



# St. Mary's Catholic School

## Your Weekly News

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### Principal's Corner

It was very nice to see everyone back in school and readjusting to the daily routine. We have had an unusual week, as we have had to bear everything from freezing temperatures to a lack of electricity. During Mass on Friday morning, we lost power inside the parish and parish offices when a transformer blew out. Students were escorted early from Mass back across to the main school building, which was not affected by the loss of power. Our students handled the situation very well, and I applaud their maturity.

On another note, we are in the preparation phase for the capital campaign for the new gym. To make this campaign successful, we will be relying on your support. I will continue to update you on the progress of the campaign. More information will be forthcoming later this month.

Thank you and have a blessed weekend.

Mr. Melone

### Honor Roll Mass

Please join us for Mass at 8:05 a.m. on Friday, January 15, as we honor the students who made the Pastor's and Principal's Honor Roll. The Honor Roll Mass will be for both the elementary and middle school students.

### Reminder:

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

### Mark the Date!

A fundraiser will be held on Friday, January 20, at 7:00 p.m. to help raise money for our new gym. Plan to join us at Our Lady of Guadalupe for an evening of music performed by Eric Genuis.

### Special Thank You to St. Luke's

We would like to acknowledge St. Luke's Catholic Church for their continued support of Catholic Education. Each year St. Luke's Parish provides St. Mary's Catholic School with \$14,400 in tuition subsidy. St. Luke's Church recently sent us \$15,000 in addition to their yearly pledge to St. Mary's Catholic School. Thank you to the parishioners of St. Luke's Catholic Church for your continued support.

### Box Tops

We received a check from General Mills for our collection of Box Tops for Education for \$627.70. Mrs. Blenden, thank you for all of the hours of work that you completed to benefit the school. We appreciate you!

## Barnes and Noble

Dr. Linda Parman and Mrs. Margo Kok, we would like to say thank you again for arranging the Barnes and Noble Book Fair. We received a gift card for \$1,187.24. Each homeroom teacher will be given the opportunity to order a set of books for their classroom.

## Library “Mr. Earl”

“Mr. Earl” is back! Our annual magazine fundraiser begins **on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**. This year’s goal is only **75 completed booklets!** Please help us continue our Library’s magazine subscriptions, which include American Girl, Smithsonian, National Geographic, Air and Space, Boy’s Life, Girl’s Life, Zoobooks, National Geographic for Kids, Calliope, Cobblestone, and Sports Illustrated for Kids.

Look for a booklet of postcards with a picture of the “Glow-in-the-dark” Looney Tunes shirt on the cover. Complete this booklet and send it back to school before January 15<sup>th</sup>.

We will mail them to the company that then mails out the postcards. Check the details regarding how your child can receive a free T-shirt!

Each completed booklet goes into the drawing for a Razor Kick Scooter! Additionally, every booklet earns a free gift!

Thanks for your help!

Mrs. Hickman

## Parents Luncheon

### Parents’ Lunch at Clem Mikeska’s

It’s time for our second parent lunch and get together. If you want to become more involved in the St. Mary’s Catholic School community, then please join us from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, at Clem Mikeska’s. Clem Mikeska’s is located at 1217 South 57<sup>th</sup> Street. This is a great way to meet other parents. The last one was held on November 12<sup>th</sup> and was a huge success. Please R.S.V.P. to Julie Ruiz at 295-0245 if you would like to attend. We hope to see a lot of you there!

## Congratulations

At the beginning of the school year, Target offered a field trip grant to teachers that applied and met qualifications. Mrs. McIntosh applied for a field trip grant to take her students to NASA. Mrs. McIntosh has been notified that her science classes was awarded \$800 to put toward the cost of the trip to Houston.

## New Carpet

Mr. Charles Butler donated new carpet and pad for our current band room. The installation of the pad and carpet is greatly appreciated by grades 1 and 2 as the new padding helps keep the band music upstairs and not in their rooms. Thank you, Mr. Butler, for this generous donation.

## Pro-Life Club

The Pro-Life Club is sponsoring a poem contest for the junior high. The theme is “Life is Precious.” All entries must be turned in by Friday, January 25. Please turn in your entries to Rebecca Albers or Hannah Gokingco. Winners will read their poems during Catholic Schools’ Week.

The prizes awarded will be:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: \$25 gift card of the winner’s choice from the Scrip program.

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$15 gift card of the winner’s choice from the Scrip program.

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: \$10 gift card to Maggie Moo’s.

## Sports

**Contact:** [nbigon@stmarys-temple.org](mailto:nbigon@stmarys-temple.org)

Our next basketball games will be on Monday, January 11, in Waco at Live Oak. The girls' game will start at 5:00 and the boys' game will be at 6:00. On Thursday, January 14, we play CTCS. The girls' game will start at 5:00 and the boys' game at 6:00. Parents, if you can volunteer to drive students to these games, please let me know.

The girls' basketball team will be in a tournament on January 16, at Troy Middle School. Their first game will be at 11:00 a.m. and again at 1:00 pm.

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

## PSIA

Within the next two weeks, teachers will be making lists of participants to be submitted as St. Mary's Catholic School's competitors. To sign up for the competitions, elementary students need to contact their teachers, Mrs. Hinze for 4/5 math, or Mrs. Bremer for music memory. Middle School students may see Mrs. Ramthun for science, Mr. Gokingco for Math, Mr. Becker for Maps, Graphs and Charts, or Ms. Kelley for the English related competitions and on-site drawing.

The District PSIA tournament will be held at the Brazos Christian School in Bryan, TX. on February 27, 2010. Students who qualify for competition should be preparing on their own as well as with the teachers. Each contest has a \$5.00 entry fee which may be sent in with the permission slip and parent volunteer form. All of these will be due by January 22, 2010.

Thanks to all of the students, parents, and teachers already hard at work preparing for this event!