



ACADEMY NEWS

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St. Mary's Academy Weekly Newsletter

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Our Mission Statement:

St. Mary's Academy promotes academic excellence within a Christ-centered Catholic community. Students from Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8 learn acceptance and appreciation of others and develop to their full potential within a nurturing, family environment."

Gospel Reflection

GOSPEL

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean. " The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once.

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them."

The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

REFLECTION

What are you offering in your life? The people who came to Jesus as word of his miracles spread were looking for things: healing, food, something to believe and hope for. Jesus also offers us his Cross to carry and, through it, a place with him in his Kingdom. Let us teach others that once we find Jesus in our lives, we need not look any further. In him, all our hungers will be satisfied and we will be healed and made clean.

Important Dates:

- Mrs. Keeney has asked that our students be reminded that the Push Up Challenge papers are to be brought to school on Monday, February 12th. Thank you
- For Valentine's Day this year we will be making a donation to the Ronald McDonald House. In order to do this we will be having a "red" dress down day on Tuesday, February 13th. This means that each student/faculty member may pay \$2.00 to wear red or pink as part of their dress down day in lieu of their regular uniform.
- Also on Tuesday, February 13th, the Parents' Association will have an Ice Cream Social for our students. Students will be called down to the gym by classes to enjoy an ice cream party in honor of St. Valentine's Day
- We will be leaving for our Winter Break at the end of school next Friday, February 16th. We hope that everyone has a wonderful vacation and that we all find time to be with family and friends. May we also take time to rest and gain strength through prayer as we have many great and exciting things in front of us upon our return on Monday, February 26th. God Bless you all and stay safe.

Principal's Message



- It is very important that all parents/family members who plan on volunteering in the school complete the CORI form and Virtus training. Mrs. Labbe had asked that all volunteers have their paperwork in before February 1st. We have done a very good job with this but there are still many parents who may want to volunteer but will be told they cannot do this until this paperwork is completed. Both the CORI form and the Virtus instruction sheet are in today's email. Please take the time to complete the necessary paperwork in order to volunteer. Thank you
- We have had some issues with our robo call system lately. If you do not receive a call, as technology isn't always reliable, please follow the Longmeadow School closings. If Longmeadow has a delay, we do. If Longmeadow is closed, we are. When in doubt, follow Longmeadow. Thank you for your patience.
- Thank you to everyone who has returned their forms for re-enrollment for next year. It is important that we have the enrollment papers back as soon as possible. Please make sure to get your re-enrollment paper in to the office soon.

Fair Share Opportunities:

Bakers Needed: March 8th

Bakers are needed for the 2nd night of our Spelling Bee, March 8th. Bring in 2 dozen baked or bought items and receive 2 fair share hours. If you can help out for this event, please email Mrs. Banaitis at jbanaitis@stmaryslongmeadow.org Thank you in advance.

ACE GALA

ACE Class Baskets:

By now, everyone should have received an email from your classroom parent volunteer regarding your ACE themed basket. Please know how important this fundraiser is to our school. By contributing to your class, you are not only supporting our school, but also your class. As a reminder, for every \$100 raised, your class will receive one dress down day (up to 5 days). In addition, the class who raises the most money, will receive a special lunch. If you have any questions regarding your basket, please contact your parent volunteer or Mrs. Banaitis at jbanaitis@stmaryslongmeadow.org Thank you to those who have already contributed!

ACE Volunteers Needed: Night of Event

We are looking for parents who might like to volunteer the night of our **Gala, on April 7th**. This is a great way to earn a BUNCH of fair share hours. Although, we want all our parents to attend as guests, some parents need the hours, so we give them the opportunity to volunteer for the night. This event requires many hands to make sure it runs smoothly and successfully. We need volunteers to sell raffle tickets, close out auction tables, and of course, clean up afterwards. Volunteers would need to be at Storrowton Tavern by 5:15 p.m. and should plan on staying until approximately 11:00 p.m., depending on your tasks. If you dedicate your entire night to help, SMA will cover the cost of your ticket. If interested, please contact Jenna at jbanaitis@stmaryslongmeadow.org This event never disappoints, goes by fast and is the perfect way to earn lot of hours.



A Teacher's View:

It is hard to believe that this year is half over! We are moving along in all subject areas and learning how to manage our time for studying and homework.

In religion, we have learned about the Baptism of Jesus and are now learning about how His great sacrifice is so important to our lives. Sr. Chris visits every two weeks to talk about the cycle of the Liturgical calendar. Our class will be working on the March Mass and Rosary.

We will be finishing our studies of the founding of the 13 colonies and begin studying the Revolutionary War after February vacation. Our spring field trip will tie in to our social studies curriculum.

We will begin reading another novel in the next several weeks. I always look forward to this class time because our discussions about the novels are so enlightening!

I enjoy being with your children every day. Thank you for sharing the gifts of your children with me.

God Bless, Ms. Remillard



- Thank you to all of our faculty and staff. They all worked so hard last week to help make our Catholic Schools Week activities so amazing. There were many changes to our regular schedule and they worked to fit in curriculum along with the wonderful activities. They also had many wonderful things going on in their own classrooms in celebration of Catholic Schools Week.
- Thank you to our many grandparents and special guests who came out in the cold and snowy weather to be with their grandchild during Grandparent Luncheon. It was so wonderful to have so many join us!
- Thank you to our Jr. High students who also worked very hard last week. At times, we needed many hands to make the activities possible and our Jr. High students were willing to help out.