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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 Catholic Schools Week! Our week actually began on Saturday Night, as we honored Dr. Allen Barkis, at the Diocesan celebration of Catholic schools dinner, in Austin. It was a wonderful evening.

Thank you to all students who attended Mass or their church service, in school uniform, this past Saturday and Sunday. Thank you to students who read at their parishes and thank you to parents who sent pictures ☺. It is so wonderful to see that St. Mary's Catholic School brings together families from many parishes and places of worship. We are blessed.

Yesterday our students celebrated our nation and their own nationalities with red, white and blue or cultural costumes. A parade was held throughout the hallways for all to see. It was a beautiful sight.

Thanks to all who supported our *Jason's Deli Dinner Night Out* last Friday. Every little bit helps our PTC raise money for our end of the year celebration at Spare Time. Plus, all these events help us build community which is so important to the climate of a school.

If your child is in need of Christian Service Hours the parish office has daily work needing done. Please contact Becky Theisen if your child would like to help. (773-4541 or becky.theisen@stmarytempletx.org)

Thanks for all you do to help make our school great!

God bless,
Mrs. Wyles

NEWS AND INFORMATION

Valentine's Day Grams on sale - Send that special someone a candy gram!

Each gram is a generous size candy bar or bag of kisses and balloon with your Valentine's note attached.

All money raised will go to the 7th grade *Sea World Adventure Camp* study trip.

- Cost: \$3.00
- Fill out order forms: all students received a form yesterday. If you need more, please stop by the office.
- Return form and money to the office by Friday, Feb. 9th
- Grams will be delivered on Feb. 13th.
- Final date of purchase is Friday, Feb. 9th.

Annual Donation of New or Gently Used Stuffed animals to the Temple PD

- Collection Dates: January 22 – February 21
- Collection Box will be located in front of the office.
- Any questions or needing further information please contact dcayce@smarys-temple.org

A Note From Your School Board President

Hi St. Mary's Families - the School Board would like to compose a cook book of all of our family favorites. We are in need of your favorite recipes, can be snacks/appetizers, main meals, casseroles, veggies, desserts, drinks - anything you would like to share with us. Please include the recipe and who gets the credit for the recipe (ex: Roxanne Simcik, parent of Scarlett and Dalton Simcik, or Jeannette Nemeč, Grandmother of Scarlett and Dalton Simcik) - so name and relation to the school.

We would like to have these emails by May 1st, so we can start working on getting the cook books produced. Our goal is to have them available by Thanksgiving/Christmas 2018 to have as gifts for the holiday season.

Please feel free to send as many recipes as you would like - we are happy to include all! Please send all recipes to ttumamo@yahoo.com and please feel free to contact Roxanne Simcik, [512-948-5222](tel:512-948-5222), if you have any questions. Thanks!

5-K News

Please take a flyer for our 5K Fund Run and display it at your work place of business. You can also share our post on Facebook. Both are worth one service hour.

Thank you,
Lana Shadburn:Development Director

Great Schools

Thank you to those parents who have posted positively on <https://www.greatschools.org>. This is an easy way to share with others the good news of St. Mary's Catholic School. If you post, please let us know and you will be credited one service hour.

Christmas CDs

Our Christmas CDs have arrived. Thank you to Mr. Lukose for filming the production and making the CDs. They are going fast. If you would like to order one (or two), click on this link <https://goo.gl/forms/DQrngO7ZflPtBgUf2>.

Information from Dr. Menjivar

Spring Musical- The SMCS drama program proudly presents *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown!* Performances will be April 13th at 6 pm, April 14th at 11 am and at 4 pm. All performances will be held at Holy Trinity High School. Tickets on sale soon!

Still in need of parent service hours or just willing to help?!- The drama program is in need of volunteers to assist in the spring musical. Please click on the following link to see how you can help and receive parent service hours:

<https://goo.gl/forms/MSQUM7hzesCwqm811>

7th Grade FAT Tuesday Bake Sale- The 7th grade students will host a *Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday)* Bake Sale to help raise funds for their *Sea World Adventure Camp* study trip. The bake sale will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 13th during both the elementary and middle school lunches.

PTC News

Please join us on February 18, 2018 for a Kendra Scott Trunk Show benefitting the PTC! The event will take place at Wildflower Country Club from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served. Kendra Scott will donate 20% of the proceeds to St. Mary's Catholic School. If you cannot make the event, Kendra Scott will accept advance orders. Any orders placed in advance will be available at the school the week after the event. If you are interested in making an advance order, please email Kayla Landeros at kayla.landeros@gmail.com or pick up an advance order form from the office.

Everyone is welcome! Please share with family and friends or feel free to post a flyer at your place of business or employment!

