00 p.m. |