

PRINCIPAL'S PASSAGE

St. Mary's School educates the whole child within a nurturing Catholic Christian environment.

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Dear Parents,

Daylight Savings time begins this weekend. Don't forget to move your clocks ahead. With the extra hour of light in the evening we can enjoy more of the early spring temperatures. While we wait patiently for the snow to melt, there are a lot of things taking place at St. Mary's School. Please take a minute to read through the following items so you don't miss out!

Fish Fry - Our annual Fish Fry is planned for next Friday, March 16th and your **HELP IS NEEDED**. We still have many open spots that need to be filled in order to successfully put on this event. Please plan on volunteering to show your support to our PAC and Fish Fry Committee. The Fish Fry is a great public relations and community event that will bring in over 650 people into our school. We could not serve this number of people without the help of many volunteers. **Please click on the following link to sign up to help:**



<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094ba8ae2ba2fb6-fish>

Book Fair – Our school will be hosting the Book Fair all next week. In today's Friday Folder is information related to the fair. Please have a conversation with your child about your expectations on things they are allowed to purchase at the Book Fair. Along with many books, there are posters, pencils and erasers offered. St. Mary's staff is not responsible for monitoring the items purchased by the students. A good way to have a mutual understanding of what can be purchased, is viewing the items online together as a family or stop in and shop with your child. Thank you for your support of the Book Fair. The profits from the fair will be used to purchase more books and support literacy experiences.



Casino Night - Preparation for Casino Night is in full swing. It is important that we have the support of all our families to make this event a huge success. Because of Casino Night, we have been able to eliminate fundraisers and we look to continue that trend in the future! **** SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 13TH ****

Kindergarten Registration – We are currently taking registrations for next year's kindergarten classes. If you have a child that you are planning on sending to St. Mary's for kindergarten next year, please complete the registration form and return to school as soon as possible. Many of our staffing and budget decisions are based on the number of students coming into kindergarten. If you need the paperwork, please contact Mrs. Flaten.

Calendar Raffle Results - Thanks to all your efforts, we had a very successful sale this year!! Of the **139** families in our school, **128 families sold their entire book of tickets**. We still have 120 tickets that were not sold or turned in from families. This is a loss of \$2,400.00 to the school. Hopefully those families will do their part in helping support our school and get their money turned in soon. On the positive side, many families sold more than their book of tickets resulting in \$1,496.00 being given back in tuition incentives. As of now the profit from the raffle campaign is just over to \$24,000.

PAC News - The March PAC meeting will be on Tuesday, March 13th in the school media center. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. The agendas and minutes for all PAC meetings are posted on Fast Direct. Congratulations to the Buttweiler family. Their name was drawn in the "Volunteer to Win" drawing. Their family will enjoy a \$100 gift certificate for a movie night at CEC Midway 9! All those who volunteer for the fish fry and other events this spring will be entered into the final drawing that will take place in May.



Lent Activities - On Tuesdays, the students participate in Lent prayer services. Today, the students in grades 2-6 participated in Reconciliation and in the coming weeks, they will attend Stations of the Cross. Students in grades 3-6 will also participate in a Seder Meal. The last day of the Penny Challenge will be on Friday, March 23.

Spring Break – School will not be in session March 26th – April 2nd for Spring/Easter Break.



Elden's Receipts - There are only 3 weeks left in the collection period of the Elden's receipts. If you have a bunch at home, please get them turned into the school office by the end of the month. Thank you!

Have a great weekend - Mr. Sladek