



ST. MARY SCHOOL FAMILY NOTES

February 12, 2018

No PM bus service on Friday, Feb. 16. Public school is out early. St. Mary's dismisses at 3:00

Children's Masses
Tues., Feb. 13, 10:30 -T-ville Estates, Gr. 4
Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14, 9:00,
Grade 3 will lead

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 item or items to school by Friday, 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.



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 & preschool families have had the chance to register, we'll open enrollment to families in the parish with a new preschooler, then the public.

In honor of St. Valentine, students may add a Valentine's Day pin, necklace, scarf or socks to their uniform tomorrow, February 13. Valentine parties will be held on Fat Tuesday as Ash Wednesday which falls on Feb. 14 this year is a day of fasting in the Catholic Church.



FISH FRIES

St. Mary's Booster Club will host five Lenten fish fries 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 & 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. 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. After Care ends at 5:30 & has dibs on the gym until then. Kids not signed in for After Care will be asked to leave the gym.

St. Mary's Kindergarten Open House for 2018/19

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...

Yearbook Orders Due Feb. 15

We do not receive extra copies when they arrive in May. Send pictures of school events from this year that we could include.

Coming Events

- *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. Mass at 9:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary
- *Yearbook Orders due—Feb. 15
- *No p.m. bus service—Fri., Feb. 16—public schools dismiss at 1:00
- *No School for Presidents' Day—Feb. 19
- *All School Sing—Feb., 25, 11:00 Mass
- *1st Communion Parent Meeting—Mar. 8, 7:00
- *Kindergarten Conferences—March 9
- *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
- *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!



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, and 24, and May 1 & 8. Students will travel to and from the Y during school hours. Permission slips will be sent out prior to 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.

Still 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.



Our 5th graders will lead Living Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, March 14, at 2:00 in church. Please join us for this beautiful presentation of the Passion of our Lord.

Lenten Sunday School starting this weekend!

Special Lenten Activities for our youngest students...Mrs. Harrison and several upper grade PSR students will welcome children ages Pre-school through Gr. 1 to a special hour of activities based on scripture each Sunday of Lent during 11:00 Mass. Children can be dropped off at the front doors of the school building at 10:45. While parents and older children attend Mass, the little ones will hear Bible stories, learn songs, and participate in activities designed especially for them!



Students in 5th & 6th grade will have the opportunity to co-op in track with VisionWay Christian School. All 5th & 6th grade students will receive information later this week. Track is optional for any student in 5th or 6th grade. Eligibility requirements are the same for track as for basketball.



Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 5:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church