

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,
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

I pray your holidays were wonderful. School reopens tomorrow, Wednesday, January 3rd. Report cards for the second quarter will be open (or sent home for Pre-K and Kindergarten) on Wednesday, January 9th.

On December 23rd, we visited the Veteran's State Nursing Home as part of the Angel Tree Giving Program. I would like to thank so many who made this time with our country's heroes so special. Thank you to all who purchased gifts for our Veterans. Thank you to all who attended the event, sang Christmas carols, handed out Christmas cards, delivered gifts and just visited with the residents. And lastly, thank you to all our students for making beautiful Christmas cards. What an amazing day!

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.

Each January we begin to look to the next school year, including determination of tuition. Our Diocese provides us with the assumptions for increases in areas such as, insurance, taxes, workman's comp and cost of living. We must also take into consideration areas, including but not limited to, salaries, utilities and maintenance and repair. Once we have received all the information, tuition and fee amounts for 2018-2109 school year will be published, as will directives for applying for tuition assistance.

Have you purchased your tickets for our Alumni event? Come join the fun as we celebrate 121 years of St. Mary's Catholic School at the Alumni Fiesta. Everyone is welcome, including parents and friends of current and future alumni (must be 21years or older).

- **January 13, 2017 in the Parish Hall**
- **Mass 5:30/Dinner 6:30**
- **Leon River Band 7:30**
- **Tickets available in the office or call us and we will reserve a ticket for payment at the door (254-778-8141)**

Have a great day and we will see you tomorrow.

**God bless,
Mrs. Wyles**

NEWS AND INFORMATION

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 😊.

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 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.

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. |
| Sat. Jan 20 th | *Student Council B-Ball Event (see attached flyer) |
| 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. |
| Sat. Jan 27 th | *Celebrating Catholic Schools Dinner: Have you purchased your ticket yet? |
| Mon. Jan. 29 th | *Catholic Schools Week begins |
| Mon. Feb. 5 th | *Registration for 2018-2019 school year begins |