

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,

I hope you enjoyed your three day weekend. Thank you to all who joined us for the Kendra Scott event on Sunday. So much fun ☺. Thank you to Brittany Vargas and Kayla Landeros for organizing the event. They are doing so much to help us raise the funds for our end of the year excursion to Spare Time. We are very grateful to them!

For the safety of all I have two reminders. First, if you are picking up in cul de sac, do not pull out and cut in front of other vehicles. Be patient while parents secure their little ones in car seats. We do not want any accidents or upset parents/guardians.

Secondly, it has come to my attention that students are being dropped off on Ave K and they are walking across the bus lane. This is so dangerous. Part of the reason we have the drop off in front of the school is to ensure the safety of children around moving cars. Please do not drop your child off on Avenue K. If you want to walk your child in you should park in the church parking lot. That is the safest place.

This Friday is the second of six Fish Frys sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the KJT. Each Friday night through March 23rd, we will need seven students to help. This week, the following students have volunteered and should be at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 4:30 (2218 West Ave. D. Please keep in mind the construction going on around that area. You may need extra time to find your way ☺.)

Thank you to Camila Reano, Brisa Gonzalez-Fernandez, Nicholas and Zachary Boor, Aidan Collins, John Ham and Abby Cantu.

Last Friday you received the new tuition rate via email. If you did not for some reason receive this please let Ms. Morales know and she will resend it.

I will be off campus tomorrow early afternoon and Thursday and Friday at our annual Principal's Retreat. This is a wonderful time for the principal's in the Diocese to gather in

prayer and collaboration. Please pray for us as I will keep my school community in my prayers.

PSIA District Meet will be next Saturday, March 3rd, in Seguin, at St. James Catholic School, 507 South Camp Street. I am so proud of our students. We are entered in 89 events this year. I have no doubt they will be wonderful representatives of St. Mary's Catholic School.

**God bless,
Mrs. Wyles**

NEWS AND INFORMATION

St. Mary's Catholic School Families,

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to INVITE you all for our "Annual Science Fair-2018" (March 1st; Venue- Parish Hall; Timings- 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM). Please come and view the amazing collection of innovative scientific projects where you will also get an excellent opportunity to interact with our young scientists.

The fair is divided into 2 rounds. The 1st round is the Judges round (8:30 AM to 1:30 PM) and the 2nd round is the Parents/Guardians round (2:00 PM to 3:00 PM); followed by the award presentation ceremony.

We are looking forward to meet you all!!!

Thanks

Mrs. Guleria

Risse Uniform Company

It has been an absolute pleasure meeting and communicating with St. Mary's families throughout this transition from Parker to Risse. We have been very proactive as far as production for your items for next year.

Please note that our *website and registering for an account* is not going to be available until mid-may. We will give each school this heads-up as soon as the website is ready.

We are getting a lot of phone calls regarding the website registration "not working" and this is because no new schools will be listed until mid-may.

Myself and my sales associates are fully equipped to take orders **over the phone** and answer any questions you may have.

Blessings,
Taylor Nunn
Risse Brothers School Uniforms
<http://www.rissebrothers.com>
Store Phone: [972-231-2903](tel:972-231-2903)

Walking for Education T-Shirt Designers Needed

We would like to invite all St. Mary's students to design a T-Shirt for our Walking for Education Walk A Thon.

Entry forms are on the Walking for Education Table outside the office.

Please turn in your design entry by Wednesday February 28th.

Any questions please ask Mrs. Shadburn lshadburn@stmarys-temple.org

Walking for Education T-Shirt and Lunch Order

Please click on the link below to order a Walking for Education t-shirt and lunch for the day of the event. Please note that the cafeteria will be closed so if your child does not want the hamburger/hotdog meal, he/she will need to bring a sack lunch. Call the office if you have questions. <https://goo.gl/forms/pD4q1g5iDqVXRatI2>

St. Mary's Cheer Clinic

Calling all Kinder - 5th grade Cheerleaders to be!

Participants will receive instruction by our very own SMCS cheerleaders and will perform at the Walking for Education 2018 Spirit Rally on March 28th

Deadline for registration is Wednesday February 28th

Cost \$40.

