



# ACADEMY NEWS



St. Mary's Academy Weekly Newsletter

October 17, 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**

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. He said, "There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being. And a widow in that town used to come to him and say, 'Render a just decision for me against my adversary,' For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, 'While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.'" The Lord said, "Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says. Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them?"

### **REFLECTION**

This weekend's Gospel parable is about persistence in prayer. Jesus teaches us that we must pray constantly and not become tired of doing so. Prayer is one way we may deepen our faith and become stronger.

## **Important Dates:**

- Family Frolic NEXT Thursday, October 24th; Starts at 6pm (don't forget your canned good(s) for entry)
- No School Friday, October 25th \_Diocesan In-Service Day
- Winter Uniforms begin Monday, October 28th

# Principal's Message



- With Halloween parties coming up along with field trips and other activities, we would like to remind families of our photograph policy . Please be mindful that there are families in our school who have opted out of all marketing publications. This means they do not want their students on social media, newspapers, TV, etc. *As we want to be respectful of all families wishes, we are asking that you do not post photos of other children on any sort of social media, including Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.* We appreciate your cooperation as we want to protect all families privacy.
- We are very excited about our Halloween party, Family Frolics, next Thursday evening, October 24th. Children may come dressed in their Halloween costume. Remember the entry “fee” per person, is a canned good that will be collected and given to our local food pantry. There will be games to play, prizes to win, trunk or treating to do, and dancing. There will be a very special event this evening as well. One of our alumni, Catalyna Alexopoulos will be performing her contortionist act for all of us!!! We are all looking forward to a fun evening together.
- We are excited about our Jingle Bell 5k run and walk. Of course if there are a few more sponsors out there, we would gladly welcome your donation but at this point we are looking for lots of runners and walkers. Some of our families have signed up as a family to walk/run together. Please see the attached flyers for sponsorship and participation. We hope to see many of you at this event!

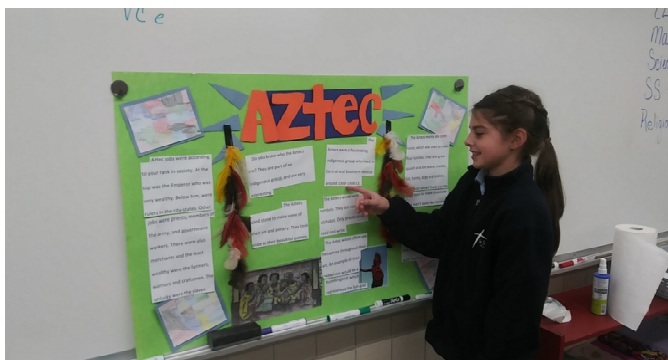


## A Teacher's View:

Welcome to 5<sup>th</sup> grade! We are enjoying our new reading series and ending Unit 1 on 'Journeys'. We have been discussing how the journey of life affects all of us. Some of our focus has been learning about Chinese Immigration and different artistic styles of Frida Kahlo, Georgia O'Keefe and Paul Gauguin . Our writing piece was a personal narrative.

In math we are continuing to learn about division, soon we will be moving onto Evaluating Expressions. I introduced them to a math based website called Prodigy which many really seem to enjoy practicing their math skills on. Please make sure students are practicing their math facts daily.

The students worked so hard on their Indigenous Projects and were so well versed when they presented- we (Mrs. MacDonald & myself) were very impressed by the hard work put forth by all of the students!



# Fair Share Opportunities:

## Mark your Calendars

On **April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019** our school will hold our *“Dress to Impress in your Derby best” ACE Gala & Auction at the Twin Hills Country Club in East Longmeadow, MA.* Ladies, don't forget your big hats and gentlemen grab your bowties! The Derby themed evening will include the “most dapper gent” and “ladies best hat” so wear your best to do your bidding! This event is our largest fundraiser, raising \$55,000 last year – all of which went to enhance our academic programs at our school! Our guests include not only parents from our school, but also alumni, friends, and family.

## Golden Fair Share Opportunity:

Thank you to all those who signed up for Advent Church Sales during the month of November . Like we previously mentioned, this is an **IDEAL use of your time as you get THREE hours for ONE hour worth of work.** It's also a great opportunity for your student to interact in the community, and in some cases, speak in front of parishioners. Please see the dates below and let us know if you can help out. Email Christy at [cbrill-dziedzic@stmaryslongmeadow.org](mailto:cbrill-dziedzic@stmaryslongmeadow.org) with questions or if you want to sign up. As a reminder, you don't need to be a member of a particular church to help outS

Sacred Heart Church 395 Chestnut St. Springfield	DATE	TIME
Seller	Sun. Oct 27th	10:30 am

St. Mary's Church	DATE	TIME
Speaker & Seller	Sat. Nov 2nd	5:30 pm
	Sun. Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8:00 am

St. Mary's Church	DATE	TIME
Speaker & Seller	Sat. Nov 23rd	4:00 pm
	Sat. Nov 23 <sup>rd</sup>	5:30 pm
	Sun. Nov 24 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am
	Sun. Nov 24 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 am

St. Michaels Church East Longmeadow	DATE	TIME
seller	Sun. Nov 24 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am



- Thank you to our parents who helped organized our Uniform Closet. It looks great. With our Winter uniform beginning shortly, it is nice to have this area in order for families who may need to look through it.
- Thank you to all of our Bowling/ Limo party volunteers for all of your help with making the experience such a wonderful one for our students.
- Thank you to the Jr. High students for putting on a terrific Funfest for our students from Pk thorough grade 5. The room was filled with music, laughter, games, and energy!!!