



St. Mary's Catholic School

Your Weekly News

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Principal's Corner

To help St. Mary's celebrate St. Patrick's day, the school will be making next Thursday, March 11th, an Irish, or anything green-related, spirit day. Students are encouraged to show their Irish pride in appropriate attire and bring a bit of the luck of the Irish to school that day.

I also encourage parents to attend our PTC meeting on Tuesday, as Rory Reeve from Smart Tuition will be present to show the new tuition and fee payment options available to parents for the 2010-2011 school year. Parents will be able to choose from automatic withdrawal, online payment, over the phone, or through traditional invoice and check method.

As you all know, we are in the midst of the capital campaign and the support thus far has been tremendous. We appreciate those who have pledged already and continue to ask for everyone to take part. Check out the campaign thermometers in the school and in the church for an updated amount of pledges raised.

Thank you and God bless,

Mr. Melone

PSIA

The results are in! St. Mary's Catholic School scored highest in elementary, middle School and overall in the district 11A contest! Individually, St. Mary's Catholic School has twenty-four students going to the state competition with thirteen first alternates available to fill in. Congratulations to all of the students and parents who worked long and hard in order to achieve this!

Special thanks go out to the parents and alumni who helped make the competition possible by acting as contest directors, assistant directors, judges, and graders. Without massive "volunteer" help, PSIA could not exist, and the help from these individuals is truly appreciated.

Jim, Sue, and Elizabeth Fetherman
Matt and Corey Gokingco
Karen Hinze
Linda Parman and Grant Miller
Amy and Steve Dobos
Kristen Mosmeyer
Penelope Holland Barkis
Susan Higgins
Pallavi Maryala
Anne Bremer
Yolanda Mares
Karen Green
Melissa Frei
James, Kathy, and Hannah Albers

Please note:

Students received ribbons on Saturday because shipping problems delayed the medals for state. These have arrived at Brazos Christian School and are being mailed this week to the school. Hopefully, they will arrive before Thursday of next week as we have scheduled the **yearbook pictures for the PSIA district competitors and state competitors at 9:50am Thursday, March 11**. Medals will be given to the students before the picture, but student may also bring their ribbons for display if they wish. State competitor packets will be delivered soon. Each entry will need a \$6.00 registration fee and another round of volunteerism, so be thinking of your next role in PSIA!

Spring Raffle

We are excited to announce our St. Mary's Catholic School Raffle. This year, we will be selling tickets for the chance of winning a \$10,000 Visa Debit Card.

If each family can sell 10 tickets, our school will net \$20,000. Selling those tickets might be easier than you think. For example, if you have two sets of grandparents, one sibling each, and godparents, and they each purchase one ticket, you have sold 5 tickets already.

In addition, we will be selling tickets at Wal-Mart on March 13, 2010 and at the Bloomin' Temple Festival in April. If anyone would like to help sell tickets at these locations, please contact me at 254.721.5351. What a great way to earn volunteer hours!

For every ten tickets a student sells, they will have their name added for a special drawing!

Stop by the school office, pick up some tickets, and start selling!

Thanks!
Sandra Esqueda
Raffle Chairperson

Mission Boxes

The Mission boxes are due Tuesday, April 6. The class that returns the most in donations will win a pizza party with all the trimmings.

In-House Registration

This is the final week to save \$25 on the registration fee. In-house registration will continue through Friday, March 12, at the discounted rate. Registration for the general population will begin on Monday, March 22. The registration fee increases to \$375 or \$450 per child.

NJHS Food Drive

The NJHS Food Drive is underway. The class that brings in the most weight in food will win a pizza day. The NJHS is also raising funds to supplement teacher's continuing education in the summer. They are hosting a "Lenten soup supper" on Tuesday, March 9, just before the PTC meeting. Serving will start at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Little Aggies for winning the 9/10 girls' division in the Ralph Wilson Youth Club basketball league. They won their Championship game 21-15, giving them a perfect 8-0 record for the season. Fifth graders Taylor Frei, Catherine Lowry, Gwynnie Steers, and Sara Villamaria made up the core of this team.

PTC Meeting – Tuesday, March 9th –

Please be sure to join us this Tuesday, March 9th at **6:00** in the Parish Hall for a very special PTC meeting. **Mr. Rory Reeve will be with us to discuss the Smart Tuition program for the 2010-2011 school year.** Ms. Groseclose's Kindergarten class will be performing in honor of St. Patrick's Day and the National Junior Honor Society will be providing a Lenten Poor Man's Supper to support continuing education for SMCS teachers. We look forward to seeing all of you there!