



ST. MARY SCHOOL

FAMILY NOTES

February 5, 2018

First Penance

A group of our 2nd grade students will receive the Sacrament of Penance for the first time on Monday, Feb. 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Please keep these children in your prayers.

First Communion Parent Meeting

Thurs. March 8, at 7:00 in the Library. At least one parent must attend if your child will be making their First Holy Communion this year on May 6.

These children and their families will serve as gift bearers at weekend Masses.



Don't Forget Yearbook Orders due Feb. 15!

Please send yearbook orders if you haven't already. We do not receive extra copies when they arrive in May. Also send any pictures of school events from this year that we could include.

St. Mary's Kindergarten Open House for 2018/2019
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.

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. More to come...

FISH FRIES

St. Mary's Booster Club will host five 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 from the work coordinator asking for your help.

Parent Helper Schedule:

- *Feb. 23 - Grade 3
- *March 2 - Grade 4
- *March 9 - Grades 1 & 2
- *March 16—Kindergarten & 6
- *March 23 - Grade 5
- *March 30 is Good Friday, no fish fry.



Children's Masses

- *Tues., Feb. 6—Gr. 3 travels to Hickory Estates at 10:30
- *Thurs., Feb 8 at 9:00
- Gr. 5 will lead.
- Please join us!**

St. Mary's is collecting items to send to the **Veterans' Administration Hospital** in Danville.

This is a service project our students undertake each year. If you wish to donate, please send your items to school by Fri., Feb. 16.



- Following are suggested items needed by our hospitalized vets:
- Preschool-Deodorant or Microwave Popcorn
 - Kindergarten-Bar soap or shaving cream
 - Gr. 1-Shampoo or toothbrush
 - Gr. 2-Cookies or handkerchiefs
 - Gr. 3-Combs or brushes
 - Gr. 4-Candy (regular or sugar-free) or denture cleaner
 - Gr. 5-Socks or hand sanitizer
 - Gr. 6-Puzzle books or any of the above.

Family Night Bingo!!

Booster Club will host a family Bingo night on Sunday, Feb. 11, at 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

A \$5 donation per family is requested. This will be used to order pizza. Families are asked to bring a dessert or cookies to share. Water & lemonade will be provided.

Please RSVP by sending family name and \$5 to the school office by Feb. 9.

Preschool Registration

for 2018-2019 will go out to current St. Mary's families in backpack mail on March 12. Students in this year's 3-year-old class will receive registration materials via backpack mail and may return the forms via backpack mail. After our school and preschool families have had the opportunity to register, we will open enrollment to families in the parish with a new preschooler and then the public.



Spring Fling Tickets

Spring Fling tickets will be sent to you by the middle of March. Please make sure your tuition is up to date. Families who are behind on payments will not receive their Spring Fling ticket until accounts are current. The \$100 Booster Club fee that was added to your tuition total covers the cost of your Spring Fling ticket. We will have extra tickets for sale to the public. Invite your family and friends to join in this great evening!

Swimming Lessons at the YMCA

Our 4th graders take swimming lessons at the YMCA as part of our PE program. Lessons will be April 10, 17, 24, and May 1 and 8. Students will travel to and from the Y during school hours. Permission slips will be sent out before Easter break. Cost is \$15 per student. Please make payment to St. Mary's School. Girls will be required to wear one-piece suits or put a t-shirt that covers their tummies over a two-piece.

In honor of St. Valentine, students may add a Valentine's Day pin, necklace, scarf or socks to their uniform on Feb. 13.



There is no news from Empower Illinois. The last communication I received said that they would not attempt to open for applications until they were assured that things would work perfectly. I'll keep you posted.

Coming Events

- ***Midterm Grades for Gr. 3-6**—Feb. 7
- ***1st Penance**—Feb. 12, 7:00 p.m.
- ***Valentine Parties for K-6**—Feb. 13 (No parties on Ash Wednesday!)
- ***Ash Wednesday**—Feb. 14—No meetings or activities.
- ***Yearbook Orders due**—Feb. 15
- ***No p.m. bus service**—Thur., Feb. 16—public schools dismiss at 1:00
- ***No School for Presidents' Day**—Feb. 19
- ***1st Communion Parent Meeting**—Mar. 8, 7:00
- ***No p.m. bus service**—Tues., Mar. 13—public schools dismiss at 1:00
- ***Spring Fling**—April 21
- ***Music Festival**—Gr. 4-6—April 27



No School Mon.,
Feb. 19
for President's Day

Don't forget to register your Kroger Plus card online and select St. Mary School as the recipient of their generous rebate! Our school is missing out on at least \$2000 a year!!

