

# Apple Bytes

April 19, 2017

St. Mary School Newsletter



## **IMPORTANT: TOLEDO DIOCESE TOUCH SAFETY CLASS**

The Diocese of Toledo has mandated that all Catholic schools in the diocese teach 2 classes regarding sexual abuse. The classes are age appropriate and discuss the appropriate and safe touching among adults and other students. A hard copy letter is being sent home for parents to sign. Parents who would prefer their child to "Opt out" of these classes should send the letter signed back to school. These classes will begin on May 1st. A three page overview of the Touching Safety Program was sent home via email last week if you would like more detailed information. Not every class received a hard copy of the parent Opt Out letter so it is being sent home again. Feel free to call the school office for any additional questions you may have.

## **NOSF SCHOLARSHIP**

In addition to the state scholarships and the St. Mary School Tuition Scholarship, the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund or NOSF is available provides needed tuition assistance for low-income families throughout northwest Ohio including Allen, Crawford, Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Hancock, Henry, Huron, Lucas, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, Van Wert, Williams, Wood and Wyandot counties. With this assistance, families are able to send their K-8 children to the private schools of their choice, or provide homeschooling. Many families opt for Catholic and other religious-based schools. Others will select Montessori schools or independent schools and some choose homeschooling options.

**Deadline to apply for the 2017-2018 school year is *Friday, April 28, 2017.***

**Applying is easy -- just go to this link: <http://tinyurl.com/NOSF17AP>**

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

Please sent in your paperwork and Registration. **Preschool** Registration is \$50.00 per year per student and **K-6 Registration is \$100.00 per family (K-6 price will increase to \$150.00 if not paid by April 28<sup>th</sup>).**

**MATH-A-THON** Reminder: Tomorrow is the last day for Math - A - Thon. If you have any donations please turn them in to Mrs. Standen. St. Mary School is participating in the St. Jude Math-A-Thon

**LEGO CLUB** – will be held on **Wednesday, April 26, May 3 from 3:15 – 4:30 pm. (please send in a note stating your child is staying).**

**STORYTELLING – Thursday, April 20, May 4 from 3:15-4:15. (please send in a note stating your child is staying).**

**MAY CALENDAR RAFFLE** – All families, Preschool through Grade 6, should have received their packet of tickets to sell. Each student is asked to sell **10 raffle tickets**. The cost per ticket is \$10.00. The drawings will start May 1 through May 31. Each ticket sold has **31** chances to win. Proceeds from the raffle will go to tuition assistance and academic programming. Please sell your tickets and return the money and ticket stubs by **April 28<sup>th</sup>**. Need extra tickets – stop in or call the office. Thank you in advance!!

## **PSO**

Please join us on **Friday 4/21/17 from 7:30-8:30 am** for **“Donuts for Dads/Grandpas/Uncles”**. All children Preschool and K-6 are invited and their Dad or Grandfather or significant person, etc. This will be held in the Cafeteria. Then join us for Mass at 9:00 am.

**Friday 4/21/17** - 10-11:00 am Preschool Playtime in the Gym

**Friday 4/28/17-** join St. Mary School from 4-8:00 pm for **“St. Mary PSO night at Amherst Chipotle”!** Look for a flyer coming home or show them the flyer on your phone! 😊

## **PSO - Looking ahead in May**

Please join us on **Friday 5/12/17 from 7:30-8:30am** for **Muffins for Moms in the Cafeteria**. All children Preschool and K-6 are invited with their Moms/Grandmothers, etc. Then join us for Mass at 9:00 am.

**Fri. 5/19/17** - 10-11am Last Playtime in Gym

**Thur. 5/25/17** – 6:00 pm Dinner & Last PSO Meeting in Cafeteria & Art Room. Childcare provided. Please RSVP to [mollyoanders@hotmail.com](mailto:mollyoanders@hotmail.com) PSO Volunteer & Teacher/Staff Appreciation Dinner provided by PSO.

**USED UNIFORM SALE** – will be held on **Tuesday, May 30 in the ART/MUSIC Room**. If you can help, call Mrs. Lima. If you want to donate, drop off the items in the office prior to the date. (Times will be sent at a later date).

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** are selling Raffle Tickets – 1<sup>st</sup> prize \$49,680; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$18,780; 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. **MASS** – Friday, February 24 – Gr. K /6

