



ST. MARY SCHOOL

FAMILY NOTES

March 19, 2018

Registration for 2018-19

Forms for students re-enrolling in 2018-19 will be sent out around April 16. The registration/book fee of \$50 per family is due with the completed forms. Deadline for re-enrollment is May 1. After May 1, the fee goes up to \$100 for re-enrolling families. Please note: Tuition must be current to re-enroll.

TRIVIA NIGHT! Cash Prizes Sat., April 7, at the Taylorville Knights of Columbus
Doors open at 6; Trivia at 7
\$10 per person/ teams of 8-10
Disney Theme
Prizes for Costumes & Table Decorations
Mulligans—\$5 each!

St. Mary's Booster Club will host one more Lenten fish fry. 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 23 - Grade 5

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.

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.



All School Sing

Students from all classes—we need your voices for this special Mass!

Saturday, March 24

6:00 Mass

2nd graders will carry palms and sing in the procession with Monsignor Lantz at the beginning of Mass. Then they can join us in the choir. We'd love to have you there!



Baby Bottle Blast

2 more weeks!

All money collected goes to Loving Arms Crisis Pregnancy Center here in Taylorville.



Children's Masses

Tues., Mar. 20, 10:30: Gr. 5 travels to Taylorville Care

Thurs., March 22: 9:00 Mass in honor of our PIE Sponsors

—Gr. 4 leads

Please join us!

Beginning April 1 students may wear shorts or skirts. Hope the weather cooperates!



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



BOARD OF EDUCATION

There will be 4 openings on the Board of Education for 2018-2019. These are 3-year terms. Three of these board members must be registered in one of our parishes. The 4th will represent non-Catholic families. The Board is an advisory group that assists in school related matters for St. Mary's Parish. The board meets once a month from August - May. Board members also help with New Family Orientation, Catholic Schools Week Open House, & a spring reception for our classroom sponsors. If you're interested in helping us plan for the future, contact Mrs. Robertson.

Coming Events

- ***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. Class trip to St. Louis**—May 18
- ***Field Day**—Monday, May 21
- ***6th Gr. Graduation Mass**—May 23 at 7:00 p.m.



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.

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



CDA local contest winners

The work of six students from St. Mary School has been honored by our local Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Fourth grade students created art projects while fifth graders wrote essays. Pictured are students whose entries were judged in the top three for their grade. Grade 4, Top: Josie Heberling, Angelina Ippolito, and Owen Busboom. Grade 5, Bottom: Ian Parks, Mazie Fleming, and Livia Havera. Angelina's artwork and Livia's essay have been sent on to the next level of competition. Congratulations to all these students!