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ST. MARY SCHOOL

FAMILY NOTES

March 26, 2018

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

Looks like open house was a big success! We currently have around 20 potential students for next year's kindergarten. Thank you to Mrs. Heinemann for opening her classroom to make these families feel at home!



Beginning in April students may where shorts or skorts. Hope the weather cooperates!



Terrific Tuesdays!

Each spring our 6th graders host five fun events that help raise money for their class trip to St. Louis. This year's events are:

- Apr 10—Silly Sock Day
- Apr 17—Geography Shirt Day
- April 24—Crazy Hat Day
- May 1—Team Shirt Day
- May 8—Raffle (4 chances)

On **Silly Sock Day** students get to ditch the boring uniform socks for any pair of their choosing.

Each event costs \$1 per child. Parents may send \$5 to cover all the activities or pay for only the events your child selects.

More info as each event draws closer!



Children's Masses

Tuesday, March 27:

No Nursing Home Mass

Thank you to our 5th graders for leading Mass today!

Nice job!

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.

Departures

Several changes will be taking place with our faculty for next year. Two of our full time teachers are retiring and two part-timers are switching it up a bit.

After more than four decades of service to St. Mary's, Miss Neva Mooney has decided to retire. She began her career here in 1975. We are so grateful for all the devotion she has shown her students over the years.

Mrs. Sharon Peabody will also retire after this year. She began teaching part-time, but before long became a full time classroom teacher, spending most of two decades instructing first graders. We are thankful for all her years of service to St. Mary's.

Kim Rainey will be exclusively teaching preschool next year. We will miss her wonderful work in art, but are very happy to have her talents in our preschool.

Amanda Alsbury will no longer be teaching in our preschool but will continue as our Title I Reading instructor. We thank her for being a part of our preschool faculty as that program has grown.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Two people have expressed interest! There's still room!

We are still in need of two people. These are 3-year terms.

These board members must be registered in one of our parishes.

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, contact Mrs. Robertson.

Coming Events

- ***Holy Thursday—2:15 Dismissal w/ bus service and After Care till 5:30—March 29**
- ***Good Friday—No School—March 30**
- ***Easter Break—March 30—April 8**
- ***St. Mary's Trivia Night—April 7 at K of C**
- ***School Reconvenes—April 9 at 8:20 a.m.**
- ***4th Gr. Swim Lessons—April 10 at YMCA**
- ***Board of Ed. Meeting—April 12—Library 6:00**
- ***4th Gr. Swim Lessons—April 17 at YMCA**
- ***Midterms go home for Gr. 3-6—Apr. 18**
- ***Spring Fling—April 21**
- ***4th Gr. Swim Lessons—April 24 at YMCA**
- ***Music Festival—Gr. 4-6—April 27**
- ***All School Sing—April 29—11:00 Mass**
- ***4th Gr. Swim Lessons—May 1 at YMCA**
- ***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 -7:00 p.m.**



Tuition Assistance for Catholic Families

Information for Catholic Assistance Program for Education (CAPE) for 2017/18 is available from me.

Application is made on-line. The deadline for submitting is April 13.

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

*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!



Thank you to our 2nd graders who walked and sang in the Palm Procession before Mass last Saturday. Your singing was fantastic! Thanks also to our 6th graders who read their parts in the Passion of the Lord so well. Fifth graders hung on till the very end and did a beautiful job singing after Mass. Finally, thank you to all who participated in All School Sing. This was one of the best I've ever heard!