



ST. MARY SCHOOL

FAMILY NOTES

November 6, 2017

Holiday Food Drive
Our Thanksgiving Food Drive will be held **Thursday, Nov. 9**, during the 9:00 Mass. Please send in canned goods or boxed items that can be given to needy families and the Taylorville Food Pantry. If you attend Mass, please feel free to walk forward and make a donation when the children do!

Fundraiser for Poinsettias & Church Memorials is here!
 Each family will receive an order form in backpack mail today. Families are encouraged to sell \$100 toward this important fundraiser. If you do not wish to sell poinsettias, you have the option to make a \$50 donation instead. **This is a mandatory fundraiser, so please sell or donate.**

Money needs to be collected when orders are placed and turned in with order form. Orders must be turned in by Nov. 20 to the school office. Delivery will be Thursday, Dec. 7 in the school cafeteria. Pick up will be between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. that day. If you are unable to pick up your poinsettias that day, please arrange to have someone pick them up for you. If you have any questions, please call or text Vanessa Wiseman at 622-4304.



Mission Carnival
 Thank you to all who donated and/or worked at Mission Carnival. The costumes were great, the pumpkins were awesome, the kids had a wonderful time, and, most importantly, we were able to give \$2339 to the missions. Best year yet!



Scholastic Book Fair

Our annual Book Fair will open for business soon! Students will bring home flyers highlighting some of the good books for sale.

Hour are:

- Sun., Nov. 12 from noon to 2:00
 - Mon., Nov. 13 from 3:00 to 6:00
 - Tues., Nov. 14 from 3:00 to 6:00
 - Wed., Nov. 15 from 3:00 to 6:00
 - Thurs., Nov. 16 from 3:00 to 6:00
- The book fair will be held in the library. It's a great place to do some Christmas shopping!

Parent/Teacher Conferences
Your specific conference times will be sent home Wednesday.
We will try to honor your top request. Please be here for your appointed time. The teachers try very hard to stick to the schedule.

You only have 15 minutes to meet. If you are unable to finish your conversation in that amount of time, use the 15th minute to schedule an additional meeting time.



Children's Mass
 No Nursing Home Mass this week as Monsignor is gone.
 Thurs., Nov. 9, at 9:00
 Grade 1 will lead and we will present food pantry donations during Mass.
 Join us!

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; kazoos; small dolls; any small toy a child would enjoy – including unopened Happy Meal toys.

**Ideas for accessories: headbands; barrettes; necklaces; bracelet; sunglasses; hat; socks.

Coming Events...

- *Mass—9:00—Gr. 1, Nov. 9, Food Collection
- *Flag Ceremony—Fri., Nov. 10, at 8:30 a.m.
- *Scrip Order Due—Mon., Nov. 13
- *Midterms for Gr. 3-6—Wed., Nov. 15
- *Mass—9:00—Gr. 2, Nov. 16
- *Family Night—Thurs., Nov. 16, 5:30 to 7:00
- *Booster Club Meeting—Thurs., Nov. 16, 7:00, Cafeteria
- *No P.M. bus service—Fri., Nov. 17
- *11:30 Dismissal—Tues., Nov. 21(no bus at dismissal)
- *Thanksgiving Break—Nov. 22—26
- *Picture Retakes—Nov. 28
- *Mass—9:00—Gr. 5, Nov. 30
- *St. Mary's Night at Florinda's—Dec. 6
- *Board of Ed. Meeting—Dec. 7, 6:00, library
- *Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Dec 8, 9:00 am Mass, no games/practices/meetings
- *Christmas Program- Dec. 13 at 7:00, church
- *2:15 Dismissal—Dec. 21
- *2:15 Dismissal—Dec. 22
- *Christmas Break—Dec. 23—Jan. 7



Picture Retakes are Tues. Nov. 28, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Students needing retakes due to absence or photographer's error may wear non-uniform attire to school that day. Non-uniform clothing may be worn all day. Original pictures must be returned as proof of photographer's error. Contact the office if you need a new order form.

Family Night/ Booster Club

St. Mary's will host a Chili and Hot Dog supper for our school families Thursday, Nov. 16. 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, and we will seek opinions on offering 7th & 8th grade if financially feasible. Babysitting will not be available as there are boys' basketball games going on in the gym.

Preschool is selling Butterbraids, Cookie Dough, and Pizzas. Order by Nov. 17. You can order through any preschool family or through the school office. The items will arrive Dec. 5.



If you haven't gone to krogercommunityrewards.com and registered your card, please do! Our school code is 11012. We receive a 3% rebate on most sales. This could easily be a \$1000 each quarter for our school. Tell everyone you know!



We'll send a Scrip order on Monday, Nov. 13. The gift cards will be here in time for Black Friday and Cyber Monday shopping! I've attached the order form. Check on line at shopwithscrip.com and scroll down to "750 Retailers." This shows the current retailers and the rebate % that they give. Bath & Body Works is currently giving 13%! That means if you order a \$25 Bath & Body Gift card, you have \$25 to shop with and St. Mary's gets a \$3.25 donation. Win! Win!



Our basketball players and coaches were commissioned during Mass yesterday. We are very proud of all our student athletes, and we thank our coaches for the time they devote to these students. Play like champions!

