

ST. MARY SCHOOL

FAMILY NOTES

October 2, 2018

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 Wednesday, 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. 11.

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. 26. 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. 25, 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. 25 from 10:00 on because Mission Carnival will be set up. It should be cleared by 4:00 on Friday, Oct. 26.

Donuts for Dads!

7:30 to 8:00 on October 18
Come to the cafeteria for donuts, coffee and conversation! RSVPs will go out next week.



Children's Masses

Thurs., Oct. 4, at 9:00 a.m. Students in Gr. 6 will lead. We will bless our animals at Mass (represented in pictures—not in the flesh!)

Basketball 2018-19

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

Eligibility for Student Athletes

Student athletes are expected to keep passing grades (70% or better) in all subjects, and 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 full policy is attached and is also published in the student/parent handbook.

Public Square Rosary Crusade


When: Sat., Oct. 13, noon
Where: Mary Garden behind the rectory at St. Mary's

Join other parishioners and Catholics around the world in praying the rosary!

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 the forms 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 4-6 (plus a few 3rd graders) will present the Living Rosary on Wed., Oct. 10, at 2:15 in the church. The whole school 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!**

Parent / Teacher Conferences
St. Mary's Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held after school between 3:30 and 6:00 on November 12, 13, & 14. You will choose a conference time or times using a scheduler on Sycamore. This will be open to you in about 10 days.

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. 3
- *Homecoming Parade—Wed., Oct. 3, 5:15
- *School Mass—Thurs., Oct. 4—Gr. 6 leads
- ***No School —Fri., Oct. 5**—Teachers' Institute
- ***No School —Mon., Oct. 8**—Columbus Day
- *Living Rosary—Wed., Oct. 10, 2:15, church
- *School Mass—Thurs., Oct. 11—Gr. 5 leads
- *Board of Ed. Meeting, Oct. 11, 6:00, library
- *Golf Ball Drop—Friday, Oct. 12
- *Rosary Crusade—Sat., Oct. 13, noon, Mary garden—more info soon
- *Donuts for Dads - Thurs., Oct. 18, 7:30, cafeteria
- *School Mass—Thurs., Oct. 18—Gr. 4 leads
- *End of 1st Quarter—Fri., Oct. 19
- *Jeans Day for Students—Friday, Oct. 19
- *School Mass—Thurs., Oct. 25—Gr. 3 leads
- *Report Cards—Thurs., Oct. 25
- *No bus service—Thurs., Oct. 25 & Fri., Oct. 26
- *Mission Carnival—Fri., Oct. 26!!!
- *School Mass—Thur., Nov. 1, 9:00, Gr. 6 leads—All Saints Day—Holy Day of Obligation!!

Guest speaker **Stephen Tony** will talk to our youth (and everyone else who'd like to attend) on Sunday, Oct. 21 at 6:30 in the church. You can get a preview of his mission at stephentonytalks.com.

Golf Ball Drop

Booster Club's 2nd annual Golf Ball Drop will be held Friday, Oct. 12, at Lake Shore Golf Course. The Mateers 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. The drop is scheduled for 5:45. Each school family is asked to sell or purchase 10 golf balls at **\$25** each. Return sales sheets & money by tomorrow.

