



Everyone is welcome to trick or treat at the Robertsons!
626 S. Webster

ST. MARY SCHOOL

FAMILY NOTES

October 29, 2018

Holiday Food Drive
Our Thanksgiving Food Drive will be held Thursday, Nov. 8, during the 9:00 Mass here at St. Mary's. Please send in canned goods or boxed items that can be given to needy families and the Taylorville Food Pantry.

Children's Mass
Thursday, November 1
Feast of All Saints
Holy Day of Obligation
9:00 Mass
6th Graders will lead



Scholastic Book Fair

Our annual book fair will begin in mid November. We'll have lots of great book choices! Thank you in advance to Mrs.

Schwab and Mrs. Alsbury for chairing this event! Students will preview the fair on Nov. 9. The fair will be open for shoppers Nov. 11—15. Times will be published next week.

Family Night/ Booster Club

St. Mary's will host a Chili and Hot Dog supper for our school families Wednesday, Nov. 14. Serving begins at 5:30. Come enjoy the meal, shop the Book Fair, pack a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child, and visit with your school family. All activities will conclude at 7:00. At this time the Booster Club will meet in the cafeteria. At least one parent from each family should attend Booster Club. Decisions will be made regarding upcoming fundraisers. Babysitting for school age children will be available in the gym at 7:00.

Parent/Teacher Conferences
95% have selected times for parent/teacher conferences!! If you haven't selected a time by this Friday, one will be assigned to you.

Please make every effort to keep to the 15 minute schedule. If more time is needed, spend the last minute making another appointment



The Mid-Year Fundraiser for Poinsettias & Church Memorials is coming soon!

Each family will be receiving an order form in backpack mail in the next week or so. We encourage each family to sell \$100 toward this important fundraiser. If you do not want to sell poinsettias you have the option to make a \$50.00 donation instead. **Please keep in mind this fundraiser is mandatory.**



Conference Tip # 5: If necessary, make a plan. Base it on how & when the teacher would like to communicate for the rest of the school year.



Thank you, Kroger shoppers! Our school received a rebate check for \$523.60. This is up about \$40 from this time last year. Thank you to those who've signed up! If you haven't gone to krogercommunityrewards.com and registered your card, please do! Our school code is YF930. This could easily be a \$1000 each quarter for our school. Tell everyone you know!

If you have a size small Field Day t-shirt, could we have it? We need 22 of any color for Kindergarteners to wear in the Christmas program. We'll try to return them, but no guarantees!

Wednesday is the last day for shorts and skorts. Visit the uniform room for pants & sweatshirts. We have a bunch!

Our students play outside unless it is raining or below freezing. Please dress them for the weather!



Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Project

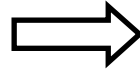
K – each child should bring 2 small toys (1 for a girl/1 for a boy or toys that work for either)
 Gr. 1 – each child should bring 3 combs and 3 individually wrapped bars of soap
 Gr. 2 – each child should bring two coloring books
 Gr. 3 - each child should bring 2 small toys (1 for a girl/1 for a boy or toys that work for either)
 Gr. 4 – each child should bring 2 accessories (1 for a girl/1 for a boy or items that work for either)
 Gr. 5 – each child should bring three or four small cans of Play Doh (any brand)
 Gr. 6 – each child should bring a total of 12 pens and/or pencils

**Ideas for toys: baseballs, tennis balls, or small foam balls; travel size games; puzzles; action figures; small cars or trucks; kazoo's; small dolls; any small toy a child would enjoy – including unopened Happy Meal toys.
 **Ideas for accessories: headbands; barrettes; necklaces; bracelet; sunglasses; hat; socks.



All School Sing

Nov. 4, 11:00 Mass
 Basketball players & coaches will be commissioned then. Athletes can wear shooter shirts or jerseys over t-shirts. Everyone is encouraged to wear St. Mary shirts.



Thank you to all who donated to, worked at, or attended Mission Carnival. Special thanks to Mrs. Heinemann & Ms. Stone for all the time and effort they gave to make the day a great success.

Teachers will have a Relay for Life Bake Sale after 11:00 Mass—Nov. 4

Coming Events.....



- *School Mass—Thur., Nov. 1, 9:00, Gr. 6 leads—All Saints Day—Holy Day!
- *All School Sing & Commissioning of Coaches & Athletes—Sunday, Nov. 4, at 11:00 Mass
- *Nursing Home Mass—Tuesday, Nov. 6, Gr. 5, Hickory Estates, 10:30
- *St. Mary's Night at Florinda's—Wed., Nov. 7
- *School Mass—Thurs., Nov. 8—Gr. 2 leads—Food collection for Taylorville Food Pantry
- *Board of Ed.—Thursday, Nov. 8, 6:00, library
- *Flag Raising Ceremony—Friday, Nov. 9, 8:30
- *Book Fair—Nov. 12-15
- *Parent/Teacher Conferences—Nov. 12-14
- *Nursing Home Mass—Tuesday, Nov. 13, Gr. 3, Taylorville Estates, 10:30
- *Family Night/Booster Club Meeting—Nov. 14
- *Midterm Grades posted for Gr. 3-6—Nov. 14
- *School Mass—Thur., Nov. 15, 9:00, Gr. 1
- *Jeans Day for Students—Friday, Nov. 16
- *No P.M. Bus Service—Friday, Nov. 16
- *11:30 Dismissal for Thanksgiving break—Tuesday, Nov. 20
- *Picture Retakes—Tuesday, Nov. 27

SCRIP

—The next scrip order is due next Thurs. Nov. 8 so we'll have the cards for Black Friday! If you haven't ordered before, we'd be happy to help you! The list of merchants is huge! So far this year, we've received \$160 from this program with a very small amount of people participating. Remember: you can give the cards as gifts OR keep them to use for the shopping you'll be doing over the holidays & throughout the year.



St. Mary's will have a flag raising ceremony on Friday, November 9, at 8:30 a.m. in front of the school in observation of Veterans' Day. Members of the local VFW will lead the ceremony which lasts about 10 minutes. Please join us!