

Apple Bytes

November 7, 2018

St. Mary School Newsletter



Dear St. Mary School Families,

2018-2019 ANNUAL FUND

This weekend kicks off this year's **St. Mary School Annual Fund**. The Annual Fund campaign is an enormous support for the school. We are grateful and blessed for this resource of funding. This campaign has been in place for many years and I don't know where we would be without it. Each year we have been able to fund a *Spanish instructor, technology, repairs or renovations like the cafeteria flooring, addition of preschool restrooms and currently expenses involving STEM to name a few*. School operations are supported with the Annual Fund. It also assists the school by limiting the number of additional fundraisers. Soon all school families and St. Mary parishioners will receive a letter and brochure in the mail explaining the goals for this year's campaign. I ask that each family consider making a gift to the Annual Fund as you look over the information you receive in the mail. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

THANK YOU!!!!

Thank you to PSO for providing a dinner for the teachers during conferences on Tuesday. It was much appreciated by all!

Special thank you to **Mrs. Purcell, Mrs. Linnell, Mr. Hughes, Mrs. Barb Pentito, Mrs. Becky Herchler and Mrs. Fear** for all of their help with the Scholastic Book Fair. All profits will benefit the school library.

Thank you to **Mrs. Lyczkowski** for being the leader for the St. Mary School Academic Challenge Team. The group competed today for the first time this year.

SAFETY and KINDNESS PLEASE

If you are visiting the school during the school day, **PLEASE DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR** for others coming in. Students are instructed not to open the doors for adults. We are a locked school and we want to know who is in our building. Even if it is a delivery man, Mrs. Lima or the person watching the camera are the people permitted to let visitors in. We live in a different time unfortunately. While the kindness is appreciated, please keep our school safe and do not let others in the building.

MORNING ARRIVAL

If you are dropping your child off in the morning, please move your vehicle up to the parish office or where the diagonal yellow strips are so that more than one vehicle can drop their children off in a safe zone. This will help everyone in speeding up the process. THANKS!!!!

God bless,

Mrs. Barb Bialko

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Principal

STORYTELLING – Storytelling will meet **Wednesday, November 7th, December 5th and 12th** and perform for the **Christmas Program on Thursday, December 13th**. (children MUST have a note each day stating they will be attending).

MASS – will be **Friday, November 9th at 9:00 am Gr. 2/3**.

VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION – **Friday, November 9th** - We start the day with the **9:00 am Mass** then proceed into the gym where we will have refreshments for our veterans. If you know of a Veteran who has not signed up and is interested in coming, please email Mrs. Duke at kduke@stmaryvermilion.org.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY LUNCHESES – will be held on **Friday, November 9th** during lunch times.

KIDZART – First session meets on **Tuesday, November 13**. **Second session will start November 27th**. (children MUST have a note each day stating they will be attending).

PSO –The next PSO meeting is **Tuesday, November 13th at 6:30 pm in the Library**. Please try to attend.

ACADEMIC CHALLENGE – meets after school on **Thursday, November 15 and 29th in the Library**. (children MUST have a note each day stating they will be attending).

PRESCHOOL PLAYTIME IS RESCHEDULED for Friday, November 16th from 10-11:00 am in the gym. (This is due to our Veteran's Program). Please pass the word around to your preschool friends.

NO SCHOOL WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 22 AND 23 DUE TO THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS – Grades 5 and 6 would like to thank you for your Wreath orders. **PICK UP WILL BE Friday, November 23 from 3-4:00 pm and after all Masses on November 24th and 25th in the gym**.

DELAY SCHOOL DATES – Just a reminder on **Monday, November 26th St. Mary School will start at 10:15/10:30 am**. This is the first of 4 dates for the 2018-19 school year for delays. Vermilion School District will not have buses available until 2 hours later than the normal time. **NO FIRELANDS MORNING Buses will run this day for St. Mary Students**. The Fireland's Bus will pick up at 3:15 pm. We will not have a before care this day due to teacher's meetings. FYI **PRESCHOOL – NO SCHOOL ON 11/26/18 due to Conferences for 4 yr. old Preschool**.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - The next delayed dates for delayed starts are – **February 25, April 22 and May 20th**.

4 YR. OLD PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM – St. Mary **4 yr. old Preschool** will have their Christmas Program on **Wednesday, December 12th at 1:30 pm in the gym**.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM – St. Mary K-6 will hold their Christmas Program on **Thursday, December 13 at 1:30 and again at 6:30 pm in the gym**. **This is a dress up day for the children**.

MARCO'S PIZZA –We have signed up for a Marco's Pizza night each month. This month it is **Tuesday, November 20th**. Your student, Preschool through Grade 6, will receive a large pizza box to take home to decorate this week and then bring back to the school. Marco's Pizza will place your pizza, if you order, on this day in your child's decorated box. IF YOU ORDER ONLINE WE WILL RECEIVE 20% for a fundraiser OR IF YOU CALL IT IN WE WILL RECEIVE 15%.

COUGH DROPS – children who need a cough drop may bring them to school in a zip lock bag with their name and a note stating it is alright for St. Mary School to administer cough drops to them.