



# ACADEMY NEWS

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

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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

The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." and when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

### REFLECTION

On Divine Mercy Sunday, we give thanks for God's gracious mercy in the light of Christ's Resurrection. We are reminded that, far from condemning sinners, Christ came to reconcile them. What works of mercy can we do to show the world that the Church believes in God's enduring love and mercy?

## **Important Dates:**

9 – Parent's Association Meeting – 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center

11 – Box Tops Turn in date

12-13 – Parent/Teacher Conferences – These conferences are optional. Student report cards will be sent home on Friday, April 13th for those students whose parents do not choose to have a conference.

16-20 – Spring Break

23- Jr. High Honor Roll Breakfast

25 – Spring pictures

26 – 8th grade class picture

26 – Box Tops Dress Down

# Principal's Message



We are so excited for our ACE Gala this Saturday evening, April 7th. This is our biggest fundraiser each year. Through the direction of Mrs. Banaitis and her many volunteers, the event is always very successful. Our hope is that as we celebrate our 50th year, this event will continue to be a great success.

Monday, April 9th is our monthly school Mass. During our 50th Anniversary year we have celebrated our students and our volunteers. On Monday we will celebrate our faculty! Please join us for Mass if you are available.

There will be no newsletter next week. The faculty and staff wish each of our families a wonderful spring break. We hope that you have time to relax and enjoy!

## **ACE Gala:**

### **ACE Tickets:**

Don't wait in line at ACE! Purchase your tickets *prior to Friday Morning* to ensure you are pre-registered for bidding and start scoping out the items on the tables. Tickets can be ordered online ([stmaryslongmeadow.org](http://stmaryslongmeadow.org)) or in the school office.

### **\$250 Buy It Now Smart TVs:**

Many folks at ACE, want to support our Gala by directly purchasing something for the school. This year, we have decided to include a board offering (10) smart TVs for each classroom. This will be a huge benefit to our school as it will update our tired, tube TV's in each classroom. In addition, each TV donation is 100% tax deductible. If you are interested, please visit this display and put your bidder number in the desired classroom.

### **ACE Priority Parking**

Interested in avoiding the car line next Fall? Be sure to grab your raffle tickets prior to Friday. We will be pulling the winner on Friday morning. Tickets are (1) for \$20 or (2) for \$30. Tickets are attached if interested. Just fill them out and send to the office with your cash or check. Checks can be made out to St. Mary's Academy. Why wait in the line when you could pull right up to the front door and be able to drive away before everyone else is ready to go?

**CHANGE THIS YEAR:** Instead of putting the Priority Parking in our LIVE auction, we will have two priority parking passes on our silent auction table. Be sure to check them out!

### **Dress Down's At ACE:**

This year, we are changing our dress down bidding at ACE. For those of you who are new, each year, we offer (10) "dress down on Fridays for the remainder of the school year" to our ACE guests. It is one of the most desirable items at the auction, so we decided to offer more of them this year at a "buy it now" price of \$150. We hope this will eliminate the frenzy of watching the bidding sheets and the congestion around that table. For those of you who are interested, there will be a board up at the auction at the blue table, as usual, so please head over there first as it is the first table to close at 8:15pm.



## A Teacher's View:

The month of April will be a busy and exciting one in St. Mary's Academy Pre-K classroom!

We are currently working on our "Five Senses" and we will be using them all!! The students will be part of a "Tasting Party" where we will identify foods that are sweet, salty, sour, warm, and cold. The children will be using a graph to record their favorite tastes. We will be making homemade musical instruments so we can have a very loud musical parade! Our biggest project this month will be designing our own classroom garden where the children will learn how to grow and care for plants of their very own. They will keep journals to record what they see weekly. We are also very excited about the plans we are making for our "Mother's Day Party" next month! We will keep you posted!!!

Mrs. Mankowsky and Mrs. Hussey



- Thank you to Mrs. Keeney for running our Jump Rope Challenge with the American Heart Association.
- Thank you to Mrs. Matte and to all of those who participated in the Pennies for Patients . Together we collected \$414.44 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

