

St. Mary's Catholic School

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*St Mary's,
Moving Forward and Renewing 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,

On Thursday, February 1, 2018, Bishop Joe Vásquez will celebrate Mass with representatives of Catholic Middle Schools located in the Diocese of Austin. This Mass will honor 7th and 8th grade students recognized for their leadership and service at school and in the community.

It is my honor to congratulate those students who have been nominated from our Middle School. Congratulations to Theresa and Andrew Lindberg, Nicholas Bennett, Sophia Howell-Dancer and Katie Jolly. We are all very proud of you 😊.

We are in process of securing CDs of the Christmas program, Arch the Angel. As soon as we have more details I will send the information out for ordering.

Catholic Schools Week begins on Saturday, January 27th, with the yearly event of Celebrating Catholic Schools Awards Dinner (have you purchased your ticket yet to honor Dr. Barkis?). Each day, throughout the following week, we will celebrate our Catholic School and all who make it special. Once I have the day to day schedule I will let you know. Please do mark your calendar to join us for our Open House, Sunday, February 4th from 10:00-1:00.

Have a great day and thank you for all you do for St. Mary's Catholic School.

God bless,
Mrs. Wyles

NEWS AND INFORMATION

New Uniform Company

Our new uniform company, beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, will be Risse Uniforms. On May 7th, at 6:00 p.m., they will be here to give a presentation to the parents/guardians. Although Parker uniform pieces will be allowed to phase themselves out, no used uniforms will be sold this summer. The uniforms will not change in styles

Parker Uniforms has gone out of business as of last week. We have contacted our new company and they will be able to fill orders for the remainder of this school year, as they have our logo and styles in stock already. We do not have an online account set up quite yet but you may call the store and order 972-231-2903. All associates are aware of our needs.

PTC News

Join us for our first spirit night in 2018!! Jason's Deli @ [3036 S. 31st Street](https://www.google.com/maps/place/3036+S+31st+Street,+Dallas,+TX+75218) on Friday January 26, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.!! We need at least 25 RSVP by the 23rd !!! Just follow the link to let us know you'll be there : <https://www.groupraise.com/events/33882>

Alumni Fiesta

Tickets are still available for the Alumni Fiesta. Tickets are only \$25 and that includes dinner. The Leon River Band is playing, they are a Classic Rock and Country cover band. It's going to be so much fun! Please let us know if you're coming by Wednesday, January 10th, so we can get an accurate count to the caterer. Everyone over 21 is welcome.

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Lana Shadburn
Director of Development
St. Mary's Catholic School

Morning Drop Off

Now that the new morning drop off system is up and running smoothly, I am asking for parent volunteers to help me a few days a week (7:40-8:05 a.m.). Because I am responsible for morning care in the cafeteria, I have to leave early each day for drop off duty. I would like to have a few days a week when I can stay with my morning care students. Please let me know if you can commit to a day. This will count toward volunteer hours. Please contact Mrs. Cayce if you would like to be placed on the schedule ☺

Thank you to Mrs. Birkholtz and Mrs. Brust who have already lent a helping hand ☺.

Service Hours Opportunity:

1. We need volunteers for the Alumni Fiesta on Jan. 13th 5 pm. -12:00 am. contact Mrs. Shadburn for details lshadburn@stmarys-temple.org
2. Come by the Office to get an Enrollment Yard Sign for your Home or Business, and receive a Service Hour!

Lana Shadburn
Director of Development

School Safety News

We will have two more practice lock downs between now and the end of the year. I will let you know when these occur. As well, I had mentioned in the Fall that Temple Swat Team would come onto our campus after school hours and perform a safety drill. This is scheduled on January 25th from 8:00-10:00 p.m. (evening time).

Please Help Us

Please help us spread the good news of St. Mary's Catholic School to friends and family. Let's share our gifts with all who wish to be part of our family. Word of mouth has always been our biggest marketing tool, but for those who do not have the opportunity to speak with our stakeholders, the internet is a perfect resource. We ask for your assistance in this area with Great Schools.

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 ☺.

Yearbook News

There is still time to purchase an Ad for your student or business. Full page ads are \$140. 1/2 page ads are \$70. 1/4th page ads are \$35 and 1/8th of a page is \$18. Contact Lana Shadburn - lshadburn@stmarys-temple.org

Shout Outs

We have instituted a new weekly *Shout Out Box* in the office for faculty and staff. If you would like to compliment a faculty or staff member, anonymously, please stop by the office. Fellow faculty and staff are also involved in this fun school spirit activity and students will be given the

opportunity as well. If you have a lower grade student, you may want to lend a hand in the completion of the shout out.

