

# PRINCIPAL'S PASSAGE

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

3/29/19

Dear Parents:

March came in like a lion and thankfully is going out like a lamb. To ensure our playground area dries out as soon as possible, the large snow hill has been removed. I am optimistic that it is safe for snow pants to be taken home. Since there is still some snow and standing water on the playground area, students are still required to wear their boots if they go on the play equipment.

There are a lot of important things taking place in the next couple of weeks. See the information below for all the details.

**Registration** - Registration materials for the 2019-20 school year are being sent home today in the Friday Folder. The registration deadline for existing families is April 18. Starting April 19, new families will be allowed to register for openings in any of the classes. If you are planning on returning to St. Mary's School next year, please complete the paperwork and return it to the school office as soon as possible. All teaching position contracts are related to the number of those who are registered. Getting your paperwork returned in a timely manner allows me to effectively plan for next year's needs. If you are unsure on your payment plan for next year, please know your plan can be adjusted in the fall.

**Lent Activities** - On Tuesdays, the students participate in Lent prayer services. Last Friday, the students in grades 2-6 participated in Reconciliation, in the coming weeks, they will attend Stations of the Cross, and students in grades 3-6 will participate in a Seder Meal. The last day of the Penny Challenge will be on Friday, April 12.

**Speech Festival** - The 3-6 grade level classroom winners will be sharing their speeches in the Great Hall on Friday, April 5, starting at 1:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

**PAC Meeting** - The April PAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, at 8:00 a.m. in the Large Conference Room. The Agenda for that meeting will be posted on FastDirect.

**Fish Fry** - Our annual Fish Fry is planned for Friday, April 12. 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 many people without the help of many volunteers. **Please click on the following link to sign up to help. There are still many spots needing to be filled.** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094BA8AE2BA2FB6-fish1>

**The Gathering** - Preparations for *The Gathering* are 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/*The Gathering*, we have been able to eliminate fundraisers and keep tuition as low as possible. With everyone's support, we look to continue that trend in the future.

**Spring MAP Testing** - Our Spring testing window will begin the week of April 23. The classroom teachers will communicate their specific testing days that are planned. The data from the test will be sent home at the end of the school year.

**Elden's Tape Collection** – Thank you to everyone who participated in the collection and tallying of the cash register tapes. We are in the process of adding up all the receipts to be sent to the redemption center. Each dollar is worth a point and from those points we get to order school supplies.

Mr. Sladek