

Apple Bytes

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St. Mary School Newsletter



LENTEN REFLECTIONS

This week students are adding more prayer to the school day by our “Stop, Stand and Pray”. During the school day students will be asked to stop what they are doing and pray a short prayer. I encourage families to take this time during Lent to pray more as a family. I highly recommend Matthew Kelly’s new book, “*The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic*”. In this book Kelly gives some good insight, information or suggestions about a “prayer process”. One of the things that Matthew Kelly says is, “*you cannot become more like Christ and stay as you are.*” Prayer is just one of the signs of a dynamic Catholic according to Kelly.



St. Mary students had the privilege of celebrating Mass with Bishop Daniel Thomas last week at Norwalk Catholic School. The Bishop spoke about the importance of the Lenten practice of prayer and developing a relationship with our Lord. Sixth Grader, Mark Gergely assisted in presenting the gifts for the offertory. Fr. Ron was also present to concelebrate the Mass with other pastors from the region.

***Stations of the Cross** will be at 2:30 this Friday and presented by the 1st and 2nd graders. Families are invited to participate.

CONGRATULATIONS to 6th GRADER, PATRICK ANDERS!

St. Mary School congratulates **Patrick Anders** for his recent advancement in the MathCON competition. Patrick is one of 576 chosen to compete in a national math competition. Patrick beat almost 50,000 applicants across 43 states to qualify for the next MathCON Finals event in Chicago.

MathCON’s goal is to engage students in STEM outside of the classroom and encourage more students to enter the STEM fields. Patrick’s advancement to the MathCON Finals is not only an honor for Patrick but also for St. Mary School. Our thanks goes to St. Mary School math and science teacher **Mrs. Standen** for her involvement in encouraging all students to participate in this nationwide opportunity.

FIRST COMMUNION MEETING – Thursday, March 16th - Parents Only 6:30-8:30 in the School Library

MASS – Friday, March 17 - 9:00 Mass Gr. 2/3 please join us.

ST. PATRICK’S Day – Friday, March 17 – children may wear **GREEN** with their uniform pants or uniform

ST. MARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: Sunday, March 19th, 9 to 12:00

All families and friends are encouraged to visit St. Mary School this weekend to see what’s going on at the school! Besides a grand tour to classrooms, families may visit with teachers in each class including preschool. The 6th Grade Class will be hosting a “**French Toast Breakfast**” in the gym while families visit the **Scholastic Book Fair**. The book fair supports our school library while the proceeds from the breakfast will help fund the 6th Grade trip to Pittsburgh this year in April. The school office will be open and available for 2017-2018 school registration.

PSO – send a BIG thank you to all the families who helped with baking, working, raffles and buying fish dinners. We couldn’t have done it with your help. A special thank you to Caroline Smith and Tom Butler.

OPEN HOUSE, FRENCH TOAST BREAKFAST, SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR AND BLOOD DRIVE – Please join us 3/19/17

When: Sunday, March 19 (and tell your friends who are interested)
Where: St. Mary School/Gym/Classrooms
Time: 9:00 – 12:00 pm (Open House)
8:00 – 12:00 pm (French Toast Breakfast)
9:00 – 1:00 pm (Blood Drive in the Art/Music Room)
8:30 – 12:00 pm (Scholastic Book Fair)

Scholastic Book Fair – Preschool through Gr. 6 children will be able to purchase books on Friday, March 17th. Send in an envelope with your child's name and money. 3 yr. old Preschoolers may come on Friday during school hours or Sunday to shop.

KIDZ ART – Tuesday, March 21th – Please send a note stating your child is staying.

REGISTRATION – completed registration forms are being accepted for **Preschool through Grade 6**.

Preschool 4 year am class is filling up quickly. Please bring in your paperwork and Registration to hold your child's spot. We will hold the am program until April 13th. Then we will open it up to the public. Preschool Registration is \$50.00 per year per student and K-6 Registration is \$100.00 per family.

LEGO – Wednesday, March 22, April 5, 19, 26, May 3 from 3:15 – 4:30 pm. (please send in a note stating your child is staying)

MAY CALENDAR RAFFLE - Thank you to the families who have donated so far for our raffle! We have received gift cards to Dicks, Kalahari, restaurants, beauty salons, oil changes iTune cards and cash. We are still in need of many more donations for a successful fundraiser. Proceeds from the raffle will go to tuition assistance and academic programming. Please send all donations to the school office **by March 17th**. **Raffle tickets will be given to the students in April to sell**. Drawings for prizes will begin May 1st. If you have any questions, please contact June Ginther-Roy (740-649-0321). Thank you in advance for your donation!

NO SCHOOL – SPRING BREAK -Monday, March 27 through Friday, March 31st. School will resume **Monday, April 3rd**.

No PSO meeting in April. Last **PSO** meeting of the school year is Thursday 5/4/17 6:30-7:30pm in the school library. Childcare provided.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A SCHOOL FAMILY TO GIVE BACK to ST. MARY'S

We are very fortunate at St. Mary School to have a parish community who generously subsidize the education our students receive. Part of the subsidy comes from parish events in which revenue is made from Fish Fries during the Fish Festival and Wooly Bear. This summer during the Fish Festival we are looking for a school family or friend to help with coordinating the Fish Fries for the Fish Festival. This does not involve the cooking, primarily just managing jobs outside of the kitchen. If you or anyone you know would be willing to help with this opportunity to "give back" please contact Fr. Ron at the parish office rbrickner@stmaryvermilion.org or Mrs. Bialko @ bbialko@stmaryvermilion.org

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS are selling Raffle Tickets – 1st prize \$49,680; 2nd prize \$18,780; 3rd prize \$12,720 plus more prizes up to 25 chances to win. Last prize is \$500.00 You may send in \$5.00 for a ticket to the office.