



# ACADEMY NEWS



St. Mary's Academy Weekly Newsletter

October 3, 2018

## *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

So Jesus again said to his disciples, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God."

### REFLECTION

As teachers for one another, we have an awesome responsibility to help each other cultivate a relationship with Jesus Christ. It is an act of faith. It requires meeting each other where we are at and helping each other to be disciples of Christ. Sometimes it requires us to recognize other's potential and help them to grow. But nothing is impossible for God. We only need to cooperate with the movement of the Spirit.

## Important Dates:

- 8th – There is **NO SCHOOL** on this Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup> in celebration of Columbus Day
- 12th – Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> will be our "Jr. High Shorts". The Jr. High students will perform a variety of their favorite scary short stories. Please join us at 7:00 p.m. if you are available.
- 15th – Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup> is our Monthly Mass. Grade 8 will be participating in this month's Mass. Please join us if you are available.
- 18th – New Family Open House. This is an evening set aside for new families to come see our school for a potential move into our school.
- 19th – October 19<sup>th</sup> the faculty and staff will attend a Diocesan In-Service Day.
- 26th – Our annual Family Frolics. This is our Halloween party where we gather socially to meet new families and allow our students a space to enjoy the holiday. As an entry "fee" families are asked to bring in canned goods that will be brought to our local food pantry.

# Principal's Message



- We have successfully completed our first half quarter of school! The first five weeks have passed so quickly. Everyone is working hard and doing their best to be successful in their new classroom. I am so grateful for all of their hard work.
- As we look ahead in preparation of the end of the month, Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup> will be our first day wearing winter uniforms. Just a reminder on a couple of things that have been in question in years past.... skorts are not part of our uniform. We have the plaid jumper for our students in grades K-5 and would ask that each girl choose between their jumper and the navy blue winter pants. Also, girls must choose between wearing white or navy socks or tights. **Please do not wear leggings.** Students may wear their gym sweatshirt only on gym day. Also, everyone should have a navy sweater or fleece with the St. Mary's Academy logo embroidered on it. Thank you for your continued cooperation.
- School pictures are set for the first days of next month as well. November 1st, after Mass, we will take our class pictures. All students must come to school in their regular, winter uniform. On Friday, November 2nd students will take their individual pictures. This is when students may dress up for their picture.

## Fair Share Opportunities:

- Do you have nice handwriting and would like to earn some fair share hours from home? If so, please contact Mrs. Banaitis at [jbaitis@stmaryslongmeadow.org](mailto:jbaitis@stmaryslongmeadow.org) or 567.0907. This is a first come, first serve, at home, opportunity.



## A Teacher's View:

Life is good!

Junior High History is off to an amazing start!

In 6th grade we are so excited to begin learning about and making connections to the ancient past, with our current project they are learning the Phoenician alphabet and what their name would look like using the ancient symbols. They have embraced coming into their new role as junior high students and the best is yet to come.

In 7th Grade we are about to embark on the beginnings of our country's independence with the Revolutionary War.

8th grade has just finished the dark times of the Civil War and Reconstruction Era.

I look forward to so many more wonderful adventures with Jr. High.



We just want to take a moment to thank *all* of our Advent Calendar sponsors. Each September we start soliciting sponsors to cover our cash giveaway prizes for our Advent Raffle which takes place each December. This year, our sponsors showed up in a BIG way and we will be able to give away more money than we ever have - \$3,500!!!

TechNet Solutions, O'Donald Law, Knights of Columbus and McKenna & Caban Orthodontics came on board as top sponsors and we are so grateful for their donation. Their belief in our mission is encouraging and we are humbled by the continued support.

The only thing we have left is Calendar Raffle sales which will take place in November (packets will go home late Oct/ early Nov). You can feel good knowing that all monies raised from sales will go directly to our school. Due to the generosity of our sponsors, there are no expenses associated with this fundraiser!

