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Happy Friday St. Mary's,

We just received the results for the Academic Pentathlon – we had nine 8<sup>th</sup> grade students participate in the competition. St. Mary's 8<sup>th</sup> grade students placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the nation out of 39 teams and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the state – Excellent Job - Congratulations!

I hope you had a chance to see our new banners near the parking lot – they look amazing! As we go into our enrollment cycle, we are trying different ways to market our school – this is just one of them. A big thank you to Shanna Tucker and Terri Martin – they are both incredibly talented and very generous with their time for helping us with marketing – you are so appreciated!!

Next week is Catholic School's week. It is a way for us to celebrate Catholic Schools and our families and students here at St. Mary's. Our student council has done a good job getting ready for all the activities- Please see the calendar below:

Mon, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> –door decorating - students will be decorating doors and the class with the best design will get to choose their prize

Penny Wars – donate pennies for a monetary donation to the St. Mary's food bank

Tues, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> – Hot chocolate at lunch – for a donation

Read with buddies from 2:45 – 3:15 students may bring a blanket and pillow

Wed., Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> – Family picnic at lunch – All St. Mary's families, please join us in the gym and have a picnic lunch with your child. In the past, parents have brought a blanket (some sit at tables) and a group of kids and their families have eaten lunch together – it is a community building opportunity! Lunch will be from 11:45 – 12:15. K-4<sup>th</sup> grade students will have recess from 11:25 to 11:45 and 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade will have recess after our picnic from 12:15 – 12:35.

Crazy hair day – please make sure that any color can be washed out by the next day

Spirit dress – St. Mary's spirit shirts and blue jeans

Thurs., Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> – Talent Show – We will be having a talent show in the afternoon from 1:55 – 3:15 for 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students- auditions are being held this week and early next as we can only have 3 acts per class – it will be fun!!

Free dress day

Fri., Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> – All School's Mass at St. Mark's – 10:00 AM – we are traveling by bus and will leave here at 9:15. All the Treasure Valley Catholic schools come together in prayer and celebration of our faith. Seating is limited this year as we add St. Ignatius students to our celebration of faith.

Ring of the bells at 3:00 PM – ringing the bells for Catholic Schools

Sunday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> – Student led parish Mass at 10:45. St. Mary's State of the School address and Open House following Mass – we will convene in the gym.

#### Student Pick Up – Before and After School

Just a reminder, the road way in front of the school is a drive through- please do not stop and wait for your children – you must park in a parking spot or in the parking lot west of the parish hall. This is for student safety!

#### Plus Portals System

We need to increase the number of St. Mary's families in our School Directory. Please **OPT IN within the system to be listed in our school directory**. The school directory will be available through our Plus Portals system. Please let Roni or I know if you are having difficulty.

#### Tuition for Next Year

Tuition has been set for next year- the information is posted on our website under the admissions tab. Re-enrollment for current students for next year will open the week of February 5<sup>th</sup> and will run until March 23<sup>rd</sup>. We are going to offer a referral incentive program for our current families – if you refer a new family to our school, they mention your name and they enroll their child/children for the 2018-2019 school year, you will receive \$125 off enrollment fees for the 2018-2019 school year (this reduction in fees is per family not per child). This referral incentive program goes into effect February 1, 2018 and runs through the first day of school, August 20, 2018. You, our current families, are the best form of marketing we have – spread the word about our wonderful school! Please let me know if you have any questions.

Enjoy your weekend and join us next week for all the fun activities for Catholic School's Week!

Yours for Excellence in Catholic Education,

*Tammy Emerich*

Principal

### Weekly Calendar

#### \*\*\*Jan 28–Feb 4 Catholic Schools Week\*\*\*

- **Jan 28** Festa Italiana Dinner (Gym) 4–7 pm
- **Jan 29** BK New Student Information Knight (BK) 6:30
- **Feb 2** Catholic Schools Mass @ St. Mark's 10 am
- **Feb 4** Student Led Parish Mass 10:45 am Church  
School Open House following Mass  
State of the School Address in Gym
- **Feb 6** Class Picture Day

### Up Coming Dates

- February 7** Mass (Talent) 3rd Grade
- February 14** Ash Wednesday Mass (Corpus Christi) 4th Grade
- February 16** Teacher In-Service—NO SCHOOL
- February 16-18** Hallissey Tournament Weekend *various locations*
- February 19** Presidents Day—NO SCHOOL
- February 21** Mass (Treasure) 2nd Grade  
Christian Leaders Reception after Mass
- February 28** Mass (Food) 1st Grade

### January/February ASAP Schedule is Out!

Looks like fun classes....check out the [flyer/registration form](#) for yourself.

### Mom/Son Dodge Ball Tournament

IS BACK!

Got those arms ready?

Friday, Feb 9th

6 to 9 pm in the school gym

Registration form & information is [here](#)....

#### Catholic Schools Week (at a glance)

Monday—Penny Wars Start!

Tuesday—Hot Chocolate during lunch & Buddy Reading

Wednesday—Crazy Hair Day, Spirit Dress

& Family Picnic Lunch (11:25—12:15)

Thursday—Free Dress Day & Talent Show (1:55—3:15)

Friday—All Schools Mass (@ St. Mark's) & Bell Ringing (3:00)

Sunday—Student Led Mass (10:45) & School Open House

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## 6TH ANNUAL Festa Italiana

The Knights of Columbus

with

Chef Fr. Bruno Segatta

and Chef Lou Aaron

invite you to

**Festa Italiana!**

Sunday, January 28, 2018

4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Saint Mary's Parish Hall

Cost: \$10/single & \$30/family (Parents and children under 18 years)

Tickets will be available at the Saturday and Sunday Masses on the weekends before the event. They will also be available at the school or the parish office during the week and at the door.

SPACE IS LIMITED! GET YOUR TICKETS SOON!

### Nurses Note: Breakfast is The Way to Start Your Day



We have seen many students coming to school without having eaten breakfast – we know mornings can be chaotic but please be sure your child has breakfast before school, as fuel for the brain and body is so important for learning!

If there's no time to eat at home, please have ready-to-go breakfast items that can be eaten on the way to school, such as: yogurt, cheese stick, hard-boiled egg, breakfast/ cereal bar, granola bar, dry cereal, toast or an easy breakfast sandwich, bagel, smoothie, glass of milk, cut fruit, berries, apple, banana, avocado.

Breakfast has been associated with:

- Better memory
- Better test scores
- Better attention span to decreased irritability
- Healthier body weights
- Improved overall nutrition

St. Alphonus School Health Program

Lisa Schiffer, RN, Kim O'Sullivan, RN, Linda Miller, RN, Sherry Placido, CNA, & MaryLou Cunningham, RN.