



St. Mary's Catholic School

Your Weekly News

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Principal's Corner

This week we officially entered into an agreement with Smart tuition management. For the next school year, you will be able to pay your tuition and check your account balance online. You will also be able to pay through the traditional invoice method as well as over the phone. We will have an information session sometime in the coming weeks with a representative from Smart Tuition to explain any questions that you may have.

For the next school year, we will also be having some slight changes in the uniform. I will be giving further information on the changes in the near future.

Of course, we are still gearing up for our capital campaign for a new gymnasium and renovation of the parish hall. I invite you all to attend our "Concert for Life" tonight Our Lady of Guadalupe parish hall at 7 pm.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Holy Trinity Catholic High School who now plan to begin construction of their new high school soon after January 29th. Let us keep Mr. Mosmeyer and the HTCHS family in our thoughts and prayers.

Thank you and God bless,

Mr. Melone

Reminder:

On Thursday, January 28, school will dismiss at 1:00 p.m. for a teacher in-service in Waco. Extended Day is available for those students who are currently 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.

Tonight!

A fundraiser, **Concert for Life**, will be held tonight 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 beautiful music of Eric Genuis, along with other excellent musicians such as violinist Renata Steve, vocalist Krista Adams, and cellist Mary Beth Hussey.

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.

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. We also have a surplus of yearbooks dating back to the early 2000s.

Student Council Chili Sale

Student Council is now taking orders for Mr. Johnny Walker's homemade Chili. They will sell the chili until Thursday, January 28. The chili will be available for pick-up on Friday, January 29, after school.

Catholic Schools Week

Plan to join us for as many activities as you can during Catholic Schools Week, January 31-February 5. Begin with Sunday Mass at the parish of your choice. Encourage your children to wear their school uniform to Mass and to tell everyone that they attend St. Mary's Catholic School. Invite your friends to visit the school during Catholic Schools Week from 9-11 a.m. or 1-3 p.m. For a complete list of activities, please visit our website.

Pre-Sale for Yearbooks

The order form for the 2009-2010 Yearbook will be sent home on Friday, January 29. If you purchase your yearbook on or before the early bird deadline, February 12, the price will be \$23.50. If you wait until after February 12th to purchase a yearbook, the cost increases to \$27.50.

Congratulations

Danielle Clyatt, first grade, won the scooter in the Mr. Earl contest.

Iowa Testing

Parents, please be aware that we will be administering our standardized tests during the second week of February. Please reschedule doctor, dentist, and all other appointments if you have scheduled any for the week of **February 8-12**. There will be no extra-curricular activities (play, chess, sports, or PSIA practice) during that week.

PTC Update

Falcon Needed

We are still looking for a parent who would be willing to serve as the Falcon at the "Pep Rally" school assembly on Monday, Feb. 1 during last period. The assembly will kick off a week full of events celebrating Catholic Schools Week. Please contact the front office or Sarah Majors at sarahkmajors@aol.com or 654-0156 if you would like to volunteer.

"Head Chef" Dad(s) Needed

Also in celebration of Catholic Schools Week, St. Mary's is having a special Family Fun Night on Friday, Feb. 5th. Moms will be playing flag football with their sons, and dads and daughters will be preparing and serving a spaghetti dinner for everyone to enjoy after the game. We need one or two dads who would be willing to be the "go to" guy(s) for this special event. Please contact Julie Ruiz if you are interested at julie_ruiz@yahoo.com or 239-4000. Thanks!!

Volunteers Needed for Feb. 4th Teacher

We are still looking for parents willing to volunteer in classrooms while our teachers are at the Dead Fish Grill for a special Teacher appreciation luncheon on Thursday, Feb. 4. ***Students will be "brown bagging" their lunches that day*** and it would be the volunteers' responsibility to eat with the children in their classrooms and then supervise an activity. The commitment would be from approximately 11-1 or 1:30. Please contact Margo Kok at 771-2526 or mkok@earthlink.net if you would like to volunteer. We're hoping to have 2 volunteers per classroom.

Desserts Needed for Open House

We are looking for parents willing to donate baked goods to serve at the Open House on Sunday, January 31st from 10-1. Anything sweet -- cookies, brownies, etc. -- would be terrific. Please contact Sarah Majors at sarahkmajors@aol.com or 654-0156 if you would be able to bring something.

Sports

Contact: nbigon@stmarys-temple.org

Congratulations, to the girls' basketball team. They placed first in the Troy Jr. High School Tournament this past Saturday. The team members are: Fernanda Duenas, Claire Amato, Rebecca Lindberg, Kylie Klaus, Danielle Hallissey, Emma Villamaria, Cheyenne Whitney, Andi Cyr, and Kimberly Cyr.

SMCS Home Tournament

Our next girls' basketball game will be Friday and Saturday, January 22 and 23, when they play in our school tournament in the Parish Hall. We invite everyone to come to the tournament to cheer and support our teams this weekend. Games will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, January 22 and then again at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 23.

If you wish to watch the boys' basketball team, they will be playing in Holland on Saturday, January 23rd. They will play their first game at 11:00 a.m. and then the next game will be at either 1:00 p.m. or 3:00 p.m.

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. **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 now upon us. 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

Service Hours

The following students have completed their service hour requirements: Mikayla Medina, Travis Blackburn, Emily Starr, Becky Aaronson, William Black, Demetric Brandon, and Chris Walker.

Teacher Appreciation Raffle

The following faculty and staff were winners of the teacher breakfast raffle: Bernie Hickman, Linda Lindberg, Lana Shadburn, Nita Bigon, Angelica Torija, Laxmi Chintapalli, Dave Hickman, and Carolyn Groseclose. Congratulations to our winners.