

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,

On Sunday our second graders made their First Holy Communion. What a beautiful sacramental celebration. Thank you to Mrs. Rockwood for sharing your spirituality with your students and helping them prepare for such an important sacrament. Thank you, parents, for your support of Mrs. Rockwood and your child as he/she travels on their faith journey at St. Mary's Catholic School. Congratulations students.....

Charles Brust

Nathan Cayce

Sean Lukose

Olivia Maldonado

Sophia McKenna

Dylan Morgan

Jackson Nash

Anuki Pelawatta

Athena Pena

Julien Ramos

Claire Snider

Addison Yowell

Kalli Cayce--Grade 5

Jared Solis---Grade 5

Each year a valedictorian is chosen from the 8th grade to address the congregation at graduation. This honor is bestowed upon the 8th grader with the highest grade point average in grades 7th and 8th grade. I am proud to share with you that Bryce Eichelkraut has earned this honor with a 99.2 GPA. Congratulations to Bryce and his family.

Tuition Assistance notifications have begun to be sent. If you have applied for tuition assistance, and have not received notification by Friday the 4th, the following may be delaying your notification.

1. If your application has not been verified through FACTS (call FACTS)

2. **If you are missing your tax return or W-2 for 2017 (call FACTS)**
3. **If you have any outstanding financial obligations to the school. This may be tuition or lunch account. (call Ms. Morales)**

Once you have received notification please make sure you indicate accept so your registration may be completed by Ms. Morales.

Registration is well under-way and classes are being determined. As I mentioned at the PTC meeting, we are so excited to be opening a second Kindergarten next year. As we grow, we may have waiting lists. If you are returning, and have not registered for next year, please do so before the last day of school. I am also beginning the interview process for new faculty coming in. The student count is important for this as well.

Information for our end of the year fun day at Spare Time (grades Pre-K-7th) will be sent in next week's newsletter. However, chaperones must be EIM certified, or registered for an upcoming class, to attend. There are no exceptions.

Thank you for all you do to support St. Mary's Catholic School.

**Sincerely,
Mrs. Wyles**

P.S. Our Book Fair begins this Friday. This is the buy one get one free event of the year!

NEWS AND INFORMATION

May Crowning this Friday, May 4th, at the 8:15 All School Mass

This Friday we will honor Mary, our Mother with her May Crowning. This is a tradition at St. Mary's Catholic School. Eighth grade students who would like the honor of crowning Mary write an essay about Mary which is judged by faculty. Those students chosen to crown Mary this year are Carolina Compean and Andrew Lindberg. Congratulations.

All students, excluding 8th grade, are asked to bring a flower to honor Mary and be part of the procession at the beginning of Mass. The flowers for the 8th grade will be provided. Holy Trinity students will also be in attendance to help us celebrate.

National Day of Prayer 2018

Thursday, May 3rd is the National Day of Prayer. Students at St. Mary's Catholic School will offer specific prayers for our nation on this day. We ask that you too offer prayers.

Did you know that the *National Day of Prayer* was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. In 1988, the law was unanimously amended by both the House and the Senate and signed into law by President Ronald Reagan on Thursday, May 5, 1988, designating the first Thursday of May as a day of national prayer. Every president since 1952 has signed a *National Day of Prayer* proclamation.

Prayer brings people together. Prayer builds bridges between opposing persons and even political parties. Prayer reminds us that we are created in God's image and He desires for us to represent Him everywhere we go. Prayer brings UNITY. In 2018, our theme is Pray for America - UNITY, based upon Ephesians 4:3 which challenges us to mobilize unified public prayer for America, "Making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

Golf 2018-2019 Grades 6-8

Coach Wyles will hold a meeting on Monday, May 14th, from 3:30-4:15 for anyone who is interested in joining the golf team for the 2018-2019 school year. At least one parent is asked to be in attendance.

Soccer Survey for Middle School

Middle School students may have the chance to play soccer next year. Please take the short survey provided at this link if your child is interested. <https://goo.gl/forms/U3hqEEUD2O74V01d2>

Yearbook News

Yearbooks will be here soon, have you purchased your yet? After today the price goes up from \$23.00 to \$27.00.

Lana Shadburn

Director of Development

A Note from Amber Neiser

National Teacher/Staff Appreciation Day falls on May 8th this year. We would like to show each member of the SMCS staff our thanks this day with a gift & breakfast. Below is the link to the signup with more information.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040e4dada92dab9-national>

Cheer News

Cheerleader sign-up packets for the 2018-2019 school year are available in the school office. The mandatory fitting for all new cheerleaders is May 10th at 3:45. Packets must be turned into the office by May 7th. The new Cheer Coaches for next year are Eugina Smith (Isabella Smith Pardo's mom) and Rose Jolly (Katie Jolly's mom).

Sports Physicals at Holy Trinity

For the convenience of St. Mary's families we will be having our Athletic/school physicals on May 21, 2018 from 5:30 p.m. till 7:30 p.m. This year we will be charging **\$10 a Physical** If you have any questions or would like to help please feel free to contact Coach Koch @ gkoch@holytrinitychs.org or our Trainer Billy Laxton @ billy.laxton@BSWHealth.org.

Yard Signs

Attention all who put SMCS yard signs in their yard for service hours. Thank You! Please return them to the school no later than Wednesday, May 16th.

Thank you,
Lana Shadburn
lahadburn@stmarys-temple.org

Registration 2018-2019

If you have questions on registration for the 2018-2019 school year please contact Ms. Morales by phone (254-778-8141) or email (rmorales@stmarys-temple.org).

Temple Police Department Summer Camp

Temple Police Department will hold summer camp for grades 4-7 this summer. Registration forms are in the office.

4th and 5th Grade Camp: June 18-22nd and July 19-13th
6th and 7th Grade Camp: June 25-29th and July 16th-20th

Important Dates to Remember (till the end of the year 😊)

Thurs. May 3rd	*Spirit Day (students may wear any St. Mary's shirt) *National Day of Prayer *Popcorn Day
Fri. May 4th	*All School Mass and May Crowning 8:15 a.m. *Book Fair Begins
Sat. May 5th	*PSIA State: TCU, Fort Worth
Mon. May 7th	*Book Fair continues all week *Meet and Greet with Risse (our new uniform company) 6:00-7:00 (In the Gym)
Tues. May 8th	*Grade 3 Retreat
Thurs. May 10th	*Spring Concert at Holy Trinity 6:30 p.m.
Fri. May 11th	*All School Mass 8:15 a.m.
Sun. May 13th	*Happy Mother's Day
Mon. May 14th - Wed. May 16th	*8th Grade Final Exams
Thurs. May 17th	*8th Grade Fun Day *Spirit Day (students may wear any St. Mary's shirt)

Fri. May 18th *8th Grade Baccalaureate Mass and Farewell Breakfast
Sat. May 19th *8th Grade Graduation 10:00 a.m.
Mon. May 21st - Wed. May 23rd
*Final Exams Grades 4-8
Thurs. May 24th *End of Year Fun Day (Pre-K -7th) Spare Time
Fri. May 25th *All School Mass 8:15 a.m.
*Noon dismissal (Summer Vacation begins 🕶)
Wed. May 30th *Report Cards issued