



ACADEMY NEWS



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

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry.

REFLECTION

At the end of his fasting, Jesus is hungry. The devil quickly tempts Jesus to satisfy bodily hunger, a way to satisfy the human hunger for power, a way to satisfy the hunger for certainty and safety in an uncertain and sometimes dangerous world – thus eliminating the need for faith. Jesus' hunger, however, is very different. Bringing damaged human beings back into the loving embrace of God is his only desire.

Jesus did not let anything distract him from doing God's will. We need to figure out ways to overcome any temptations or distractions that may arise this Lent. We need to pray together to remain faithful to our resolutions through the next forty days.

Important Dates:

- We are looking forward to our Annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. The flyer has been sent home. Please join us. If you need one, please stop by the main office.
- We will administer our IOWA tests to our students in grades 3-7 beginning Monday, March 18th. The testing will be daily from 9:00 until 11:00 a.m. throughout that week. Please make sure that your child eats a good dinner, gets plenty of sleep, and has a good breakfast in order to be prepared to take each day's tests.

Principal's Message



- Next Friday, March 15th, there will be no school for the students. Our faculty and staff will be spending the day together working on a few important topics.
- We are looking forward to Bay Path students joining us over the next couple weeks to work with the students with activities so that we have a good idea about their theatrical production of, We will be attending the play on Friday, March 22nd. Permission slips will be sent home soon.

ACE

FLASH Priority Parking Sale:

Do you want to pull right up to the door, rather than wait in the parking line next year? We are having a FLASH sale to benefit the ACE Gala and will be selling (3) priority parking passes at \$500 to the first few people that want them. Interested? Simply visit the main office, Mrs. MacDonald or Mrs. Banaitis to secure your spot.

ACE Class Baskets:

Thank you to all those who donated to our Annual Gala through your classroom theme. We were able to purchase some amazing items - all of which will be auctioned off at the Gala's "black table". Be sure to grab your tickets today to make sure you can support your classroom in this way.

Tickets on Sale!

ACE tickets are now on sale. They are \$60/ticket and available in the main office or on the web site - www.stmaryslongmeadow.org. Please note: purchasing online requires a small fee, but you will be able to pay with a card. Invite your friends!

Spring Soccer

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Spring soccer registration is now open! Click on this link to sign up and pay - <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/185249> This program is open to Grades Pre-K 4 through Grade 2. See attached flyer for more information.



A Teacher's View:

Wow! It is so hard to believe that it is already March! The junior high students have been working very hard in religion class. The sixth graders just finished learning the 10 Plagues in the book of Exodus. For this unit, the students were split up into groups and each group re-created two of the 10 plagues. The seventh graders have just started a project focusing on the many miracles of Jesus. Lastly, the eighth graders are beginning to study the Mendicant Orders (Franciscans and Dominicans). I am very excited to continue to watch our students grow on their faith journey!



- Thank you to all of our Student Athletes who attended our 13th Annual Spelling Bee last evening what a great job all of you did in representing our school. Congratulations to Samuel Eskander for taking home 2nd place in our Bee!!
- Thank you to the faculty who worked and those who attended to support the Bee. Your presence and help was greatly appreciated.
- Thank you to Jenna Banaitis and Sara Brewster for all of your hard work in setting up and working right through the Bee.
- We thank Mrs. Denno for her years at St. Mary's Academy. She has worked with many of our students and has been a wonderful influence for us all. We will miss her and wish her the best!