



# ACADEMY NEWS



St. Mary's Academy Weekly Newsletter

April 4, 2019

## ***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**

Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle. They said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" They said this to test him, so that they could have some charge to bring against him. But when they continued asking him, Jesus straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. So he was left alone with the woman before him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sire." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more."

### **REFLECTION**

A system that would hold only a woman responsible for the sin of adultery is inherently unjust. Personal sins can be confessed and forgiven. Social sins destroy the conscience—and eventually the humanity—of the person who benefits from the injustice. They offer no means of redress to the victim. We may want to use this story and reflection to prepare ourselves to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation so as to remind us that sin does not only do damage to the sinner. Our sins have consequences for those whom we love and for the community we live in. Individual sins are the stones with which social injustice is built.

## **Important Dates:**

Week of the April 8th—Dress downs assigned for ACE classroom baskets

8th—Mass—Grade 3

9th—Jr. High Open House

11-12—Parent/Teacher Conferences—These conferences are optional. Student report cards will be sent home on Friday, April 12th for those students whose parents do not choose to have a conference.

15-19—Spring Break (Holy Week)

21—Easter Sunday

23—Box Tops Dress Down

24—Jr. High Honor Roll Breakfast

24—Spring pictures

25—8th grade class picture

25—Rosary

25—Autism Dress Down day

27—The Yard Goats baseball game

29—Parent's Association Meeting—7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center

May 4th—Designer Pocketbook Bingo

# Principal's Message



- The Holy Season of Lent is such a wonderful time to pause and reflect. This Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. our Jr. High students will be reenacting the Stations of the Cross through shadow tableaux. We will then have a small Lenten supper of soup and bread together. Please join us if you are available.
- Along with Fr. CJ, the students and faculty and staff will go to the church for the Stations of the Cross next Thursday at 10:00 a.m. If you would like to join us, please do.
- Fair Share time sheets will be going out again with the third quarter report card. Please remember to make any corrections in the Fair Share binder in the Main Office. Bills for unfulfilled hours will go out the beginning of May. All bills must be paid in full before graduations or the end of the school year.
- There will not be a newsletter next week as we prepare report cards and get ready for parent conferences. Please enjoy your vacation and stay safe.

## ACE:

### The Greatest School on Earth Gala:

What a wonderful evening we had last weekend. Thank you to the families who came out to support the event! Thanks also to our wonderful photographer, and SMA mom, Denise Silva, who captured the night with her camera. An album has been posted on Facebook, but for those of you who are not on FB, below is the link to the public page.

[https://acegala2019greatestschoolonearth.shutterfly.com/#%3aamid%3dsite\\_sitecreated%26cid%3dSHARE3SXXXX](https://acegala2019greatestschoolonearth.shutterfly.com/#%3aamid%3dsite_sitecreated%26cid%3dSHARE3SXXXX)

### Dress down on Fridays:

We sold dress down Fridays for the rest of the year at the Gala for \$150. We still have some for sale and are opening it up to the rest of the school. If interested, contact Jenna Banaitis at [jbanaitis@stmaryslongmeadow.org](mailto:jbanaitis@stmaryslongmeadow.org).

# ACE

## Sports Memorabilia:

We have a 3 left over sports memorabilia that didn't sell at the Gala for sale. Below are the items and prices. Please also see pictures below or stop in Mrs. Banaitis' office to see them in person. If interested, contact Jenna Banaitis at [jbana-tis@stmaryslongmeadow.org](mailto:jbana-tis@stmaryslongmeadow.org)

Signed Jayson Tatum Print (dunking on Lebron) - \$325

World Series Patches - \$175

Titletown: \$160





## A Teacher's View:

Grade 3

We are just about to finish the third quarter! I can't believe how fast this school year has been flying by us in third grade. It has been wonderful to watch the students grow as learners and as people. The students are going to have to work harder and harder as we wind down to the end of the year.

We have been so busy over the last few weeks planning our classes Mass! The students are so excited to be able to read some of the churches readings and share some of the special things in our classroom as gifts in the church. We have also talked about Holy Week and how special that time is in our lives.

The students have been working extremely hard in math. They have become experts at multiplication and they have moved into division. They have worked harder and harder every day to become better and better at all of our math concepts. In social studies we are starting a brand new chapter about branches of government and how our country is run. In science we are starting a new chapter about predators and prey and how food chains and food webs work. We have been working very hard in reading on our skills with summarizing a story and we are experts at fact and opinion. We have started to work with verbs during English along with writing an information piece of writing. I can't wait to see how these turn out they students are using computers to research their topic and write a piece to teach the class.

As a class we are looking forward to our field trip and many of the other activities that come with the ending of our school year. We are looking forward to our Battle of the Books field trip that is coming soon! We are also looking forward to Field Day! Wow this year is really flying by.

All of the students have been working so hard to become ready for 4<sup>th</sup> grade! They have developed problem solving skills and have worked on team work skills as well.

I am blessed to be working as a part of the St Mary's Academy family with these wonderful children by my side through it all.

Ms. Quinn



- Thank you to all of our parents, grandparents, faculty and staff, and parishioners for all of the donations to our ACE Gala. We couldn't have been as successful as we were without everyone's help.
- Thank you to all who attended the Gala. It was so much fun to see everyone enjoying their time together.
- Thank you to Mrs. Banaitis and all of her many volunteers for such a successful evening. They worked tirelessly to ensure that the event was amazing!!!
- Thank you to Mrs. Keeney for making our curriculum pop! The dentist group that came in last week certainly impressed those students who had the opportunity to meet with them.