



St. Mary's Catholic School

Your Weekly News

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Principal's Corner

By now you should have received the feasibility study results letter in the mail sharing the news that St. Mary's has reached a consensus to accept the Steier Group's recommendations and move forward with a campaign.

As a parish family, St. Mary's is embarking upon a five-year capital campaign to accomplish the following:

- Renovate the parish hall
- Build a new gymnasium

In our last campaign, our parish community came together to ensure that our children will continue to have a great place to receive their Catholic education by purchasing the Reagan Building. It is time again to call upon the "St. Mary's Spirit" to come together in this effort focused on our church and school. Based on a successful past and the feedback we received from all of you, we are confident that this campaign will be as successful as our last. We ask for your prayers and your support as we continue to build upon the rich tradition of our St. Mary's community.

Please look at the enclosed Q&A sheet for some common questions that arose during the recent feasibility study.

Look for further campaign updates in future school newsletters.

Thank you,

Mr. Melone

Reminder:

There will be NO school on Monday, January 18, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, January 28, 1:00 p.m. School will dismiss for Teacher In-service in Waco. Extended Day is available for those students who are enrolled in the after-school program and for all students that normally ride the bus. The Holy Trinity Bus Service will run at 3:30 p.m. All other students are to be picked up from school at 1:00 p.m.

Plan to Attend

A fundraiser, **Concert for Life**, will be held on Friday, January 22, at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe, 707 S 6th Street, Temple, to help raise money for our new gym. Come hear the music of Eric Genuis with excellent musicians, Renata Steve, violinist; Krista Adams, vocalist; and Mary Beth Hussey, cellist.

Chess Club

There have been a few changes to the Chess Club. Mrs. Catherine Astran, with the help of parent volunteers, has agreed to provide supervision and some guidance so the club can continue. The Chess Club will primarily be a gathering place for people to play, not necessarily learn, chess. Chess Club will meet every Wednesday, 3:30 – 4:45 p.m. Thank you, Mrs. Astran, for continuing the Chess Club.

Spring Clearance

Now is the time to stock up on some great St. Mary's gear! We have some medium, large, and extra large SMCS windbreakers to sell. Although they generally sell for \$30, we are offering them to you for a mere \$10. We are also selling over-stocked spirit shirts for \$5, usually \$12. Come browse in our Spirit Shop, which is temporarily located in the 1st floor science lab. We will sell reusable tote bags for \$3 and pencils for \$0.25.

Catholic Schools Week

Check the Campus Life section of our website to see our complete schedule of events for this year's CSW.

Wizard of Oz Information

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, January 20, from 3:45 – 4:45 p.m. in the Parish Hall for **all cast members and their parents**. All cast members will be measured for costumes. Volunteers are needed to assist with taking measurements. Please bring a measuring tape if you have one. Parents will also be given information about play rehearsals.

Middle School Science Fair

The middle school Science Fair will be held in the Parish Hall on Monday, January 25. Students are to bring their completed projects to school on Monday. They will then take them over to the Parish Hall and set the projects up for judging.

PTC Update

Thank you to everyone who attended Tuesday evening's PTC meeting. We had a lot to discuss and we greatly appreciated your ideas. If you missed Tuesday's meeting and would like to know what was discussed, please refer to the meeting's minutes on the school website (under PTC).

Parent Volunteers Needed

Attached you will find a request for parents willing to "sub" in classrooms during the off-campus teacher appreciation lunch at Dead Fish Grill on Thursday, Feb. 4th from 11:00 until 1:00 or 1:30. Duties will include supervising lunch in the classrooms (students will be "brown bagging" lunch that day), and leading an activity with the students. Teachers will be asked to have activities prepared for volunteers. However, if you have your own ideas for activities to do with the students, please let us know. Some ideas may include playing favorite board games, doing a simple arts and crafts project, etc. Please contact Margo Kok at 771-2526 or mkok@earthlink.net or your child's room mom as soon as possible if you would like to volunteer. Thanks!

Parent Fellowship Lunch for January –

Our "Parent Lunch Out" for January will take place on Thursday, January 21st, from 11:30 – 1:00 at Clem Mikeska's BBQ in Temple. Please join us for food, fellowship, & a chance to connect with other St. Mary's parents. Please RSVP to Julie Ruiz at 295-0245 or julie_ruiz@yahoo.com if you are planning to attend. We hope to see you there!

Save the Date – Friday, Feb. 5th

This month's **Family Fun Night** will be extra-special! As the culmination of our Catholic Schools Week's festivities, St. Mary's is sponsoring a **Mother-Son Flag Football Game** followed by a **Father-Daughter** prepared and served **Spaghetti Dinner**. Look for more details about this coming your way in the next several days.

Sports

Contact: nbigon@stmarys-temple.org

A huge hug and many thank yous to the **anonymous donor** for the new reversible basketball uniforms, the players will look great in them. We are also very fortunate to have new basketballs that were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Klaus. The basketballs are very much needed and appreciated.

The girls' basketball tournament is this Saturday, January 16th, at Troy Middle School. Their first game will be at 11:00 am then they will play again at 1:00 pm.

The boys' basketball tournament will be in Holland on January 23rd. They will play their first game at 11:00 and then next game will be at either 1:00 or 3:00.

SMCS Home Tournament Supplies

Please bring in one six-pack of the following items for our home games: water, Gatorade (red, yellow, and purple only), Dr Pepper, Coke, or Sprite. **Our concession stand is out of everything. Your personal contributions and support of our home games does make a difference.**

Volunteers Needed

Our annual basketball tournaments (hosted here at St. Mary's Catholic School) are fast approaching. The girls' tournament will be held on January 22 and 23. The boys' tournament will be held on January 29 and 30. If you need more parent volunteer hours, we need help in the following areas:

- Concession Stand
- Gate (entry)
- Score board
- Running the clock
- Refreshments for coaches and referees