

# PRINCIPAL'S PASSAGE

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

1-5-18

Dear Parents:

Hopefully everyone had a great Christmas break. The students are back into the daily routines and are eagerly awaiting warmer temperatures so they can get outside during recess. Today's Passage highlights some important information and the upcoming week's events. Please find the time to review the information because there are some exciting events coming up that we would like for you to attend.

**Christmas Program Video** - Please see the attached link to enjoy our Christmas Program. Thank you to Heidi Cullen for taking the time to film, edit, and create the finished product that we can all have and share. <https://vimeo.com/249454369>

**Winter MAP Testing** - Our winter MAP testing window will run from January 8 to January 26. The classroom teachers have scheduled their testing dates and will communicate with you when they are taking place. The test results will be shared on February 19.



**PAC Meeting** - The next PAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 9 at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

**No School** - A reminder we will not have school on Monday, January 15 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

**Kindergarten Round Up** - An informational meeting and registration for next year's kindergarten class is scheduled for Tuesday, January 30 at 7:00 p.m. in room 102. If you know of any family or friends with children going into kindergarten, encourage them to attend the meeting. If you are not a member of our parish and have a child who is going to be in Kindergarten next year, please let us know so we can include you in the registration process later this month.

**Safe Environment Video** - Over the next couple of weeks, the teachers will be showing and discussing the safe environment video "Strong Voices, Smart Choices." The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People requires that each diocese have a safe environment curriculum. The Diocese of St. Cloud requires that we show this video. This video is available for you to view from the diocesan webpage at any time.



**Catholic Schools Week** - Is scheduled for January 28 - February 2. The theme for the week is St. Mary's School – A Community of Faith, Knowledge, and Service. Highlights of the week will include grades 3-6 skiing at Andes on Friday, February 2 and grades K-2 will be going to the Big Splash Waterpark on Thursday, February 1. A detailed schedule of the week's events will be sent home next week.

**Calendar Raffle** - If you have not sold your tickets yet, the best way to do so is after Mass on the weekends. There are still a few available spots left to reserve your time to sell. Please check the online sign up genius site at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4daea82caaf49-calendar1> to schedule a time. It is important that we have 100% of our families participating in the sales. Raffle sales are one of our larger money making campaigns, and we need to have a successful sale to meet our fundraising budget for the year. You are welcome to turn in your money to the school office at any time. February 16 is the deadline by which all tickets must be sold and turned into the office.

**Tuition** - A reminder that your tuition agreement with St. Mary's School should be treated like any other bill. We have some families who are behind on their monthly payments and some who have not made any payments yet this year. It is important to our school that everyone remains current and committed to their tuition accounts. Tuition revenue makes up 45% of our yearly budget. It important that everyone contributes and fulfills their yearly agreement. To avoid notifications and action from our Board of Education, please make sure your tuition balance is current and in good standing. Thank you!

**Snack Payments** - I still have some families who have not paid their snack fee. The \$45 per student is needed to cover the expenses of the snacks offered every day. It is a matter of justice that parents pay their bill. The school does not want to be put in the position of declining a snack to those who have not paid.

**2017 Tax Year Printouts** - All payment activity to St. Mary's School for tuition, fair share, snack and Kid Kare is available on FastDirect. Near the bottom of your home page is a Tax Year Printout button where you can access all the information needed for your taxes.

Enjoy the warmup coming this weekend!

Mr. Sladek