Any questions please ask Mrs. Shadburn lshadburn@stmarys-temple.org

St. Mary's 5-K

Come out to Support Catholic Education on Feb. 24th

St. Mary's 5K Fund Run at the new section of Pepper Creek

sign up: <https://runsignup.com/stmarys5kfundrun>

St. Mary's 5K Fund Run Volunteer Sign up. Please sign up to volunteer for this important event on Sat. Feb. 24, 2018.

Any questions please ask Mrs. Shadburn: lshadburn@stmarys-temple.org.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084ea4a922a0f85-stmarys>

Yearbook Ads:

Yearbook ads are due, please turn in your ad as soon possible.

lshadburn@stmarys-temple.org

News from the School Board:

Hi All,

I have not had any response for the cookbook - if you are interested in having family favorite recipes included, please send them via email or drop off a hard copy in the office and I will be happy to pick it up. I have heard there is a lot of interest...please let me know if you want to participate!

We are also planning to have a crawfish boil with Holy Trinity Catholic High School on April 22nd. I am hoping we can get a committee together to help organize and plan this event. If you are interested in helping, please either call me or email me and let me know! These boils are a lot of fun and it will be a great way to build community with our high school families as well!

Finally, our music program is in need of musical instruments and upgrades. If you have an instrument at home that you are willing to let the school use, please let me know that as well. We promise we will take very good care of the instruments and put them to good use! Please feel free to ask family members and neighbors if they would be willing to part with any unused instruments as well - **our Falcons can make a joyous noise unto the Lord with your help!** If you do not have an instrument and you would still like to participate, you can donate any sum of money towards the restoration of musical instruments we do receive.

As always, I am available to you via phone or email! Phone # [512-948-5222](tel:512-948-5222) and email tumamo@yahoo.com. If you have any ideas, thoughts, concerns or just want to talk, please don't hesitate to contact me, or any other member of the school board! Thanks for all you do for our school!

Thank you,

Roxanne Simcik

School Board President

EIM Training

In an effort to protect our children, the Diocese of Austin mandates that all individuals who have contact with our children must be in compliance with the Ethics and Integrity in Ministry Policy, which equips each of us with the tools and knowledge to protect our children from possible abuse and perpetrators. All parents **MUST** complete this process to be able to chaperone field trips, volunteer in your child's class and volunteer at the school

Upcoming EIM Classes

EIM Workshop St Monica Parish, Cameron 2/20/2018 6:00 PM 8:00 PM 1/45 0 ESPAÑOL

EIM Workshop St Martin Parish, Tours 2/20/2018 6:30 PM 8:30 PM 1/30 18 English

If you need more information please contact Mrs. Cayce at dcayce@stmarys-temple.org

Christian Service Opportunities Grades 4-8 Temple Library Winter Used Book Sale

Student volunteer shifts:

Saturday, February 24 (Sale set up)

10 am-12 pm

12 pm-2 pm

Saturday, March 3 (Sale take down)

10 am-12 pm

12 pm-2 pm

2 pm-4 pm

Volunteer Information:

*Take the lobby elevator up to the 3rd floor

*Ask for the Shift Supervisor at the checkout counter

*Pick up a community service form at the end of your shift(s)

Christian Service Hours Opportunity Grades 5-8

- ✓ Fish Fry Helpers: Knights of Columbus and KJT Fish Frys Fridays during Lent. Students in Grades 5-8 are invited to help. Please see the sign-up sheet in the office. Space is limited so do not delay. Hours of help are 4:30-7:30 p.m.

- ✓ 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)

Bricks 4 Kidz

A Bricks 4 Kidz representative has reached out to us seeking the opportunity to provide a program for our younger students (K-5th). A flyer has been attached. Please call the office or email if you are interested. I will let you know if there is sufficient interest.

Living Stations of the Cross

Living Stations of the Cross will take place on Friday, March 23rd. The Diocese of Austin directs that only Junior High (6th-8th grade) may attend this event. If you have a younger child and would like the child to attend you may take him or her. Please see the letter attached from the Diocese.

