



# ST. MARY SCHOOL

## FAMILY NOTES

October 10, 2017

**October 31 is the last day for shorts & skorts.**

**Children's Mass**  
Thursday, Oct. 12, 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, then in their class.



**Halloween socks or tights may be worn w/ uniforms from now thru Oct. 31.**

Regular socks for everyday must be solid white, blue, or black.

A **Scrip** order will go out on Tuesday, Oct. 24. So far this year Scrip has earned \$117.25 for the school without costing the participants any extra! Order a gift card for stores where you routinely shop. If I order a \$100 Kohl's card, I pay \$100 for it & get full value when I shop. The school gets a 4% rebate. Some rebates are as much as 13%. The list of retailers can be found at [www.ShopWithScrip.com](http://www.ShopWithScrip.com). I've also attached a 'short form' order with merchants in our area. Send your order & make payment to the school.

Our students play outside at recess unless it is raining or the temperature is dangerously low, so be sure to send them with appropriate outerwear.

### Golf Ball Drop

Hopefully golf ball sales were good over the long weekend. I'll give you an update as soon as possible. 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!



Light hors d'oeuvres will be served and a cash bar will open at 5:00. All are welcome, but you don't need to be present to win! Harrison & Robertson will fly over and drop the golf balls at 5:45.

Sign up for the Par 3 50/50 challenge that evening! Closest to the hole wins half the pot!

### 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. 27.** Help is also needed to set up the gym for the carnival on Thurs., Oct. 26, 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. 26.***



**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. 27**, 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.

**Wednesday, 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. There will not be a school Mass on Thursday, November 2.

*No meetings or athletic practices are allowed on holy days.*



St. Mary's Preschool has changed its dismissal procedure. From today forward, preschool will dismiss from the front of the parish center. They will not use the north alley at 11:00 or at 2:45. Cars lining up for 3:00 dismissal of K-6 may now pull all the way to Main Street at the east end of the alley. Drop off at 8:30 a.m. has not changed. Preschoolers will be dropped off in the north alley as always.



## 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](http://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. 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, Gr. 1-6—Thurs., Oct. 26
- \***MISSION CARNIVAL**—Fri., Oct. 27
- \*Last day for shorts & skorts—Tues., Oct. 31
- \*All Saints Day 9:00 Mass led by Gr. 6—Wed., Nov. 1
- \*St. Mary's Night at Florinda's—Wed., Nov. 1
- \*Board of Ed. Meeting, 6:00 p.m.—Thurs., Nov. 2