

**Tuition Assistance for Catholic Families**

Information for Catholic Assistance Program for Education (CAPE) for 2018/19 is available from me.

Application can be made on-line. The deadline for submitting is April 20.

*Families requesting CAPE funds should have applied to Empower Illinois first to attempt to secure scholarship funding through the Invest in Kids Act.*

Smart will generate a report that includes estimates of what families can contribute toward tuition. With the information in this report, Monsignor Lantz and I will stretch the available funds as far as possible.

No one will be considered for tuition assistance without first submitting the application to Smart Tuition Aid.

Smart rates the applications based on the completeness of information and documentation provided. In apportioning CAPE funds, Mass attendance, the rating of the application, and whether the deadline was met will all weigh in the decision. Tuition assistance will be divided to help as many **practicing Catholic families whose children are up to date on their sacraments** as possible.

To keep the CAPE fund solvent, a yellow envelope is included in the monthly parish envelope packet for all three of our churches. Parishioners have responded generously and used the envelopes to make donations, large and small, to CAPE.

Mrs. Robertson

**ST. MARY SCHOOL  
FAMILY NOTES**

March 12, 2018

**Living Stations of the Cross**



Fifth grade students will present Stations of the Cross on Wed., March 14, at 2:00 in the church. Please join us.

**Children's Masses**

10:30 - Tuesday, 3/13  
Nursing Home Mass - Gr. 3 travels to Taylorville Estates.  
9:00—Thursday, 3/15  
Grade 6 will lead.

*Please join us!*

**SPRING FLING**

“Spring Fling”, will be held on Saturday, April 21, at the American Legion Hall in Stonington. Tickets are on sale. For \$100 you receive two dinners & select beverages as well as the chance to win \$5000 & bid on some great prizes. Tickets are coming home backpack mail tomorrow.

\*Thank you to those who have donated for the Wall of Wine. If you have an extra bottle or two sitting around, please send it in. This is pure profit!



**Report Cards for Gr. 1-6**

In order to receive your child's report card for the 3rd quarter, tuition payments need to be current by then. Report cards for the 3rd quarter will go home on March 15. This policy applies to all families whether you pay through Smart Tuition or directly to the school. We count on your timely payment!

Spring Fling tickets will also be withheld if tuition is not current.



**Empower Illinois**

If you registered, but haven't received a link yet, don't worry. I learned today that links are still being batched out and will be for at least another week. I will be glad to provide you with an acceptance letter. You will not be disqualified if you don't have one when you apply. It can be uploaded or faxed later. The 7 day application window begins when the link is sent to you, not when you open it. So be on the look out!

## Coming Events

- \***No p.m. bus service**—Tues., Mar. 13—public schools dismiss at 1:00
- \***Living Stations of the Cross**—Wed., March 14, 2:00 in church
- \***Report Cards for Gr. 1-6**:Thurs, Mar 15
- \***Jeans Day for Students**—Fri., March 16
- \***Parish Penance Service**—Fri., Mar. 16, 5:30 in church
- \***Kindergarten 2018-19 Parent Meeting**—Mar. 22, 7:00 in the library
- \***No Preschool**—March 23
- \***Kindergarten 2018-19 School Visit**—Mar. 23, 9:30 to 10:30
- \***All School Sing**—Sat., March 24, 6:00 Mass—2nd graders walk in Palm Procession w/ Monsignor
- \***Good Friday**—No School—March 30
- \***Easter Break**—March 30—April 8
- \***St. Mary's Trivia Night**—April 7 at K of C
- \***Spring Fling**—April 21
- \***Music Festival**—Gr. 4-6—April 27
- \***1st Communion**—May 6, 2:00 Mass
- \***Muffins for Moms**—May 10 in cafeteria before school
- \***Mothers' Day Mass**—May 10, 9:00
- \***Last Day of Preschool**—May 11
- \***Awards Assembly**—May 15, 1:30 in church
- \***6th Gr. Graduation Mass**—May 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Shorts and skorts may be worn again beginning April 1 in compliance with our uniform policy.

### St. Mary's Kindergarten Open House for 2018/19 Let us know if you're attending!

We will hold an informational meeting for parents on the evening of Thursday, March 22. On Friday, March 23, next year's kindergarten students will be invited to join the current class during the school day for some fun activities from 9:30 to 10:30. While the children enjoy activities in the kindergarten room, adults will take a tour of our school.

If you know families who might be interested in sending a kindergartener to St. Mary's next year, pass along this information and ask them to contact us.

Menu Change: March 21 will be Roast Beef instead of Meatloaf.

## TRIVIA NIGHT IS ON!

### Cash Prizes

**Saturday, April 7, at the Taylorville**

**Knights of Columbus**

**Doors open at 6:00**

**Trivia begins at 7:00**

**\$10 per person/ teams**

**of up to 10**

**Disney Theme**

**Prizes for Costumes &**

**Table Decorations**

**More info this week**



### Wearing of the Green

Friday, March 16, students will have a Jeans Day. On this day they may add a wee bit o' green to their outfit. All the usual regulations for Jeans Day are in place—full length jeans that are blue and not holey with a uniform shirt or St. Mary's t-shirt. In honor of St. Patrick, they are welcome to add some green in the form of a tie, scarf, bow, necklace, hat or pin. Teachers may ask students to remove the greenery if it becomes a distraction.



### St. Mary's Booster Club will host two

**more Lenten fish fries.** Fish Fries are from 5-7 pm in the cafeteria. Each fish fry is covered by parents from our different grades. Those families are asked to send desserts and assist with serving & clean-up on their assigned evening. You'll receive a phone call or email from the work coordinator asking for your help.

### Parent Helper Schedule:

- \*March 16—K & 6
- \*March 23 - Grade 5
- \*March 30—no fish fry.

**Kids whose parents are working a Fish Fry may attend After Care for FREE, but they must sign in & STAY with the supervisors until picked up.**