



ST. MARY SCHOOL FAMILY NOTES

November 12, 2018

Poinsettia Reminder

Just a reminder that poinsettia order forms are due November 19th. You can pick up your orders on December 6th from 3:00pm – 6:00pm in the school cafeteria. Thank you for your selling efforts. Any questions,

please call
Vanessa Wiseman at 622-4304.



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The children's Christmas Program will be presented at 1:30 on Wednesday, December 12, and again in full costume at 7:00 that evening. The afternoon performance may not have full costuming. The 1:30 performance is for those who prefer to attend during the day, and it gives our children one last opportunity to practice for the full evening production. Our 5th/6th Grade Band will play carols of the season at 6:30 p.m., prior to the evening performance.

We hope that you will join us for this great event.



Advent Angel Project

This year's Advent service project supports our parish youth group as they host Santa's Workshop. Through Santa's Workshop needy families are able to select gifts at no cost to give to their children on Christmas. Our school will contribute in two ways. First, we ask that each school student donate a toy. This toy drive supplies a majority of the gifts available at Santa's Workshop. These will be collected at Mass on December 13.

We will also raise money with some activities during December. Watch for specifics in future newsletters!

Please help us as we endeavor to show our kids the joy of giving.

Picture Retakes are Tues., Nov. 27, 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. Parents may also purchase new pictures if you wish.

Jeans Day

is Friday, Nov. 16!

Students may wear jeans w/ uniform shirt or St. Mary's t-shirt. Jeans Day is optional. Students not participating must wear regular school uniform. Long sleeve uniform shirt under a t-shirt for warmth is ok. Jeans must be blue and have no holes.

Thank you, Booster Club, for providing this day for our kids!

CHILDREN'S MASSES

Tues., Nov. 13, Grade 3 will travel to Taylorville Estates to celebrate Mass at 10:30.

Thurs., Nov 15, Grade 1 will lead our school Mass.

Book Fair is

set up in the library & ready for shoppers! Hours are 3:30 to 6:30

today through Wednesday & 3:30 to 4:30 on Thursday.

If a child has money for a specific item, they will be allowed to purchase during the school day, but students will not visit the book fair to browse.

Thank you to Erica Schwab, Amanda Alsbury, Jessica McMillon, and Kim Rainey who coordinated this important event. Proceeds pay for the student's Scholastic News subscriptions & new library books. With profits from last year, we were able to sign up for a service that will send new library books monthly from January through May!



Eligibility for Basketball

Players will be sent home each week except at the beginning of a new quarter when players are given two weeks to accumulate graded assignments for averaging. Student athletes must maintain a passing grade (70% or better) in all subjects with no more than one D in order to fully participate on a school team.

Coming Events...

- *Book Fair—Nov. 11-15
- *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
- *School Mass—Thur., Nov. 29, 9:00, Gr. 5
- *1st Sunday of Advent—December 2
- *Nursing Home Mass—Tuesday, Dec. 4, Gr. 3, Hickory Estates, 10:30
- *St. Mary's Night at Florinda's—Wed., Dec. 5
- *School Mass—Thur., Dec. 6, 9:00, Gr. 4
- *Eucharistic Adoration—December 7

Family Night/ Booster Club

St. Mary's will host a Chili & Hot Dog supper for our school families Wed., Nov. 14. Serving begins at 5:30. Come enjoy the meal, shop the Book Fair, pack a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child, & visit with your school family. All activities will conclude at 7:00 when 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 will be available for school age children beginning at 7:00 in the gym. Thank you to our coaches who rearranged practice to accommodate us!

Thank you to those who've already sent in supplies for our Hot Dog & Chili Supper this Wednesday.

Kindergarten – each child should bring a dozen cookies (store bought or homemade)

Grade 1 – boys should bring a pack of 10 hot dogs; girls should bring a package of 8 hot dog buns

Grade 2 – each child should bring a bunch of grapes – any color

Grade 3 - each child should bring a bunch of bananas

Grade 4 – each child should bring a large bag of chips (any variety)

Grade 5 – each child should bring a package of 8 hot dog buns

Grade 6 – each child should bring a pack 10 hot dogs



'Tis the season for buying lots of food. Don't forget to use your Kroger Card. St. Mary's receives a 3% rebate on all purchases if your card is registered. Contact Mrs. Robertson if you'd like to participate!

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.

Patriot's Pen Essay Winners Harris Huchel, Frank Herkert, and Bree Lane! Sponsored annually by the VFW, this year's theme was "Why I Honor the American Flag." Bree Lane's first place winning essay will go on to district competition. St. Mary's is very proud of these students!