Tuesday, January 30th

✠ Celebrating our Community

- ✓ Twitter Tuesday: students will create hash tags and tweets for social media (approved by Mrs. Shadburn and posted on St. Mary's social media)
- ✓ Texas Master Naturalists Presentation of Discovery Trunks: Grades 3-8

Wednesday, January 31st

† **Celebrating Faculty, Staff and Parents**

- ✓ Parents and guardians will be treated to coffee and donuts in the cul de sac. Whether you drop your child off, or walk them into school, come by the cul de sac for a steaming cup of coffee and a donut between 7:00-7:45. This morning will be sponsored by our NJHS and Student Council students.
- ✓ Faculty and Staff will be treated to a special lunch by our PTC
- ✓ Students will say thanks in their own special way
- ✓ Texas Master Naturalists Presentation of Spider Day: Grades Pre-K through 2nd

Thursday, February 1st

† **Celebrating our Students**

- ✓ Selected students will be honored at a Leadership Mass with Bishop Vasquez.
- ✓ Students may come in jeans and any spirit shirt from St. Mary's (including, but not limited to grey Spirit shirts, Walking for Education shirts from years past, Junior High camp shirts and sports shirts.) shirts do not need to be tucked in nor do belts have to be worn.
- ✓ Future students will be invited to shadow and be a Falcon for a day.
- ✓ Afternoon Pep Rally

Friday, February 2nd

† **Celebrating Vocations**

- ✓ Students will celebrate Mass with Holy Trinity Catholic High School.
- ✓ Guests will join us to speak on vocations.
- ✓ At 2:30 students will join in the church for a Divine Chaplet. Parents are invited to join us.

Sunday, February 4th

† **Open House (10:00-1:00) Pilgrimage of Mary: Apparitions, Icons and Shrines: Our Savior's mother has appeared under many titles to many diverse peoples in different periods of history. Come and learn of the many faces of Mary. Share in stories and activities throughout the school.**

- ✓ Each room will be represented by an apparition, icon or shrine of Mary.
- ✓ Tour guides, from National Junior Honor Society and Student Council, will guide guests on a journey to learn about Mary and her continuous place in our hearts.
- ✓ Guests will visit each room and participate in a fun activity and receive a special story of Mary. When all rooms have been visited guests may come to the office, their final destination, for a beautiful prize.

Registration for 2018-2019 School Year

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 2018-2019 school year will be published, as will directives for applying for tuition assistance. We estimate that tuition will increase 3% to 5%. Registration will be open February 5th regardless of the finalization of tuition increase. I will provide this information just as soon as I can.

Tuition Assistance

Tuition assistance will be available to those who qualify. Applications will be open on February 20th. Applications must be processed by March 30th. This includes supporting documents (W-4 and tax return from 2017). You must be current on all school financial commitments to receive tuition assistance for 2018-2019 school year.

Registration for the 2018-2019 School Year:

1. Please do not use the *New Enrollment* link on the homepage of the website to reenroll. Ms. Morales will be send out instructions on how to reenroll in next week's newsletter.
2. Returning families will receive an email giving the option to change plans or banking information in your FACTS account. You only need to fill out this form if there is a change, otherwise information automatically will roll into the 2018-2019 school year. Once your agreement is set you will receive an email.
3. Ms. Morales will add additional children to your FACTS account if needed.
4. Emergency form, photo release, technology agreement, etc. will be ready for you to update, if needed, in RenWeb, by the end of March. If they are ready sooner we will let you know.
5. Registration, building ,volunteer hours, or new student application fees can be added to your FACTS account or paid in the office. Please use the following link to inform Ms. Morales as to your intentions of payments <https://goo.gl/forms/93jKJjlxOz0HriHx1>
6. Bus registration will need to be completed again. When the 2018-2019 forms are ready they will be sent to you via email.

Educational Facts: Did you Know?

The cost to educate a child in public school in the state of Texas is approximately \$9,559.00
The cost to educate a child at St. Mary's Catholic School this year is approximately \$7,138.00
The Catholic rate for one child at St. Mary's Catholic School for the 2017-2018 school year is \$5,330.

The educational gap is \$1,808. **Fees and tuition do not cover the entire cost of operating the school. Various fundraisers, donations and the parish support are essential.**

Important Dates to Remember

Sat. Feb. 3 rd	*First Reconciliation
	*Holy Trinity Gala
Sun. Feb. 4 th	*Open House 10:00-1:00

Mon. Feb. 5th
Wed. Feb. 14th
Mon. Feb. 19th

*Registration for 2018-2019 school year begins
*Happy Valentine's Day
*Ash Wednesday: All attend Mass: Lent begins
*Inclement Weather Day: No School