Registration is now open for the 2018-2019 school year.

Simple Steps for Re-Enrollment for next year

1. **Pay the registration fee (\$375/each). If you have multiple children and need to make arrangements, please contact Ms. Morales (rmorales@stmarys-temple.org)**
 - ✓ **You may pay the building fee (\$200) in the office or it can be added to your tuition.**

2. **FACTS will automatically have your next years account already set up.**
What if I need to make changes?

- ✓ Simply log into FACTS account
- ✓ Change bank account if necessary
- ✓ If you are adding another child, it will be done for you.

What if I am applying for tuition assistance?

- ✓ Simply log into FACTS account
- ✓ Upload your 2017 Tax Return and W2's

Anything else? You will be contacted if further information is needed.

What is next?

- ✓ Your tuition agreement in FACTS will be completed by the office
- ✓ **Reminder: FACTS will add their \$45 annual fee to your account**
- ✓ **Important Note: You will receive an email from FACTS before Mrs. Morales is able to deduct fees you may have already paid. It takes up to 24 hrs. for FACTS to process on their end. As soon as that is complete, she will deduct any payments you may have already made. She will then email you once everything is completed.**
- ✓ **If you are applying for tuition assistance, it will be determined by May and your tuition agreement will be completed once the amount is determined.**

3. Reweb Re-Enrollment for 2018 - 2019 school is ready for you to digitally sign forms and update emergency contacts, address, phone numbers, etc.

How do I do this?

- ✓ Simply log into [Renweb](#)
- ✓ Click on Family Information
- ✓ Click on enrollment/reenrollment and follow the instructions.
- ✓ If you do not have a username/password, you can create one. The district code is SMAR-TX
- ✓ There are few authorizations we need, as well as emergency contact information.

Anything else? You will be contacted if any further information is needed.

Do I need to upload anything? We should have all necessary paperwork (birth certificate, etc.) on file. Therefore, there is no need to upload anything. We will contact you if further information is needed.

That's it! If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact us.

Tuition assistance will be available to those who qualify. Applications opened 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. Those who receive tuition assistance will be required to help raise money during our tuition assistance fundraisers (\$100.00 for every \$1000.00 awarded).

Important Dates to Remember

Thurs. Feb 22 nd	* God Squad to Temple PD 10:00-11:30 a.m.
Fri. Feb 23 rd	*All School Mass 8:15 a.m. *Book Fair begins *Stations of the Cross 2:30 p.m. *Fish Fry at the Knights of Columbus Hall 5:00-7:00
Sat. Feb. 24 th	*5-K
Sun. Feb. 25 th	*Open House for Holy Trinity (see attached flyer)
Tues. Feb. 27 th	*Grades K,1 and 2 to the CAC
Thurs. March 1 st	*School Science Fair *Rescue Pups 3:30 (see attached flyer)
Fri. March 2 nd	*All School Mass 8:15 a.m. *Book Fair ends *Stations of the Cross 2:30 p.m. *Rescue Pups 3:30-4:00 *Fish Fry at the Knights of Columbus Hall 5:00-7:00
Sat. March 3 rd	*PSIA
Tues. March 6 th	*School Board 2:30 p.m.
Wed. March 8 th	*Spring Sports Pictures
Fri. March 9 th	*Stations of the Cross 2:30 *Fish Fry at Knights of Columbus Hall 5:00-7:00 *3 rd Quarter ends

Mon. March 12th-Fri. March 16th *Spring Break

Mon. March 19 th	*4 th Quarter begins
Thurs. March 22 nd	*Awards Assembly and Principal for the Day
Fri. March 23 rd	*All School Mass and NJHS Induction Ceremony *Living Stations of the Cross (please see attached letter) *Fish Fry at the Knights of Columbus 5:00-7:00
Sun. March 25 th	*Family Mass at St. Luke Church
Wed. March 28 th	*Walking for Education
Thurs. March 29 th	*Holy Thursday: Noon dismissal: Easter Break
Fri. March 30 th	*Good Friday
Sun. April 1 st	*Happy Easter
Tues. April 3 rd	*School reopens