

# St. Mary's Catholic School

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*St Mary's,  
Moving Forward and Renewing 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,**

**Thank you to all who have already brought in your gifts for our Angel Tree. If you have not, please do so by this Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. We still have some tags not recorded in the office. If you have the following numbers please stop by the office or call us so we have a record: 12, 41, 60, 79, 80.**

**It was wonderful to see our parents, guardians, families and friends at the Christmas Program last Thursday night. The children were spectacular and truly brought the Christmas spirit into the hearts of all. Thank you Dr. Menjivar, Mr. Bridges and Mrs. Kuriger for all your work with the students. Thank you to faculty and staff for helping with costuming, printing and practicing. Thank you Mr. Boone for creating the playbill. It was most definitely a group effort.**

**A special thanks to our Consultative School Board for hosting milk and cookies (and all sorts of other homemade baked goodies) and holding the raffle at the Christmas program. All proceeds are earmarked for our music program.**

**Thank you to our PTC and helpers for holding our first Polar Express Movie Night event last Saturday night. Thank you to all who attended (including Santa ☺). I believe we have created a night that will become a tradition at St. Mary's**

**Have you purchased your St. Mary's Catholic School Christmas Ornament yet from our PTC? These beautiful ornaments will decorate your tree for years to come. Such a keepsake ☺. Ornaments are on sale in the office for \$10 each.**

**On behalf of the faculty and staff I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Remember school is dismissed at noon on Friday. Zone-After-School Care is available for those who are registered. All students should be picked up promptly, as the faculty and staff will be leaving campus right after dismissal.**

**Holiday blessings,  
Mrs. Wyles**

**School reopens on Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. See you then.**

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## **NEWS AND INFORMATION**

### **NJHS Wreaths**

Dear St. Mary's Catholic School Families,  
Christmas is around the corner and it is with immense exuberance I would like to inform you that our students have been working hard and diligently to make the beautiful "Wreaths" for Christmas. The funds generated will go towards their various school activities. Therefore please join us and help in fulfilling our goal. Wreaths are on display outside the office. Bidding ends on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks! Merry Christmas to all.  
Mrs. Guleria

### **Thank You From Second Grade**

Second graders would like to thank SMCS families, faculty, and staff for their support of our bake sale. Because of your generosity, we were able to raise \$328.00. Students enjoyed being involved making and selling the treats, counting the money, and selecting the toys that will be donated to CASA of Bell County to be given to children in foster care. An assortment of twenty-four toys, ranging from games, dolls, dramatic play items, balls and telescopes will be delivered to school. This was a great Advent project to give like St. Nicholas, sharing Jesus' love with others. We appreciate your support. Merry Christmas!

### **Free Throw Contest**

The Knights of Columbus will be holding the Free Throw Contest here at St. Mary's Catholic School on January 12th, at 2:00 in the afternoon. The contest is for any boy or girl ages 9-14 the forms are attached. Your child will have to have a copy of their birth certificate or passport showing their proof of age to verify eligibility.

Please fill out paper work and turn back in to the office no later than January 10th. Thank you,

Nita Bigon  
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### **Dressy Dress Day**

On Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> we will carry on the tradition of *Sunday Best* dress on the last day of school before Christmas vacation. This is a special dress-up day for the students and we are looking forward to it. Please make sure your students follow the guidelines set up for this day.

Girls:

\*Nice dress or skirt of appropriate length (knee or below). Dress must have regular sleeves and not have a low-cut neckline.

\*Dress pants with a nice blouse or sweater (no jeans or t-shirts)

\* Nice shoes may be worn. Please no heels or open toes. Boots are fine as long as the heels are not high. School shoes are acceptable but no non-uniform tennis shoes please.

Boys:

\*Nice pants with a nice shirt or sweater. No jeans or t-shirts.

\*Nice shoes, (School shoes are acceptable.)

As always, students may choose to wear their uniform on this day.

### **Christian Service Hours for Students**

The parish office is seeking students to help Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday after school until 5:00. This is a perfect opportunity for required service hours. Please contact Becky Theisen if your child would like to take advantage of this 254-773-4541 ext. 22. *Becky Theisen, Director of Operations*  
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St. Mary Catholic Church

### **Purchase an Ad in the yearbook!**

There is still ad space available in the yearbook:  
full page \$140. Half page \$70 1/4 page \$35.00 1/8th \$18  
please turn in the completed ad by Jan. 31, 2018  
If you need me to make your ad, please turn in pictures and what you want it to say by Jan. 31, 2018.

Photos need to be high quality, digital images are preferred, but please do not take a picture of a picture and submit it. Ideas for ads: spotlight on your child or children, business ad, thank you, or memory of. Please email [lshadburn@stmarys-temple.org](mailto:lshadburn@stmarys-temple.org) for more details.

### **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.

### **Amazon Smile Announcement**

The holidays are approaching and we will all be busy shopping for gifts, decorations, and more. Please remember to shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com),  
*Shop for everyone on your gift list this holiday at [smile.amazon.com/ch/74-1297273](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/74-1297273) and Amazon donates to St. Mary's Catholic School of Temple.2*

### **Save the Date: St. Mary's Catholic School Alumni Fiesta**

January 13, 2017

You are invited to help us Celebrate 121 years!

St. Mary's Alumni Fiesta

Mass 5:30/Dinner 6:30

Leon River Band 7:30

Cash Bar

Silent Auction

\$25 per person

Everyone is welcome including parents, & friends of current and future Alumni (must be 21 or older).

RSVP by Jan. 3, 2018 at [www.stmarys-temple.org/alumni](http://www.stmarys-temple.org/alumni)

### **Save the Date**

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 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:andrea-bizzanelli@austindiocese.org)

**Save the date**

2nd Annual 5K Feb. 24th 2018

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