

# Apple Byte

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St. Mary School Newsletter



Dear St. Mary School Families,



Catholic Schools Week is a week of celebration but also a time to reflect on what a Catholic School education means. I would like to share with you what the “Profile of the Catholic School Graduate” looks like and what our goals are here at St. Mary’s. Feel free to share with friends who may want the same for their child and invite them to our school **Open House on March 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

## Profile of a Catholic School Graduate

### • **A Faith Filled Disciple of Christ Who is:**

*Called by Baptism and nourished by the Eucharist; Active in the sacramental life of the Church through weekly participation in the Eucharist and regular participation in Reconciliation; Centered in Gospel values; Prayerful*

\*\*\*As we describe the faith commitment of the Catholic School graduate, we understand that students of other faiths express these values in alternate faith commitments.

### • **A Christian Leader Who is:**

*A decision maker whose conscience is formed by the teachings of the Catholic Church; A witness to the FAITH; A person of integrity; Respectful; Committed to justice; Collaborative; A community builder; A steward of the environment; Active in parish life.*

### • **A Centered, Well Rounded Person Who is:**

*Self-confident; Self-disciplined; Open to growth; Responsible; An active and productive citizen.*

### • **A Loving Person Who is:**

*Compassionate; Kind; Forgiving; Appreciative of diversity; Welcoming; A peace-filled mediator; Respectful of the talents and abilities of others.*

### • **A Life-Long Learner Who is:**

*Articulate; Creative; Technologically literate; Academically and spiritually competent; A critical thinker; A problem-solver.*

### • **A Healthy Person Who is:**

*Respectful of life; Practicing good health habits; Committed to reaching one’s full potential; A good sport*



On another note... students are having a great time with the activities this week. Our Jeopardy game was a fantastic success with thanks to Miss Freshwater who planned the game. Students listened attentively to Mayor Forthofer and Officer Holmes and his partner “Miro” for our career day presentations. Today we have been invaded by “superheroes” of all kinds and will be leading with kindness at the “Kindness Karwash” thanks to Mrs. Duke. Tomorrow, we will be making blankets for the homeless with the help of all teachers and school families.

Special thanks to Mrs. Mayer (Miss Mayer's mom) and Mrs. Conry (Mrs. Conry's mom-in-law) for their help in purchasing and/ or cutting fabric. We also want to **thank PSO for providing the DJ and dance party to kick off CSW last Friday and donuts on Monday. Thank you PSO!**

#### **SAD NEWS.. HELP NEEDED**

Mrs. Thomas or "Miss Peg", our 4 year-old preschool aid, had an unfortunate fall and severely broke her leg. She will be out approximately 3 months. We are looking for a sub to help out in the 4 year-old class until she is able to return. Anyone interested please contact me via email or phone. All compliance criteria will have to be completed including; BCI and FBI fingerprints, VIRTUS class with certificate and background check.

#### **HELP SUPPORT BLANKETS FOR THE HOMELESS**

This year St. Mary School chose to move our "**Blankets for the Homeless**" service project after Christmas. Tomorrow we will begin collecting blankets for the homeless. Please consider donating a blanket and help us reach our goal of collecting 80 blankets. The students will be making about 8 to get things going. See the attached flyer for more details.

#### **REGISTRATION FOR 2018-2019**

All families should look for registration information for the 2018-2019 school year today in your child's book bag. **Ed Choice Scholarship forms** will also be sent home for families for renewal. Families who are interested in applying for a state scholarship may call the office to receive an application or check online at the ODE website.

#### **SCHOOL COUNCIL NEEDS!!!!**

School Council is beginning to prepare for its annual Calendar Raffle in May. The profits from this raffle support the school operations. Each day prizes are awarded. The Council is looking for donations for prizes. Gift cards or cash are welcome. Please send any donations to the school office addressed to "**SCHOOL COUNCIL**" Calendar Raffle.

God bless,

Mrs. Barb Bialko

#### **Mass**

Mass will be held at 9:00 am **Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Gr. 2/3.

#### **KIDZART**

Kidzart will be held **Tuesday**, February 6, 13, 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27.

#### **STORYTELLING**

Will be held on **February 1 and 15th from 3:15-4:15**

#### **SCHOOLMALL**

Please complete and return the completed booklets with names and addresses by Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> . Thank you for taking the time to complete these booklets.

Palms

Your palms from last year may be dropped off in the Gathering Space in the cauldron.