



ST. MARY SCHOOL

FAMILY NOTES

October 9, 2018

October 31 is the last day for shorts & skorts.

Children's Mass
Thursday, Oct. 11, at 9:00—
Gr. 5 leads school Mass.
Please join us.

Mission membership dues are \$1.25 per child. When your child turns in their dues they will sign a mission poster displayed at Mass Thursday and thru the weekend, then in their class.

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!

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 next week.

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.

Our students play outside at recess unless it is raining or the temperature is dangerously low. Please send them with appropriate outerwear.

Golf Ball Drop

Hopefully golf ball sales were good over the long weekend.



Thank you all for your effort! This one event replaced three fund raisers Booster Club has done in the past. Your participation is vital to our school. Please know that your commitment to St. Mary's is greatly appreciated!

Burger and grilled chicken will be sold and a cash bar will open. All are welcome, but you don't need to be present to win! Mateers will fly over and drop the golf balls at 5:30.

Donuts for Dads!

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



Parent/Teacher Conference

Tip # 2: Get your child's perspective. Ask "What do you think your teacher will bring to my attention?" If the prediction is correct, everyone is on the same page. If the teacher says something different, this may be worth some conversation.

Mission Carnival Worker notes will go home tomorrow! Please sign up for a time slot if you can be here on Oct. 26. Help is also needed to set up the gym for the carnival on Thurs., Oct. 25, from 10:00 to 11:00. Mr. Jerry has dozens of tables, chairs, and games to set up. Go to the gym if you can help. *Because Mission Carnival will be set up, the gym is not open for use on Thurs., Oct. 25.*



Carnival Tickets may be purchased in advance by sending money in a labeled envelope. Lines to buy tickets at the Carnival can be long, so purchasing beforehand is the best way to go. The teachers distribute the purchased tickets to the children prior to the event. Tickets are \$0.25 each. Most children use between \$9 and \$12 worth of tickets at the carnival.

New Families: Check in with your mentors to get all the info on Mission Carnival!



Mission Carnival Day, Oct. 26, is a non-uniform day. Costumes are donned at 11:45. Many students wear the basics of the costume to school - a t-shirt, skirt, leggings, etc. Please make sure your child is dressed modestly, appropriately for the weather, and safely - gym shoes are required, but may be changed if different shoes are needed for the Halloween costume. Shorts must be to the fingertips.

Thursday, November 1 is All Saints Day, a holy day of obligation in the Catholic Church. The school children will attend Mass that day at 9:00 a.m.

No meetings or athletic practices are allowed on holy days.



St. Mary's Preschool drops off in the driveway between the rectory and the parish office from 8:15—8:30. These cars come through the north alley (behind the church) & turn left into the driveway. Preschool teachers begin unloading students at 8:15. If you don't need to drop off a preschooler & don't want to get caught waiting for that line, drop your school kids off in the south alley. They can come in the playground door or the main entrance and walk safely to their rooms.



HALLOWEEN COSTUMES

When making your decision on a costume for your child for the Halloween Parade, please remember that we represent a Catholic school and parish. Our Halloween event is violence-free. No weapons or "weapon-look-alikes" will be permitted. Avoid vulgar, violent, or gory costumes. If you have any questions, please call. Thanks for your cooperation. The judging categories are: funniest, most original, religious, ugliest, group, and prettiest.



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. The schedule of trainings being offered in our area can be found at www.dio.org. 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.

Coming Events...

- *Living Rosary—Wed., Oct. 10, 2:15, church
- *School Mass—Thurs., Oct. 11—Gr. 5 leads
- *Board of Ed. Thurs., Oct. 11, 6:00, library
- *Golf Ball Drop—Friday, Oct. 12
- *Rosary Crusade—Sat., Oct. 13, noon, Mary garden
- *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—Thurs., Nov. 1, 9:00, Gr. 6 leads—All Saints Day—Holy Day of Obligation!!
- *All School Sing & Commissioning of Coaches & Athletes—Sunday, Nov. 4, at 11:00 Mass