Save the Date and Help Us Honor a Wonderful Supporter of Catholic Education!

The Office of Catholic Schools will hold its 2018 Celebrating Catholic Schools Dinner and Awards Ceremony on January 27, 2018, to recognize our Catholic schools and honor those who serve and support our schools. The purpose of this event is to recognize those individuals whose dedication enables schools to accomplish their missions and good works.

I am pleased to announce that this year's nominee for St. Mary's Catholic School will be Dr. Leslie Allen Barkis. Dr. Barkis has been a dedicated supporter of Catholic Education in Temple since 1996, when he and his wife, Dr. Penny Barkis, joined St. Luke Parish. He is a leader in his parish as well as in the Temple area medical community.

Dr. Barkis is a member of St. Mary's Catholic School Trust Fund Board, where through his and other members tireless work, money is raised for the longevity of our fine school, in the area of tuition assistance and special projects. Dr. Barkis is also a member of Holy Trinity's School Board, continuing the commitment to Catholic education Pre-K through 12th grade. Dr. Barkis has four wonderful children at St. Mary's and Holy Trinity.

If you would like to join us to honor Dr. Barkis, for his dedication to Catholic Education, please call the school and make your reservation ([254-778-8141](tel:254-778-8141)). The event will take place at 6:00 p.m. at the *Hyatt at Town Lake* in Austin. Tickets are now on sale <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=3e3169>

Support Catholic Education in Central Texas and join us on January 27th!

Hyatt Regency, Town Lake

208 Barton Springs, Austin, Texas 78704

Complimentary Garage Parking

(Valet available at hotel rate)

5:30 p.m. *VIP Reception for Honorees and Platinum Sponsors- Bistro*

6 p.m. *Wine Reception-Ballroom Foyer*

7 p.m.- 9 p.m. *Dinner and Awards Presentation- Zilker Ballroom*

9:15 p.m. "Schools Out" *After Party-2nd floor: music, cash bar, organic cotton candy stand*

As a kickoff to National Catholic Schools Week, the 10th Annual "Honor Roll" Awards Dinner will be held on **Saturday, January 27, 2018** featuring America's Next Top Model turned Role Model, **Leah Darrow**.

This annual semi-formal dinner honors the "unsung" heroes at each of our 22 Catholic schools and raises much needed funds for Catholic school families who wouldn't otherwise be able to afford a Catholic education for their child. Over \$900,000 has been returned to schools to increase accessibility to Catholic education for so many families. We are so appreciative of the generosity!!

For more information please contact: Andrea Bizzanelli at (512) 949-2439 or andrea-bizzanelli@austindiocese.org

Important Dates to Remember

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| Wed. Jan. 3 rd | *3 rd Quarter begins |
| Thurs. Jan. 4 th | *Spirit Day |
| Fri. Jan 5 th | *All School Mass 8:15 a.m. |
| Tues. Jan. 9 th | *School Board Meeting 7:15 a.m. |
| Wed. Jan. 10 th | *Report Cards |
| Thurs. Jan 11 th | *Awards Assembly 2:00 p.m. in the Church |
| Fri. Jan 12 th | *All School Mass 8:15 a.m. |
| | *KC Free Throw Contest 2:00 p.m.(form attached) |
| Sat. Jan. 13 th | *Alumni Fiesta (tickets in the office) |
| Mon. Jan. 15 th | *Inclement Weather Day: No School |
| Thurs. Jan 18 th | *Spirit Day/Popcorn |
| Fri. Jan. 19 th | *All School Mass 8:15 a.m. |
| Tues. Jan. 23 rd | *PTC Meeting and Middle School learning Fair |
| Fri. Jan. 26 th | *All School Mass |
| | *Jason's Deli Event 5:00-10:00 p.m. (please RSVP on link) |
| Sat. Jan 27 th | *Celebrating Catholic Schools Dinner: Have you purchased your ticket yet? |
| | *Student Council B-Ball Event (note date change: flyer attached) |
| Mon. Jan. 29 th | *Catholic Schools Week begins |
| Mon. Feb. 5 th | *Registration for 2018-2019 school year begins |