



# ST. MARY SCHOOL

## FAMILY NOTES

October 2, 2017

**Be a Mission Member!**  
 Each school year, St. Mary's participates in several activities in support of Catholic missions throughout the world. We ask that each child in our school join the Missionary Childhood Association which helps needy children in many countries. Students join MCA by paying a \$1.25 fee. This entitles them to membership in the association, a prayer card, and an MCA newsletter. Because the idea behind MCA membership is service to others, it may be more meaningful if your child earns his or her membership fee by doing an extra chore or giving up an activity. Please send MCA dues in an envelope marked with your child's name and "MCA" by this Tuesday, Oct. 10.

Students will be signing a mission poster as they pay their dues. These posters will be displayed in church for Mass on Oct. 12.

These dues and the profits from our annual Mission Carnival are sent to the Missionary Childhood Association. This is one of the largest service projects that we undertake as a school. Your support is greatly appreciated.

### MISSION CARNIVAL

Soon you will receive a letter from Mrs. Heinemann & Ms. Stone, our Mission Moderators, asking for your assistance at the Mission Carnival on Fri., Oct. 27. That day students will have the opportunity to participate in a costume parade, judging, a carnival in the gym, & much more Halloween fun. Profits from this day go to the Missionary Childhood Association. This organization serves children living in poverty around the world. Please volunteer your time or give a donation to help make the Mission Carnival a success.

**Help is also needed to set up on Thurs., Oct. 26, between 10 and 11 a.m. Go to the gym at that time if you can help. Please Note:**



The gym will be unavailable for basketball practice or other activities on Oct. 26 from 10:00 on because Mission Carnival will be set up. It should be cleared by 4:00 on Friday, Oct. 27.

### Donuts for Dads!

Before School on October 19  
 Come to the cafeteria for donuts, coffee and conversation! RSVPs will go out next week.



### Children's Masses

**Tues., Oct. 3,** Nursing Home Mass is cancelled due to a funeral at St. Mary's.

**Thurs., Oct. 5,** at 9:00 a.m. Students in Gr. 6 will lead.

### Basketball 2017-18

St. Mary's will have a 4th grade girls' team and a 4th grade boys' team; a 5th grade girls' team; a 6th grade girls' team, and a 5th/6th grade boys team. Physicals must be on file in the office before student's can practice or play.



### Eligibility for Student Athletes has been updated

With input from our teachers and our Board of Education, St. Mary School has amended the Eligibility Policy for student athletes.

As in the past, students are still expected to keep passing grades (70% or better) in all subjects, but now must have no more than one D to be eligible for school sports. Any student athlete failing one or more subjects or having a D in two or more subjects will not be ineligible until grade requirements are met.

The amended policy takes effect immediately.


The full amended policy is attached and takes precedence over the one in the current handbook.

**Attention Volunteers:**

All adults volunteering in any way with the church or school must complete Protecting God’s Children. This diocesan requirement encompasses a one-time training session that lasts approximately two hours. Participants receive a certificate of completion which is entered into the diocesan records. Participants also complete a form for a DCFS background check. These checks need to be updated every five (5) years. I will notify any of you who are due for a recheck. You do not need to attend Protecting God’s Children again for the recheck; you’ll simply fill out a one-page form which I will send in. There is no cost to the volunteer for either Protecting God’s Children or the background check. The school and church will pay all fees.

**Living Rosary** - Students in Grades 3-6 will present the Living Rosary on Wed., Oct. 11, at 2:15 in the church. Grades K, 1, & 2 will attend. Please join us for this beautiful way to offer prayers to our school’s patron saint.



 Athletic Shoes & Plain navy, plain black, or plain white socks for school!

Mrs. Rainey is collecting **plastic lids** for an awesome art sculpture project. Any size. Any color. From ketchup bottles or butter tubs or any other container.  
Lids only! All shapes and sizes!  
Clean them up and send them in!

**Parent / Teacher Conferences**

**St. Mary’s Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held in the middle of November. A note asking for time and date preferences will be sent out later this month.**

The 15 minutes allotted for each conference goes quickly. To help you utilize this time well, I’ve found some helpful hints from Kathy Jenkins, founder of the Organizing Tutor, that I’ll publish over the next few weeks.

**1. Make a list.** Jot down questions or areas of concern ahead of time and bring them to the meeting. Feel free to take notes about them during the conference.

**Halloween Costumes**

When deciding on a costume for your child for our Halloween Parade, please remember that we are a **Catholic School**. No weapons or “weapon-look-alikes” will be permitted. Avoid costumes that reflect violence, gore, or vulgarity. Categories for costume judging are: funniest, most original, religious, ugliest, group, & prettiest.



**Coming Events...**

- \*St. Mary’s Night at Florinda’s—Wed., Oct. 4
- \*Preschool dismisses at 11:00 a.m. - Oct. 5
- \*9:00 Mass led by Gr. 6—Thurs., Oct. 5
- \*Board of Education—Thurs., Oct. 5, 6:00, library
- \*No Preschool—Oct. 6
- \*Eucharistic Adoration—Fri., Oct. 6—church
- \*Columbus Day—Oct. 9—No School
- \*Living Rosary—Wed., Oct. 11, 2:15 in church
- \*9:00 Mass led by Gr. 5—Thurs., Oct. 12
- \*Donuts for Dads—Thurs., Oct. 19, before school
- \*9:00 Mass led by Gr. 4—Thurs., Oct. 19
- \*Preschool Pepsi Fundraiser Delivery—Oct. 20
- \*Jeans Day for Students—Fri., Oct. 20
- \*Golf Ball Drop—Friday, Oct. 20, 5:00 Lake Shore Golf Course
- \*Scrip Order Due—Tuesday, Oct. 24
- \*9:00 Mass led by Gr. 3—Thurs., Oct. 26
- \*Report Cards go home in Gr. 1-6—Thurs., Oct. 26

**Golf Ball Drop**

Booster Club’s 2nd annual Golf Ball Drop will be held Friday, Oct. 20, at Lake Shore Golf Course. Robertson & Harrison will drop 1000 numbered golf balls from a helicopter. The owner of the ball closest to the pin wins \$5000; the farthest away wins \$500. The festivities begin at 5:00 p.m. with light appetizers and a cash bar. The drop is scheduled for 5:45. Each school family is asked to sell or purchase 10 golf balls at **\$25** each. The potential net profit is over \$20,000! Return sales sheets and money by Oct. 6.

\*\*\*Par 3 Challenge\*\*\* Enter a 50/50 in which your golf skills control the outcome! Whoever hits closest to the pin wins half the pot! \$10 a chance. Tee up between 4:45 and 5:30 P.M. right before the helicopter takes off! 50/50 chances will be available there.

