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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 had a nice weekend. Happy Fat Tuesday! Our season of Lent begins tomorrow, Ash Wednesday, with our all school Mass at 8:15 a.m. Please join us if you can. Students should be in full uniform for Mass.

It does not seem possible that March is upon us. At this point we have less than three months of school left. Wow, how has this year flown so quickly?

With March brings the due date for tuition assistance applications and the deadline for re-registration. Beginning with the TA applications: due date for these to be processed is Friday, March 10th. This includes supporting documents (W-2 and tax return from 2016). You must be current on all school financial commitments to receive tuition assistance for 2017-2018 school year. TA awards will be sent to the parent via letter.

Registration for current families should be complete by March 28th. At this point class lists will be created. In order to guarantee your child's spot you need to follow these steps:

1. Pay the registration fee (\$375/each) in the office. If you have multiple children and need to make arrangements, please contact Ms. Morales.
 - o You may pay the building fee (\$200) in the office or it can be added to your tuition.
2. After the tuition agreement is processed in FACTS, FACTS will send you an email for you to confirm & acknowledge.
 - o Reminder: FACTS will add their \$45 annual fee to your account
 - o If applying for tuition assistance, tuition will be processed in March.
3. Ms. Morales will send out an email when Renweb is ready for you to make any necessary updates, such as emergency contacts.

This Friday evening will be the first Knights of Columbus/KJT Fish Fry during Lent. This week's volunteers are Alondra Arredondo, Jose Arredondo, Kevin Mottram, Ty Laxon,

Abby Cantu, Brisa Gonzales-Fernandez and Trent Lockhart. Volunteers should be in school uniform shirt and jeans and plan to arrive by 4:30 and stay until 7:30. Parents do not need to remain with your child. Each week faculty and staff will be helping and supervising our students. Dinner will be served from 5:00-7:00. Please join us for a yummy meal if you are free.

This Friday is set for Spring Pictures. Students may come in *Dressy Sunday Best* or their uniform. All students will have their picture taken and parents may request that their children take a picture with siblings.

**Thank you for all you do to support St. Mary's Catholic School.
Sincerely,
Mrs. Wyles**

NEWS AND INFORMATION

Family Mass this Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

Our next Family Mass will be this Sunday, 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.

News from Holy Trinity

St. Mary's alumni Brenn Barkis, Blaise Mosmeyer, and Samuel Mosmeyer are three of the five students from Holy Trinity to earn qualifications for the National Speech and Debate Association national tournament to be held in Birmingham, Alabama, this June. Holy Trinity competes in the NSDA's Yellow Rose district, which is comprised of more than 30 public and private schools. Brenn and Samuel were both selected to be part of the district's World Schools Debate Team. Blaise and his partner, Zoe Lamborn, placed in the top two in Public Forum Debate at the district meet held last week. Jack Dowling was the fifth qualifier from Holy Trinity placing in the top two in Congressional Debate. This is the seventh consecutive year that Holy Trinity has qualified for the national tournament.

Thanks to Ms. Lisa for helping with 120 Minutes of Dance

We would like to send a huge thank you to Ms. Lisa of Lisa's Dance Connection for coming out to teach a few dance moves to our students. The 120th day of our 120th year was celebrated with 120 minutes of dancing. It was so much fun to have a professional show us how to "get down."

Bricks 4 Kidz

We are excited to bring a new after school program to our students I grades K-5. Check out the flyer attached. Call if you have questions.

Track Meet Results from Monday

Our 7th grade girls got 3rd overall.

- *Damitria Sewell got 2nd in 100 meter, 2nd in 200 meter and 1st in 400 meter
- *Alondra Arredondo got 6th in 200 meter
- *Alina Tavernier got 3rd in discus and 4th in 800 meter
- *Emily Atkins got 5th in 800 meter
- *Savannah Shadburn got 6th in 800 meter
- *Katie Jolly got 1st in both 2400 meter and 1600 meter
- *Mikaela Andrews got 4th in 1600 meter and 4th in 2400 meter
- *Abby Rockwood, only 8th grader, got 1st in 800 meter and 2nd in 1600 meter

7th grade boys

- *Volodymyr Ploskanych 5th in 100 meter and 6th in 200 meter
- *Nathan Orf 5th in 800 meter and 6th in 1600 meter
- *Ben Raines 3rd in 2400 meter and 5th in 1600 meter
- *Trent Lockhart got 3rd in discus

Very proud of these kids and the job they have done in their first meet. Their next track meet will be next week on Monday, March 6 in Bremond then again on Thursday, March 9th, in Temple at the Temple Wildcat Stadium.

Go Falcons!!!!!!

Walking for Education Update

Congratulations to the following students who have started raising money for the Walking For Education:

- Michael Hubbard
- Charlotte Wess
- Mason McHugh
- Sophia Yezek
- Olivia Ware
- Alanna Ware
- Bella Ware

Remember, there will be a drawing for each prize, giving everyone a chance to win.

The prizes are:

- Google Chromecast
- Sony Cybershot
- Trip for 4 to Innerspace Caverns
- American Girl Doll
- Starwars Gift Package
- iPad Mini 2 wi-fi 32GB

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. 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

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

Important Dates to Remember

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| 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 5 th | *Family Mass: St. Mary's 11:00 p.m. |
| Wed. March 8 th | *NJHS to Maternity Shelter 2:40 |
| | *Fourth Graders to Feed My Sheep (time TBD) |
| | *School Board Meeting 5:45 |
| Fri. March 10 th | *Tuition Assistance Applications must be processed |
| Mon. March 13 th | *Spring Break begins |