



# St. Mary's Catholic School

## Your Weekly News

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*Learn Well ~ Live Well ~ Serve Well*

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### Principal's Corner

With the upcoming Catholic Schools Week, those of us who work in, attend, or support Catholic schools are to take time to celebrate all that Catholic schools offer and the many different benefits of a Catholic education. I invite students, parents, and families to submit to me their reasons why they attend or support Catholic schools. You can send me an email, write me a letter, or just stop by and share your story. Catholic schools have positively impacted millions of children throughout the years. I think it is vital that we recognize how we are a small part in the much greater mission of the Church to educate students in the ways of our faith.

I thank each and every one of you for supporting St. Mary's Catholic School, whether this is your first year or your fifteenth year. St. Mary's has been here for a long time and will be here for generations to come with the help of people like you.

Thank you and God bless,

Mr. Melone  
Principal

### Catholic Schools' Week

Join us on Sunday, January 31, from 10-1 for our Open House. Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria. Tell your friends this is a great opportunity to visit the school and meet with the teachers. If they want to see students in action, invite them to come Monday-Friday from 9-11 or 1-3. We will be happy to give them a tour. Our week of activities includes the following:

**Sunday:** Mass at the Parish of your choice. Students are requested to wear their school uniforms to Mass.

**Monday:** Spirit day for students. Wear your "Favorite Sports Team" tee shirt with appropriate jeans and shoes. All-school assembly from 2:30-3:10 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Sporty foods will be on the lunch menu.

**Tuesday:** Parent appreciation. NJHS will serve donuts and coffee at the cul-de-sac during drop-off of students in the morning. HTCHS basketball game that afternoon.

**Wednesday:** Mayor Jones makes a proclamation for Catholic Schools' Week at Mass. Mayor Jones will also visit the school after Mass. Parents are invited to join us for Mass. Temple Deanery Priests are invited to a luncheon. Students will guide priests on a tour of the school which culminates with a performance by the Regina Cantores choir.

**Thursday:** Student "Pajama Day." Students may wear their appropriate pajamas to school with their school shoes. Teachers invited to off-campus luncheon. Students are to bring a brown bag lunch.

**Friday:** All-school Mass. HTCHS joins us for Mass. HTCHS choir will join our church choir in song. Family fun night begins with mother-son football game. Father-daughter supper served following the game.

**Saturday:** First Reconciliation.

## Middle School Science Fair Winners

St. Mary's Catholic School held its annual Science Fair on Monday, January 25. There were 49 entries and 64 students participating. Congratulations to the following students:

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Physical Science

1. Kathlyn Glover
2. William Black
3. Ahmari Simmons

Honorable Mention: Jennifer Kolessar

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Life Science

1. Ryan Dobos
2. Joanna Fetherman
3. Gabby Scott

Honorable Mention: Jahandar Farrokhnejad

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Team Division

1. Claire Amato & Sumner Moore
2. Hunter Sanchez, Kim Cyr & Mary Rongey
3. Natalie Lauver & Danielle Hallissey

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Life Science

1. Casha Huizar
2. Rebecca Lindberg
3. Andi Cyr

Honorable Mention: John Escobedo

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Physical Science

1. Daniela Cobos
2. Andrea Reano
3. Sam Haynes

Honorable Mention: Sarah Colley

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Team Division

1. Rebecca Albers & Emma Villamaria
2. Cheyenne Whitney & Alaina Llamas
3. Kylie Klaus & Sarah Baker

Honorable Mention: Simon Pinkston & Jacob Watson.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Life Science

1. Mary Hinze
2. Hannah Gokingco
3. Jamie Joy

Honorable Mention: JR Morgan

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Physical Science

1. Nick Amato
2. Juliana Frost
3. Christopher Walker

Honorable Mention: Mark Mata

## Middle School Science Fair Winners

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Team Division

1. Haley Taylor & Becky Aaronson
2. Molly Daheim & Fernanda Duenas
3. William Ford & John Ogunmuyiwa

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Best of Show

Mary Hinze

Thank you to all the students, parents, judges, and teachers. You made our Science Fair a great success.

## Script Rebates

To date, we have made \$1419.29 in profit from the Scrip program. With our Scrip policy, that returns (50%) to families to help with tuition and (50%) toward the school to help with our operating budget. Keep up the great work!

## Cafeteria Help Needed

A volunteer is needed to help in the cafeteria on Friday, February 12. Please let Mrs. Broadwater know if you can volunteer.

## Tuition and Fees

We are currently in the process of working out the final tuition rates and fees for the 2010-2011 school year. As mentioned before, we are going to use **Smart Tuition Management** for the 2010-2011 school year. **Pre-Registration will begin within the next few weeks. Please begin to plan ahead for this expense.**

I would like to remind parents that if they have not paid the building fee of \$150 they must do so now. If you know you are not going to be able to finish your parent volunteer hours between now and March 19, please pay the difference in hours worked and hours owed. For each hour that you worked, your name went in the bucket for free, reduced, or discounted tuition for the 2010-2011 school year. We will have the drawing at our last PTC meeting in April. If you are behind in tuition payments, please use your tax refund to catch you up to date. St. Mary's Catholic School depends on your tuition payments. If you have any questions, please, contact me.

Thank you, Teresa Wynecoop  
[finance@stmarys-temple.org](mailto:finance@stmarys-temple.org).

## **St Mary's Catholic School**

The first phase of our capital campaign is off to a terrific start. The preparation phase is winding down, and we are happy to announce that our campaign leadership committee is nearly complete. We are wrapping up the final details for our case statement, which will be mailed out in the next few weeks. This case statement will begin to provide you with answers to many of the questions you might have about our campaign.

The school effort will begin in late February and continue through mid-April. Each school family will be contacted either by mail or personal visit from a campaign representative in order to review the goals, answer your questions, and ask for your consideration of a gift. The pledge period is five-years, and I am hopeful to have 100% participation from the entire school. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending one of our Campaign Kickoff presentations at all Masses on the weekend of February 20 and 21. Following each Mass, campaign leaders and volunteers will be available to discuss the campaign and answer any questions you may have. I look forward to seeing you there.

Mr. Melone

## **PSIA**

Parents and students participating in PSIA, the deadline for registration and payment for the district contests is here. If you have not yet signed the permission/volunteer form sent home and/or sent the \$5.00 per contest entered, please forward it to Ms. Kelley by Monday, 2/1/10. The district contest director is scheduling rooms and purchasing ribbons and medals, and we need to have our share of the costs in by this week.

We have an outstanding group of young people competing this year. Approximately 120 contests are scheduled to be taken. It should be an outstanding PSIA for us.

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## **Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS)**

Students will be administered the ITBS achievement test during the week of February 8-12. There will be no extracurricular activities during this testing period. That includes sports practice, choir, play rehearsal, MathCounts, and PSIA practice.

## **Sports Update**

Monday will be our last basketball game of the season. We will play this game in Gause even though Monday is a test day. This game was schedule several months ago and could not be changed.

Soccer sign-ups will begin next week.

Remember students, you must be passing in the five major subjects and have a conduct grade of B- or above in all subjects to participate.