

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,

With our weather closure, this has certainly become a short week. If you did not receive my notification of closure through our alert system, *Remind*, please make sure you are signed up for the service. The details of how to sign up are under *News and Information* below. I will let you know if we will be required to make up the day.

Next Saturday night, January 27th, we will kick off Catholic Schools Week. For our new families, Catholic Schools Week is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. Schools typically observe the week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to Church, local communities and the nation. This year's theme is Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

On Saturday, Jan. 27th and Sunday, Jan 28th students are asked to wear their school uniform to whichever Mass they attend that weekend. Each Mass will have student readers and an invitation to those in attendance to attend our Open House on Feb. 4th. We have asked each Parish Priest to ask the students in uniform to stand at the end of Mass. We would like the parishioners and prospective families to see that there are students from their parish attending St. Mary's Catholic School.

Holy Trinity and St. Mary's will have lectors at all the local parishes. All St. Mary's readers will read the 2nd reading. All lectors must wear their school uniform, and you have to report to the sacristy 15 minutes before Mass begins.

St. Mary Church

Saturday: 5:30 pm. Isabella Garza

Sunday: 7:30 am John Gonzalez

Sunday 9:15 am. Gavin Brook

Sunday 11:00 am. Katie Jolly

St. Luke Church

Saturday 5:00 pm. Andrew Lindberg

Sunday 8:00 am. Caleb Snyder

Sunday 11:00 am. Nathan Orf

Sunday 5:00 pm. Camila Reano

Christ the King

Saturday 5:00 pm. Cooper Kurik

Sunday 10:30 am Nicholas Bennett

Sunday 5:00 pm. Joseph Higgins

OLG

10:15 Holy Trinity student

Students who wear their uniform may receive a special treat from me on Tuesday the 30th one of two ways. You may either email me or let me know your child attended Mass in school uniform or sign the note I will send home on Monday.

Beginning Monday, January 29th, we will celebrate our school and all stakeholders. Please see the schedule below for our daily events.

**Catholic Schools Week 2018
January 27th through February 4th
Celebrating 121 Years of
Quality Catholic Education**

Monday, January 29th

✠ Celebrating our Nation and Nationalities

- ✓ Students may dress in red, white and blue or cultural costumes.
- ✓ A parade of costumes will commence at 10:50 a.m.

Tuesday, January 30th

✠ Celebrating our Community

- ✓ Twitter Tuesday: students will create hash tags and tweets for 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.

Have a great week and thank you for all you do to help make our school great.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Wyles

P.S. Have your posted your positive comment on Great Schools yet? 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 ☺.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

Signing up for Remind.com

Sign up for Text Alerts to keep you updated about school events, schedule changes, or unexpected situations (such as ice days)

St. Mary's Catholic School Class Code Is @smcste

If you have a smartphone, get push notifications. On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link: rmd.at/smcste. Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.

iPhone Users:

Use the Remind: Fast, Efficient School, Remind 101 (requires IOS 9.0 or later and requires 59.2 MB) Download the app. Use your phone number or email address (preferably attached to the school as a contact, or google) and follow the steps. Remember to scroll down and select St. Mary's Catholic School Temple

If you already have a remind account Join the class, "smcste"

Android Users:

Use the Remind: Simple Classroom Communication App. Download the app. You will have to allow access or it will freeze up on you and not work (it is a windows phone, needs permissions to access everything, you will not be hacked). Join the class, "smcste" Remember to scroll down to the St. Mary's Catholic School Temple (about 5th one down)

If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications. Text the message @smcste to the number 81010. If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @smcste to [\(512\) 351-3848](tel:5123513848). * Standard text message rates apply.

Please contact Jenn McPhie if you have issues: jhassell@stmarys-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 Nemecek, 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!

Sports News

Congratulations to the Jr. High basketball teams on their win this past Thursday over St. Mary's Rams from Taylor.

Congratulations to the following for participating in the Knights of Columbus free throw contest on Friday, January 12th.

Harrison Burns
Gavin Brook
Austin Belbeck
Daniel Aguilar
Noel Kurtin
Brynne Eichelkraut
Hannah Neiser
Barrett Burdine
Vanessa Pink

The following advanced to the next level which will be announced at a later date.
Harrison, Gavin, Austin, Daniel, Noel, Brynne, Hannah, and Barrett. We had a tie between Brynne and Vanessa. Did a shoot out and Brynne came up with one more shot than Vanessa.

Good job to all that participated and good luck in the next round

Thanks

Thank you to everyone that made the Alumni Fiesta possible, especially to Mr. Flores, and Tres Magueyes for the delicious food. To all our Sponsors, Thank you!

Emporium Spice
Carl and Christy Boethel
Pat and Bill Proctor

Rick Wyatt and the Knights of Columbus
Harper-Talasek Funeral Home
Joanne LaCanne
Mariela Bernardino
Archy and Jody Vasquez -Photographers

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

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>

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, Mrs. Brust and Mrs. Applewhite who have already lent a helping hand ☺.

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.

Important Dates to Remember

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| 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 (see calendar above) |
| Sun. Feb. 4 th | *Open House 10:00-1:00 |
| Mon. Feb. 5 th | *Registration for 2018-2019 school year begins |