



ST. MARY SCHOOL FAMILY NOTES

November 13, 2017

Poinsettia Reminder

All order forms are due Mon., Nov. 20. They must be received that week in order to keep our delivery date of December 7. You can pick up your orders in the cafeteria on Dec. 7 from 3:00 - 6:00. Remember to collect your money up front when orders are placed. 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 13, and again in full costume at 7:00 that evening. The afternoon performance will 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 14.

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.

St. Mary's Preschool is selling frozen **Butterbraids, Cookie Dough, and Pizzas**. You can order through any Preschool family or by contacting the school office at 824-6501. Payment is due when order is placed.

Butterbraid Pastries are \$14 each and come in Apple, Cherry, Cinnamon, Cream Cheese, Raspberry, Strawberry Cream Cheese, and Caramel Roll.

Cookie Dough is available in Oatmeal Cranberry White Chunk, Candy, White Chunk Macadamia Nut (\$17 each) and Chocolate Chip, Peanut Butter, or Snickerdoodle (\$16 each.) 2-packs of Pizzas are \$18 and choices are Four Cheese, Ultimate Pepperoni, Meat Lover's, or BBQ Chicken

**Orders are due by Nov. 17.
Delivery is December 5.**

CHILDREN'S MASSES

Tues., Nov. 14, Grade 3 will travel to Taylorville Estates to celebrate Mass at 10:30.

Thurs., Nov 16, Grade 2 will lead our school Mass.

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.

Our Book Fair is set up in the library and ready for shoppers! Hours are 3:00 to 6:00 today through Thursday. 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.



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...

- *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—Thurs., Nov. 16, 7:00, Cafeteria
- *No P.M. bus service—Fri., Nov. 17
- *11:30 Dismissal—Tues., Nov. 21(no bus at 11:30)
- *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 w/ bus service
- *2:15 Dismissal—Dec. 22 w/ bus service
- *Christmas Break—Dec. 23—Jan. 7

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 in the gym.

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

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

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

Grade 4 – each child should bring a pack 10 hot dogs

Grade 5 – each child should bring a large bag of chips (any variety)

Grade 6 – each child should bring a bunch of bananas

Jeans Day is Friday, November 17.

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.



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

Taylorville Youth Sports is holding open gym and tryouts for 6th grade volleyball at the East Gym of the high school.

11/17 open gym 6:00—8:00 (optional)

11/18 open gym 3:00-5:00 (optional)

11/20 tryouts 5:00 to 7:00

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TYS Volleyball is open to any 6th grader.